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Membership—661, Lifetime 545 (16 Distinguished)

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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 50 years  
of service to our country  
in September 1997  
1947 – 1997



## SAGE SALUTE

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



Our FY2005  
President,  
**Jack Jackson**



We spotlight Jack this issue for his service to the alumni, and his enthusiasm and willingness to serve as the association's president. He is a lifetime member, has always been a faithful meeting attendee and ever helpful to the alumni, willing to pitch in, whatever the task.

He was born in 1940 in Philadelphia, PA. and joined the Air Force in 1959. He served in AF-TAC as a Security Policeman from 1973-78 and retired that year as a SSgt medically disabled.

After retiring Jack worked for the FL Dept of Labor as the *Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Representative*. He was promoted to local *Veterans Employment Representative* and retired after working 22 1/2 years. Currently he is a Service Officer with the *Vietnam Veterans of Brevard* and established *Stand-Downs* in Brevard County for homeless veterans to assist with their needs.

Jack served proudly in Texas, Alabama, California, Virginia and Florida. His foreign duties included Germany, Italy, Vietnam and Korea. He is an avid golfer and traveler and very pleased to be affiliated with Active-Duty and Retirees of AF-TAC and the other services.

Thanks Jack, for your service to this country, AFTAC, and now the association. Your contributions are truly appreciated.

## ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

See page 15 for a listing of 'Traditional Events'

## ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

### CENTER PICNIC, APRIL 2ND

EDITORS. AND FRANK CALEDA

What a great time it was this year, even with the windy conditions and the threat of rain. The skies cleared about 1230 and everything got under way.

Of course there were many people who had already started to manage those things necessary to an activity like this. Pat and Carol **Snyder** (not related) were taking people's money, and giving tickets in return, while other active-duties were busy setting up food and entertainment venues.

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### SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER COCOA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

FRANK HALL, MAJOR ARRANGER

With tropical storm "Arlene" churning in the Gulf and storm clouds on the horizon, we made our way to the Cocoa Beach Country Club on June 10<sup>th</sup> (postponed from May 6<sup>th</sup> due to weather). Needless to say, for the next few hours our eyes

( Fall Golf N'Gettogether continued on page 6, right column)

### WORLDWIDE REUNION, 12-15 MAY, 2005

We understand the Sacramento, CA, WorldWide was a roaring success and look forward to reporting on the event as we receive information from the arrangers and revelors.

## ASSOCIATION INFORMATION HONOR ROLL

### Alumni Of The Year Recipients

**Joe Goldian** 2004-Pat Snyder 2003-Joseph 'Joe' Johnson 2002  
Jim Payne 2001-Ben Vlassick '00 (deceased)-John Horsch '99  
Frank Hall '98-Judy Milam '97-Carl Gailey '96-Clark Creery '95

### Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

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

### Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"

(board members serving for five+ years)

Clark Creery-Newsletter 81-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage-since 01,  
Frank Hall-Pres/Vice 89-98/01, Judy Milam-Sec 89-00/Hosp since 01,  
Pres 04, Eunice Harris-Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch-Mbrshp 91-99; Carl  
Gailey-Tres 91-99, Swede Swansen-Pub since 93, John (Christel)  
Horsch, Newsletter since 96, Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Sec  
05, Mike Black, Webmaster since 97, Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04

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

### There are three chapters.

**Florida chapter (application on back page)-Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Monthly meetings at 5:00pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Information: Randy **Vlassick**, rvlass1@aol.com/Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assc, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**-There is this quarterly newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below) (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor'), and a Website, 'http://www.aftalumni.org', with assn/alumni data, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; Clark **Creery** writes a 'Happening & Upcoming Events' section posting photos/information.

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

**West Coast (California) chapter**-Formed in 1999, **\$5 year/\$50 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com or AFTAC Alumni Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org'; email, TODalumni@bigfoot.com. There are 145 members.

**Newsletter Editors:** John & Christel Horsch

**Information/Proofing:** Judy Milam/Pat Snyder/Deborah Carson

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**Rovin' Photographers:** Judy Milam (film) and Bob Wiley (digital)

**Rovin' Reporter:** Clark Creery and Bob Wiley

**Printing/Mailing:** Carl Gailey

"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



**Boos, BooBoos and BooHoos:** Well it seems we've always got to have one glaring mistake in an issue. And the 'left' editor (above) really had to go out of his way to insert same. After everyone had reviewed the March issue I noted that Carl (**Gailey**, one of the *in-trepid three* who always do such a timely and superb review; the other two being Frank **Hall** and Judy **Milam**) had made a note about the upcoming Center Picnic not being very well highlighted. Well, I corrected that by putting it on the front page, top right, with the date one day behind the correct date. I apologize to anyone who went to the Center picnic on April 3rd and expected to see friends and food.

Moving on now, and hopefully you decided not to read that 'small print' thing above, we, as promised, besides all the other great things in this issue, have a 'Sage Salute' to the 20th Year of the Association. See 'Feature Articles, Special.'

We begin with a very special 'story.' As we often mention, there are many pleasures in being the editors and a special one occurred during this quarter. As you may recall, our membership chair, Randy **Vlassick**, ran an article in the last PoMo, 'Lost Lifetime Members;' one of those listed was **James Chesnay**. Bob **Fitzgerald** (CA Webmaster) emailed a great article (see 'In Memoriam') about a friendship he had had with a **James Chesney** ('note ey vs ay). Bob's action was prodded for two reasons, the similarity of the names and his 'James' had died in December and he was passing on that info.

Following up we checked the local phone directory and, just as Bob had written, his 'James' had a Melbourne address/phone. Bob also wrote that 'James' was married to 'Martha.' We called that number and when the phone was answered, explained who we were, hoping this was not going to sound too crazy, and asked if this was 'Martha.' Sure enough it was and she was happy to hear from us. She was at a new address and the Post-Monitors were no longer coming. Martha mentioned Jim had always enjoyed the newsletter, would often share items with her and she'd like to continue receiving the PoMo.

So the two 'James' became one; apparently Jim never considered it important enough to send us a correction to his last name. We asked Martha if she would mind us passing the incident on in the next PoMo and she said '... not a bit.' Thanks for taking that call, Martha, and we hope you are enjoying reading about yourself in this issue.

Last issue we began Tom **Ciambrone's** 'Tom's Treasure of Tantalizing Trivia.' This continues in this issue in the 'Feature Articles' area ... look for it and see how well you know the AFTAC of the past and learn something of our history.

# MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to  
**Long Range Detection Alumni Association**  
**PO Box 254892**

**Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

*Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, [chrisjohn@juno.com](mailto:chrisjohn@juno.com)*

*Letters may be edited for clarity and space; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy*

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**Thanks'** to all who write; **Welcome**, or **Welcome Back**, to new and returning alumni. We recognize all correspondence so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled.

## LETTERS/EMAIL

We start with Feedback on the first electronic PoMo (ePoMo)

**Clark Wilberg-email 2005.03.22**

Love the email version. The color is a great addition. Keep me on the email version!!

**Bob Morton-email 03.22**

Congratulations! Very nice. Clarity excellent. Color outstanding too! A comment just for y'all to think about...not a complaint. When reading it online, it has to be viewed at a zoom level that shows about a half page, maybe slightly more (at least for eyes like mine). Certainly, with full page showing, the print is too small to read. Thus, when articles wrap to the next column or to the next page, a lot of scrolling ensues. Having said that, I can't think of a way to solve it, but thought I'd "lay it down" in case somebody saw something I don't. Bottom line: I would be happy to continue receiving Post-Monitor this way, but would prefer the directories in hard copy. Good job, y'all.

**Dean Preston (1963-1969)-email, 03.25**

Hi! I got the newsletter and it is printing in color and black and white right now. On setting up the print from Adobe Acrobat Reader, I noticed that I could print the pages in reverse order. Now I won't even have to collate them. Thanks for all your work. Thanks to all for taking the time to write and your comments/suggestions; other readers may have some input. And Dean, thanks for the 'serve dates'-we really like that when our co responders throw that info in.

Now, on to other letters and email

**Kenneth Lackey, Jr-Kissimmee, FL 02.20**

Please find enclosed check in the amount of \$75 for Long Range Detection Alumni Association life-

time membership dues. If there are any questions or concerns, please let me know. Welcome aboard and you have covered all the bases for a Lifetime Membership.

**Richard Burry-Lee's Summit MO 02.25**

A word from long ago. In checking the alumni list I find only two that were at McClellan 1952-55. They are **Laughlin** and **Ripley**. I was in supply at Camp Kohler. We lived there and went back and forth to McClelland for chow and over to (note: Bldg's) 539 and 534 as needed. In the office was LCol **Little** and Capt **Ireland** with **Smallwood**, **Sweaney**, **Yantz**, and Georgia **Wiggins** (later Magness) was the secretary. In the warehouse was **Clippingar**, **Gilmeret**, **Bell**, **Refermot Ardell** (died 12/98), **Grogsgly** (died 11/00), **Jim Smith**, **Middleton**, and **Shaffer**. Later, Capt **Goodwin** and Major **Statz** came to the office at Kohler and Little was deputy under Col **Reed** at 539. Others at 539 and 534 were **Parker**, **Klindt**, **Graham O'Roake**, **Fermster** and others.

During this time we had the softball and bowling teams that were number one. I attended the '94 and '99 reunions and in '94 there were eight from '55 but by '99 only two. I was just wondering if there are any others left. Wow, what a memory for names. Maybe one of our readers can respond with 'others.'

**Pete Wigington-Blue Springs, MS 03.05**

Happy holidays to all you old AFTACer's, Don't know what I would do were it not for your dues reminders, do without I guess. I'm sending in 3 years this time and if I'm still kicking by then, maybe I can remember.

First, I would like to say how much I enjoy the Post-Monitor, sure rings some great old bells, especially those during my tenure from 1955 to 1969. Maybe some day I can sit down and write some of the "I Remember" and send same.

I don't know if you can honor the following request, if not, I'll understand (I have the memory problem and do not have sufficient records):

1. How many times was the organization awarded the "Outstanding Unit Award" during my tenure (1955- 1969, 1009<sup>th</sup>, 1035<sup>th</sup>, & AFTAC)? We provided a listing to Pete and will run this in the next issue.

2. I would really like to hear from, and get in contact with, any of the personnel with whom I served - Officers & Enlisted - from 1955 to 1969. If my assignments are needed, they were as follows:

1955 - 1956: Hqs 10351b Wash DC. Admin Supv, Operations Div with Col. **Fackler**.

1956 - 1957: "Q" School, Lowry, Student.

1957 - 1958: Det 155, Moses Hole, Q Sys Station Chief.

1958 - 1959: "B" School, Lowry, Student.

1959 - 1960: Det 141, Douglas, B Sys Maint Tech.

1960 - 1961: Q/B Adv Tng, Lowry, Student. Myself, T/Sgt's **McCay**

& **McAllister** spent most of this time out in the Flats of Nev, with "B" Trailers monitoring test.

1961 - 1962: Overseas Location, Z & Q Sys Station Chief.

1962 - 1963: Tech Instructor Supv & and AF Contractor Coordinator between AF & DR! for Q-4 & U Systems. Also attended Q-4 & U Systems Training.

1963 - 1965 Hq 1035, Wash DC., "U" Sys Tech Adviser, Ops Div.

1965 - 1968: Pl., Station Chief, "Q" & "U" Sys.

1968 - 1969: 317<sup>th</sup> TAC Wing, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, Quality Assurance Supt, 317th Fld Maint Sq. My terminal ret assignment.

Oct 10\_ 1969: Retired.

Like I said, if this is asking to much, no problem.

Thanks again for all the memories. You Guys & Gals are doing an outstanding job. SMSgt, Ret.

Since Pete is asking for contact we provide his ph and email: TEL: 662-534-3459, petewigington@bellsouth.net. Good luck Pete, and thanks for the compliments and we'd really like to publish some of your 'Memories' if you'll send them in. Hopefully you will hear from our readers about your questions.

#### **Jacqueline Might-Bridgeton, NJ 03.23**

Sorry, I thought I already sent my dues for FY2005. Thanks for the reminder. I moved to Mays Landing, actually I bought a home there, moved my furniture there, paid my bills there, but never (in 1 and 1/2 years) moved my body in. I finally sold my house Jan 3, 2005, and moved back to my sister's, here in Bridgeton. Hi to all. And Hi to you Jackie ... thanks for renewing and catching us up a bit.

#### **James Smith-Madison, AL 03.23**

(from Jerrye Smith) Please excuse my tardiness with dues. When the correspondence we get say 'Oct 05' that makes me think it is paid until 'Oct 05.' Enclosed please find dues payment for '05 and '06 for Jim. Jerrye, it confuses us sometimes also.

#### **Geno Wagner-email, 03.25**

Subject: Steve **Jones**. is the golfer leading the TPC here in Jax. I think I read or heard that he is an ex AFTACer. Any words of wisdom on that? Just being nosy. Hope your Easter is good. Don't eat too many marshmallow bunnies. As we burped 'sweetness' we replied we did not know but would ask our intrepid readers.

#### **Brian Swan, email 04.13**

Just received March 2005 issue of Post-Monitor. Completely entertaining, as always.

I'll let you decide if this warrants publication in the next issue, or if it is simply something to read and enjoy yourself and to share with others privately. It really doesn't matter because the true worth of any of this is the sharing of good times we AFTACers have enjoyed, and this will continue as long as there is an AFTAC and there are people who have served our cause.

I especially liked Clark **Creery's** Shemya story with reference to me and John **Wallace**. It dredged

up old memories, all of which I can substantiate (I think, but I'll take credit if no one else does), that reflected more of an attitude of how to endure a long and lonely tour in an otherwise unexciting place, than it did to glorify the mischievousness of two airman stuck in that environment. I don't want to paint Clark in a questionable light, but he was the first to demonstrate to me that it was possible to be a professional soldier and a gifted prankster at the same time. He was non-stop, and whatever John Wallace and I did paled in comparison to the daily routine and rigor Clark brought to the workplace. If anything, we all could count on Clark to help us forget our miseries of separation from loved ones, civilized society, shopping malls, and real-time television in that dreary year on the Rock. I have met many people in my life, and it is rare to not encounter anyone who does not demonstrate a bit of depression or remorse at one time or another. Clark may have had those less-than-perfect days, but we never knew it. I would like to think he was there to keep us in high spirits, and if we were happy, then so was he.

The second revelation I had with this issue of the Post is the seemingly endless and endurable bond that exists within our AFTAC community. Look anywhere in the publication and you will see a community of people who proudly did their job, remain together as much as possible, and do not consider retirement the end of their commitment to each other to share the experience of true professionals. Since my retirement I have met countless retired military people from all services. I often ask them if they have an association like ours, if they stay in touch with each other, if they celebrate their accomplishments and the importance of what they once did on active duty. I rarely find anyone with the same "family" that exists in AFTAC. We have never been a group that makes the front page news, and we may never be such a group, and may not want to. For those in the World who thrive on glory, and the public recognition that comes from glorious acts, AFTAC is not for you. And if you are a true AFTACer, you don't expect that level of recognition, and you don't need open recognition to know that whatever job you held was not trivial, and that whatever task you accomplished was not without value.

My last revelations from the publication were that we enjoy hearing from members we thought were long lost, that we actively seek out others we have not heard from in some time, and we search for those that seem lost to us. This Alumni takes an active part in preserving our community – it is what sustains us as an entity. So, I offer the following in-



formation to you, hopefully to prevent some future search for my whereabouts. In a month or two I will "retire" again, leaving my position with SAIC. My wife, Carol, retired two months ago after 34 years in the Nursing profession. I couldn't have been more proud at her retirement party. I can't wait for mine. We will fulfill our life-long goal to move back to Maine, build a retirement home, and hopefully do nothing but enjoy the grand children, the country life, and the pleasures of old age. When I do establish a new email address I will contact the Post again, and continue to enjoy this fine publication and the memories that tie us together. I'll get connected again as soon as possible. Wow!! Thanks so much for all you have shared here Brian. To our memory this is the third time you have written, and each time is a letter to remember ... the story you passed on as a child, and, I believe, a poem. No one can think of better subjects and, when thought of, no one says it better. You make Chris and I feel so good about being the editors of the forum this newsletter provides our Sages.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE WITH SPACE FOR ASSIGNMENTS OR LAST PAGE, POMO  
None received.

### CHECK/NOTE ONLY MAIL

(new/renewal, unless noted)

John **Costello**-Tampa, FL; Hubert **Dickinson**-IHB, FL; Clifford **Ferris**-Redding, CA; Brian and Charlene **Grew**-Melb, FL; Marvin **Hopkins**-N Highlands, CA; Jerry **Johnson**-Sat Bch, FL; Robert **Kridle**-Biloxi, MS; Eric **Larson**-Reston, VA; James **Lucas**-N Highlands, CA; Tommy **Badfey**-Warrenton, OR; Jack **Binkerd**-Bountiful, UT; WE **Braukman**-Denver, CO; Howard **Foster**-Columbia, SC; Jerry **Fuqua**-Melb, FL; Ann **Mason**-Oak ridge, TN; Bert **Miller**-Belden, MS; Wilbur **McAllister**-Grand Junction, CO; George **McMonigle**-Friendswood, TX; Robert **Morton**-Sat Bch, FL; Ken **Oyer**-Melb, FL; Sam **Newman**-Sat Bch, FL; Gerald **Reinders**-Victoria, VA; BJ **Riley**-Rochester, MI; Robert **Richardson**-Columbus, MS; Mike **Stiewig**-Pinedale, WY; B **West**-Trinity, FL; Wayne **Zahm**-Arvada, CO; Albert **Genzler**-Gilbert, AZ; Elias **Schwartz**-Anaheim, GA; Lowell **Satterlee**-Citrus Heights, CA; Kelly **O'Connor**-Antelope, CA; Allison **Carter**-Jacksonville, AR, new address also.



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And, what is that we spot over there by the 'tomatoes' - why I believe it is the first shift of the alumni beer wagon guards. Yep, it is ... there stands Frank **Calenda** and John **Horsch** waiting for victims ... er, customers.

Frank added a grand twist this year in that one had to earn the valued plastic mug (vs the lighter plastic cup). He would ask several basic questions about the Center and reward good answers with the sought after cup. Some of the answers were classics and Frank provides a sampling of these:

QUOTE: Upon arrival at the beer wagon and during my immediate inspection of the area (something useless that I learned in AFTAC), I noticed a box of the highly valued, heavy-duty, exceptional quality plastic beer mugs. These mugs have been coveted by people all over the world, and have been seen in the hands of many of our own AFTAC'ers. The provider of the beer wagon informed me that we could, "Just give these mugs out to the guys." Give them out, GIVE THEM OUT? Nobody in this outfit ever gets something for nothing. A devious senior NCO plan was forming in my AFTAC trained, AFTAC controlled brain. These people were going to have to WORK for these mugs. I know what we can do! I'll ask some real hard questions about the outfit and when no one can answer them (because they'll be so difficult), I can take the mugs home for myself. Here were the questions.

1. **When did the organization move from up North?** The first answer I got to that one was, "Hell, it's always been here hadn't it?" This, from what appeared to me to be a young, snively nosed teenager with squinty eyes. I initially thought he might be the commander. No, it wasn't him, but you could have fooled me. The guy that gave me this answer was probably some high mucky-muck and I had to give him a mug just out of pure stupidity. In any case, many, many people did not know that we moved down in 1972 and quickly took over the Eastern Test Range building, not to mention the rest of the base too.

2. **Where was the organization physically located before it came down here?** Washington was the popular reply. When I would ask, "Washington where?", one guy said, "Just how many Washington's are there?" After I explained that there is a Washington state, the District of Columbia and the first president of the United States, he looked at me and asked how could an organization be located on a president - duh? I gave him a mug too! Now this is when **Colonel Turner** (AFTAC CC) showed up. The first two questions were a bit of a struggle. No matter, it had been for everyone prior to him. AFTAC was actually located on Telegraph Road in Alexandria, Virginia, just down the road from the Coast Guard Station where you could get the best red-hots (hot dogs) for lunch and where, I might add, several AFTAC systems were formulated over a beer or two. Now to the last question, which was the clincher.

3. **Who authorized formation of the organization and in what year?** Up to this point, nobody knew the answer to

THAT question. Not so the fearless commander. Without batting an eye (some people will do most anything for one of the coveted mugs), he said, "I know that one. It was President Eisenhower in 1947". He was right of course (Commanders are never wrong). I actually took his word for it because none of us beer-tenders really knew the answer to that one. He mentioned something about it being on a plaque in the building. I wouldn't know, it's been too far back for me to remember.

Well after that, it was just a real party. People lined up like it must have been at Noah's Ark. Beer flowed like wine. Camaraderie was at it's finest (I actually think some of these guys wanted to punch me out). It was fun and surprising how much some of the people knew (and what an awful lot of them didn't). The first person to answer all three questions correctly was recently retired **Tony Calenda**. But then he should have, he's my son. Were there any mugs left? I'll let you decide that. UNQUOTE

Other 'Beer Wagoneers' pulling their weight during the day included Howard **Dibble**, Tony **DeMarco**, Jeff **Stefoneck**, Tom **Dunn**, Rick **Manley**, and the 'Wagon Master' himself, Carl **Gailey**.

Going on to other aspects of the day we think of the annual 'Sage Shoe Shootout.' Well, as it turns out, the rain before the start of the picnic, and the wind that lasted all day combined to keep the horseshoes in the bag. Thus, by default, the continued reign of the 2004's champs, John's **Horsch** and **Coffey** continues ... and we must add Frank **Calenda** to that esteemed position also as he was John Coffey's replacement this year. Congratulations guys for winning by showing up (or not).

Other activities included a welcome by AFTAC CC, Col **Turner**, who later turned his attention to playing the guitar during a session with the band. Both the Commander and the Superintendent, Chief **French**, were also involved in entertaining the troops by volunteering to fall in a tank of water if only one could hit a large bulls eye.



Last, but not least, equally entertaining, and entertaining, were the **Chefs, S M S g t**

**Lambert**, MSgt **Bernhard** and TSgt's **Moringer** and **Werner**. Shown here, they wear special chef hats, standing about a mile high and labeled 'Tweety Monitor.' They explained this title incorporated two ideas, they were barbecuing chickens and they are 'Treaty Monitors.'

All in all, a great day of meeting and renewing.

## 'SAGE, ON THE RANGE'

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were on the skies and rain clouds. At 1300 hours, Joe **Tucker**, the Club Pro at the Cocoa Beach Golf Course signaled for all golfers to head out to their starting holes. That was quite a sight to see with 108 golfers heading in all directions. We were again fortunate as there were not any accidents but we heard a few tires squealing on the pavement.

With the sun behind the clouds and the wind howling, it was just a perfect day for golf. During the afternoon, we often looked at the skies as we were not expecting to complete the tournament. However, after four and one half-hours, all 108 golfer found their way back to the clubhouse, deposited their scorecards with the Pro, and were treated to an outstanding meal by "Smokin' Joe's." The nice meal was a fitting conclusion to a very successful tournament. It was a great day of golf, a chance to see old friends and to lie about how bad we were playing the game.

Game winners are shown below; we have also included a list of prize winner from our mulligan tickets. Hope to see you again in October.

A special thanks to the volunteers, Sam **Sorice**, Deborah **Carson**, Pat/Carol **Snyder**, Frank/Bev **Hall**, John/Chris **Horsch**, Judy **Milam**, Eileen/Andrew **Best** (Grandson), Debbi/Shelby **Davidson** (daughter/granddaughter of Frank and Beverly Hall)

Several companies provided financial assistance which was greatly appreciated. Without their help, it would be impossible to put on such a successful outing. Thanks for your contributions. **SAIC, ENSCO, Multi-Max, QTSI, and MTC.**

### Tournament and Prize Winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Joe Hauser, Jim Short, Jeff Pearson & Lee Cote

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Don Jackson, Ron Sliger, Scott Gingras & Tim Tanner

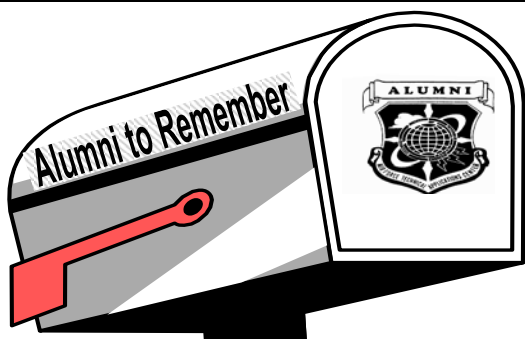
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Ron Couch, Dave Panter, Scott Gray & Terri Williams

**Longest Drive** – Titleist Balls Pro VI: Mike Hoy & Scott Gray

**Closest to Pin** – Titleist Balls Pro VI: Paul Whitlock & Frank Hall

**Grand Prize – Cobra 440 SZ Driver:** Tom Hamilton

**Cobra Putter:** Addison Mitchell, **Golf Bag:** John Muzzy, **1 doz.** Precept Laddie Golf Balls: Carol Snyder, **1 doz.** Precept Lady Golf Balls: Carl Carlson, **Golf Shirt:** Dave Panter, Bob Daniel, John Porterfield, Don Gilbert, Chris New, Dan Leflo **Golf Hat:** Tony DeMarco, John Muzzy, Scott Gingras, Wally Murray, Kay Evans **Cocoa Beach Country Club \$20 Gift Certificate:** Don Ely, John McDunnough, Don Jackson, Jeff Morris, Scott Gray, Ron Sliger, Bill Bancroft **Golf Visor:** Steve Craig, Craig Davis **Golf Brush/Sleeve of Balls:** Joe Beatrice, Steve Davidson, Dan Coley **Golf Brush:** John Muzzy **Straw Golf Hat:** Dustin Leinbach, Steve Scott **Sleeve of Balls:** D. Kirkpatrick (2), Matt Leflor, Bill Stringer, Carl Carlson, Tom Hamilton, Terri Williams, Chris New, Chris Gaston, Jeff Morris, Steve Craig, Scott Evans, Lee Cote, Don Beck, Howard Dibble, Carol Snyder, Orion Vanderlinde, Mark Cronan, Don Bresnahan, Gloria Uzee, John Porterfield, Mark Gordon



### ***Personals ...***

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

### ***Transitions***

#### ***Hopes of Health for ...***

*Alumni share hopes for themselves or others*

*No Names Received*

*Also For Those Not Mentioned But In Our Thoughts*

### ***In Memoriam***

Jim Chesney (see below)  
Wallace (Wally) Funk (see below)  
Maxie Helen Lillethun (see below)

### ***Rest in Eternal Peace***

#### **Jim Chesney**

BOB FITZGERALD, EMAIL 2005.05.01 (MENTIONED IN OUR EDITORIAL)

Randy Vlassic had a name in the "Lost Lifetime Members" note that was published in the 2005 March (Vol 13 Issue 1) Post-Monitor that caught my eye. James P. **Chesnay** Jr. That's probably not the same person I thought of but it did remind me that I needed to let you know about Jim **Chesney** who was an AFTAC'er and a dear friend of ours who lived in a trailer park in Melbourne, FL. We were informed by his daughter Pilar, who resides in Texas, that "our" Jim passed away last December, I believe our Jim was last married to a woman named Martha.

The Jim Chesney we knew and loved was a tall, kind and generous man. We met when Jim was a TSgt and I was a SSgt. The two of us and three other "retreads": SSgt Bill **Moore**, SSgt Tom **McClellan**, and SSgt Harry **Johnson** (the first Black person assigned to AFTAC), were all in the same 99125L class at Lowry AFB, July 1963-April 1964, and we all became good friends. We were in the 0600hr-1200hr classes instructed by Harold "Rich" **Barrett**.

I remember us retreads asking our wives to pack

us a lunch every day because we had "remedial training" until 1400 hrs, even though all of us were near the top of the class. After class each day, our "remedial training" consisted of us going to the day room near the classes at Lowry and playing pinochle while we ate our lunches and then we had some of the best and wildest doubles ping-pong matches you ever saw. By the time we were ready to graduate and be reassigned to the 1155th TOS (MCL), we were all very good at ping-pong and could have held our own at any tournament. Unfortunately, none of us had time for that endeavor after Lowry.

I think most of us started out working at MCL with Col **Dettmer** and TSgt John **Miner** in the Counting Room. Jim Chesney was soon assigned to the "GAS HOUSE GANG." I know Harry Johnson went to Chemistry and rose through the ranks rather quickly. It seems Harry was very smart and always working toward and obtaining another college degree. I think Harry retired from the USAF and AF-TAC as a Senior or Chief MSgt. He's probably an Attorney or Judge by now and may still be in the Northern California area somewhere. Tom McClellan retired to some place in Texas. Bill Moore retired to Kentucky but now lives in Capulin, New Mexico.

Four of us: Jim Chesney, Bill Moore, Tom McClellan and I all volunteered in the late sixties for duty at Det 202 in Alaska. We decided to do this mostly because of the CO there, Col Franz "Herb" Dettmer, who we worked for and came to respect at MCL. We were not all there on the same tour schedule, but our tours there did overlap and we enjoyed being there together. A lot of fun & funny, and sometimes just plain "interesting" things, happened while we were up there (including how I got the "DRIZLE" part of my DCDRIZLE UserId) but that's another story. Jim retired as a MSgt to Pennsylvania after extending his tour in Alaska. I believe he worked in Heating and Air Conditioning for some years in PA. After his dear wife, Inez, passed away some years ago, Jim later remarried, traveled around awhile and eventually retired to Melbourne. My wife, Darlene, and I got to see Jim at the 50th Anniversary reunion in 1999. In fact there is a photo on the AFTAC Alumni web site of Jim Chesney between myself and Jim Lucas in the reviewing stands at the ceremony. It's at <http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac/anniversary/124.html>.

I hope I didn't get too distracted from my original purpose of this note in letting you know that AFTAC lost a good man when our Jim Chesney died last December. I know my wife and I will miss him.

I very much enjoy reading the "PoMo" each

month. It's the best organizational newsletter published anywhere. You do a wonderful job and we Alumni really appreciate your hard work. It very much helps keep the AFTAC spirit alive in all of us. Thank you for that. We hope to see you at the 2005 Reunion here in Sacramento. Bob, thank you for this info and please see our editorial in this issue for follow-up. Your compliment is of the highest praise and we share the honor you bestow with our great readers and 'inputers.'

### Wally Funk

BUD FUNK, AND FAMILY, EMAIL, SATURDAY, 4/16.

'Dad passed away yesterday. He had a long struggle the past several years, but we know he is not suffering any longer. Mom is doing as well as can be expected. (There was a viewing and service at a funeral home in King George, VA.) Phone number is 540-775-7093.

Linda, Janet and Bud

OUR WEBMASTER, MIKE BLACK, RESEARCHED AND FOUND AN OBITUARY FROM 'FREDERICKSBURG.COM.' EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

'Wallace W. Funk Sr., 75, of King George County died Thursday, April 14, 2005, at Mary Washington Hospital. Born in Sperryville, he had retired as a master sergeant in the Air Force after 20 years of service. Later, he was president of King George Enterprises and was last employed at Patuxent River Naval Air Station in Maryland.

Survivors include his wife, Flora Louise Funk; two daughters, Belinda Mudd and her husband, Danny, of King George and Janet S. Jones and her husband, Dale, of King George; a son, Wallace W. Funk Jr. and his wife, Carri of Virginia Beach; two sisters, Linda Perovich and Patsy Phillips, both of Elkton, Md.; three brothers, Joseph Funk of Lynchburg, and William Funk and R. Van Funk, both of Elkton, Md.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorial donations to Dahlgren Rescue Squad, Box 1375, Dahlgren, Va. 22448.'

### Your Editors Remember Wally

Chris and I feel like we have lost a true friend and comrade with Wally's passing. He was one of those who 'brung us up.' We met Wally, and his family, when we were assigned to Det 18 (301 at this time). We became fast friends from that time forward and again served with them at HQs in VA.

We never lost touch over the years and saw Wally and Louise as recently as last year. We will miss him and his salty down-to-earth advise and viewpoint.

### Maxie Helen Lillethun

SURVIVING HUSBAND, JIM LILLETHUN, COL (RET), AFTAC-1954-1969, IN A LETTER, 2005.04.12, WRITES:

'... an 'old time' AFTACer has died. Maxie died March 8, at age 80. She worked in TD in the early '60s and, after a tour in Thailand where her husband was commander, she returned to work in International Relations in Opns Plans in the late '60s.'

## Chapter News

# FROM THE TOP

### Jack Jackson, Alumni Association President No Input This Month.

So, we will include something informational and thought provoking that Jim **Payne** sent us a couple of months ago:

#### Threats to Democracy

At about the time our original 13 states adopted their new constitution, in the year 1787, Alexander Tyler (a Scottish history professor at The University of Edinburgh) had this to say about "The Fall of The Athenian Republic" some 2,000 years prior. "A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the worlds greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence: From Bondage to spiritual faith, From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to complacency; From complacency to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage."

Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minnesota, points out some interesting facts concerning the most recent Presidential election: Population of counties won by: Gore=127 million, Bush=143 million; Square miles of land won by: Gore=580,000 Bush=2,242,000; States won by: Gore=19, Bush=29: Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by: Gore=13.2, Bush=2.1: Professor Olson adds: "In aggregate, the map of the territory Bush won was mostly the land owned by the tax-paying citizens of this great country. Gore's territory mostly encompassed those citizens living in government-owned tenements and living off government welfare..." Olson believes the US is now somewhere between the "complacency and "apathy" phase of Professor Tyler's definition of democracy; with some 40 percent of the nation's population already having reached the "governmental dependency" phase.

Apathy is the greatest danger to our freedom.



# BOARD MEETINGS

## Board Members

### Elected

President-**Jack Jackson** Vice-**Carol Snyder**  
Secretary-**Pat Snyder** Treasurer-**Joe Goldian**

### Appointed

Activities-**CMSgt Lloyd French** Heritage Hall Committee, **TBD**  
Hospitality-**Judy Milam** Internet-**Mike Black - Clark Creery**  
Membership-**Randy Vlassick** Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**  
Publicity-**Swede Swansen** Sage Shop Dispatch-**Carol Snyder**

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## A Minute with the Minutes

14 March, 11 April, 9 May

**-AFTAC Awards Banquet**, attendee's said it was a very nice affair. Our Alumni of the Year, **Joe Goldian**, was recognized and honored. He was accompanied by his daughter, Heather.

**-Spring Golf Tournament** was planned and took place on June 10 after the May 6th weather delay. It was, as usual, an outstanding/fun affair.

**-AFTAC 20+ Years of Service Wall** has been refurbished and an electronic version is planned for the website and the newsletter. **Carol Snyder** has offered to head up this project.

**-AIA Outstanding Airman of the Year**, a \$100 donation was supported for this program held annually at San Antonio, TX.

**-Meeting Start Time**, April/May were the first meetings starting at 5PM vs 530PM. Active attendance did not increase and the earlier time precluded attendance by some of our regular attendees. Time was changed back to 530PM.

## Update-Project 'PoMo Sooner' ... In Color?

EDITORS

As you read in our 'Mail-Call' section those brave souls who stepped forward to receive the ePoMo (*Post-Monitor* in pdf via email) were most satisfied with the result. If you would like to be on that mailing list (vs the 'hard copy' listing), and have not already advised us, please let us know and you'll receive the issue several weeks sooner and, where color is used, in color.

A nice 'side' benefit to the alumni association is that we can send you the *Post-Monitor* electronically at virtually no cost, versus the one dollar plus we spend to print and mail the hard copy.

So, read what the current 'ePoMoer's' have to say, give it some thought and consideration, and send us your name to add to the list ... give it a try and see what you think.



## Sage Site WebMaster, Mike Black, checks in

INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED IN LAST ISSUE ... IT IS UPDATED HERE

The AFTAC alumni web site has its own name!! We are 'http://www.aftacalumni.org' and are now up and running. There's no change in functionality -- just a change in location. This should make it easier to remember (for those of us who forget things!!). The old website will redirect you for a while -- be sure to update your 'Favorites' to point to the new location. As noted, Mike completed this 'Sage Site' change and we asked him to provide our 'technical bent' readers a summary:

"Here's some info on the new/moved 'www.aftacalumni.org' website.' The computer system that runs the web site is now in **Mike Black's** home (sitting quietly in a cubby hole in a desk). It's a Linux system on a RoadRunner connection and is using a virtual DNS server that allows aftacalumni.org to be redirected thru the RoadRunner network. This means, even if Mike moves, the site can move with him (as long as a broadband connection is available). So the Antarctic tour is probably out for the foreseeable future. I have also added an additional email address, I can be emailed at either the current, 'black@EssexCorp.com,' or 'mike@aftacalumni.org.' Write and let us know what you think.

Additionally we asked our 'other' webmaster, **Clark Creery**, to add a few lines about his site's interface, 'Happenings & Upcoming Events' with Mike's side:

A few years ago when we decided that quite a few Alumnus owned computers and we thought it would be fun to have our own website. Well thanks to Mike Black that is a reality. Mike added an area called 'Happenings & Upcoming Events' with the idea to post regular data in that area. I volunteered to try to keep information current on a regular basis provided I had data to post there. Mike was so busy with his work he hated (I know) to get those midnight messages from me asking him to add this, move that, why does this not work, etc., etc. We decided that the solution was to use a "ghost" site. That is another computer on the web that the computer in Mike's room could check on a regular basis. (Actually at the speed of light.) The 'Happening and Upcoming Events' page is actually located on the worldwide Geocities server. Data is posted on that site, invisible to you, the real site is updated and Mike can rest, sleep, work, or drink beer as he pleases. The only problem with the setup is the dummie behind the keyboard (me) and finding information that you (the Alumni) would like to see on that page. Have any ideas - suggestions - whatever - let me know.

## OTHER CHAPTER'S NEWS

COLORADO CHAPTER, NEWSLETTER, 2005 JUNE

# ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice President, Earl **Pierce**  
Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Bruce **Deffler**  
Webmaster, Bill **Harris**  
Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>



July 18, 1922-February 4, 2005

### Milo Lee Colton

LETTER, GARNET COLTON

Dear Bill, (Schmied)

I wanted to let you know of Milo's death. He suffered from congestive heart failure and many other things too numerous to tell. Our son, Carl, died also of a massive heart attack just 10 days before.

### Hugo Redlin and Bill Schmied Remember

Milo served AFTAC for many years as a civilian training specialist assigned to SPINSTRAS. During the '60s he was a test and measurement specialist for the 99125 resident training courses then became one of the training development specialists for these courses until his retirement in 1977.

Most of us remember that during those years SPINSTRAS was training a large number of 99125 technicians to operate and maintain the myriad of "Techniques" we were using as well as the officers to command the many detachments located all over the world. During his tenure with SPINSTRAS Milo contributed to many structural changes in the training, developing new courses, and ensuring trainees met course requirements so they would have the necessary skills for assignment to AFTAC units. Milo was assigned to ATC but served AFTAC for many years and many of us owe him a debt of gratitude.

**Events: 17 September** - 08:30 - 10:30 General Members and Guest Breakfast, Country Buffet in Aurora

**12 November**—Dinner Aurora Hills Golf Course

### Good Health Wishes

Marianne **Pierce** (spouse of Earl) and Hugo **Redlin**

And this letter from 2LT Daniel B Dunn (son of Bryce Dunn). AFTAC Alumnus:

I thank you for the card, support and prayers. It seems only a little while I was a young boy chasing fish in the lake on Buckley at the reunion pic-

nics. Truth is, Iraq is much like that area-except we don't have many lakes here, the very random tree and the Rockies can't be seen in the background (which breaks my heart each day and makes me long to come home and see them).

While you all thank me for what I am doing, I do the same for you. Even if you never set foot on foreign soil in the Service, you're still important. My dad (Bryce) told me that what every job boils down to is getting the information us shooters need to do our job and do it well. We are doing just that, but rest assured, whether you're retired or still in, you're as equally important, if not more so. The IR technology that my dad told me was used during the first Gulf War is not in the back of the Humvee and the turrets of Bradley Fighting Vehicles and Abrams Tanks in the targeting systems they use. But you all pioneered that technology on the satellites (at least to this grunts understanding).

I cannot thank you enough for your support of the men over here: they need it. It is hard enough to be over here so far away from all you love and care for, watching your buddies injured or even killed, and then to come home to an unsupporting nation. Thank the Lord that the days of Vietnam are over, and the people have realized that the soldier has no choice in his actions. He voluntarily gave away his right to object and lives by what his superiors tell him.

I look forward to attending a picnic or banquet upon my return, although I am unsure how close of a time it would be. No matter what, those who serve share the same tasks, even though the jobs vary so much ... 2LT Dunn then goes on in his letter to explain some of the action and life and death choices they face on a day to day basis. Look for his complete letter to be posted soon to the CO website.

### CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

## DEPOT FALLOUT

President-Rod **Hinkle**; Vice-Joe **Johnson**; Board Chairman-Ken **Denbleyker**; Asst.-Dave **Tarquino**; Dir at Large-Orv **Pritchard**; Treasurer Bart **Carter**; Asst.-Charlie **Penn**; Membership-Danny **Beach**; Secretary Marge **Iske**; Asst-Ken **Breitwieser**; Newsletter Editor-Dale **Klug**; and

Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob **Fitzgerald**.

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

**AFTAC Reunion 2005 Information Soon!!**  
(occurred 12-15 May)

# **MONITOR** *ing Active*

## **-Duty Doings' from around the AFTAC**

### **Command Section**



Col. Guy D.  
Turner

**Commander**, 2004.07 previously Deputy PM, SIGINT Support to IO, NSA, Fort Meade, MD. He attended the AF Academy graduating in '80 (BS in Civil Engineering) and in '85 received an MBA. His professional education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is a command senior navigator with over 1800 flight hours. He is married to the former Sara Ann Davis. They have three children: Adam, Rebecca, and Benjamin.



CMSgt Lloyd S.  
French

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



### **Patrick AFB chaplain wins AIA award for service to AFTAC**

MSGT BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS, PATRICK, AFB, FL



Every Airman can recite the Air Force core values of integrity, service before self, and excellence in all we do. Chaplain, Major **Peggy Wilkins**, the chaplain assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC), is especially dedicated to providing service to others.

Chaplain Wilkins was recently honored for her service to AFTAC when she won the SENSOR Chaplain Award for 2004, presented by Air Intelligence Agency (AIA). The award is presented annually to a wing-assigned chaplain for outstanding service to a tenant AIA unit. AFTAC is administratively supported by AIA.

"Chaplain Wilkins' ability to assess and meet

people where they are – emotionally, spiritually, and morally, enables her to provide pastoral unit visitation that touches personnel in their need," said Chaplain Redmond Raux, wing chaplain for the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing.

Chaplain Wilkins reaches out to AFTAC in a variety of ways. Doing what she calls "walk-about," she routinely visits AFTAC to talk to people and check on morale. She is also a regular speaker at AFTAC commander's calls and other unit events. Last fall, for example, she gave a presentation on spiritual health during AFTAC's Wingman's Day, a program conceived and directed by then commander of Air Combat Command, Gen. **Hal Hornburg**. Her presentation was so well received, Chaplain Wilkins was then asked to provide it to host-base personnel assigned to the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing. Another of Chaplain Wilkins' efforts was to provide monthly briefings during AFTAC newcomers' orientations. She met with over 100 newly assigned personnel and informed them on spiritual services and facilities available on and off base.

Chaplain Wilkins is committed to making the people of AFTAC feel like they are a part of the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing community. She mentioned an occasion last year when she arranged for members of the chapel staff to take part in a step aerobics class with AFTAC personnel. "They all got to know each other and it brought them closer together," said Chaplain Wilkins. "I'm happy to have helped make that happen."

Chaplain Wilkins' award is especially noteworthy considering she had a very busy schedule for much of last year. "When I left in September for a 120-day deployment, she served as the Acting Wing Chaplain responsible for Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and our mission partners/tenants, such as AFTAC," said Chaplain, Lt Col, Raux.

Despite her heavy workload, Chaplain Wilkins found time to ensure the Patrick AFB's dorm residents were reached. She helped open a chaplain branch office in the dormitories where weekly Bible study sessions and monthly dinners are held, which many of AFTAC's dorm residents attended. The men and women of AFTAC recognized the positive impact Chaplain Wilkins had on the unit and were proud to nominate her for the award.

"She is a major contributor to the spiritual health and well-being of our organization," said. Col.



Jonathan Wohlman, AFTAC's vice commander. Chaplain Wilkins was delighted to learn she had won the award, which she received at the AIA annual awards ceremony held March 24 at Lackland AFB. "I am humbled that a unit would think so much of what I do to nominate me for this award," she said.

### AFTAC SNCO, reality of war in Iraq

MSGT. BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS



SMSgt McMiller (Superintendent, DO) stands near the U.S. Flag with an Iraqi palace in the background.

SMSgt. Scott **McMiller** volunteered to deploy to Iraq last year out of a sense of duty, but had no way of knowing the level of danger he would face during the deployment. "I had been in the Air Force for 23 years,"

said Sergeant McMiller. "I had never been in a combat zone before, and just thought it was my turn."

Sergeant McMiller deployed to Camp Victory in Baghdad, Iraq, from Aug. 4, 2004 until Feb. 4, 2005. He experienced combat first hand, and witnessed the historic election held Jan. 30. His first taste of combat came almost immediately after he landed in Baghdad. "We were attacked with three rockets 20 minutes after I landed and I had to take cover under a table," said Sergeant McMiller. It was an event that would occur many times during the deployment, as insurgents regularly fired mortars and rockets at Camp Victory. "During the first three months I was there, they launched from five to ten mortars and rockets at us every day," said Sergeant McMiller. He barely escaped injury on several occasions. The closest attack came during a trip to Camp Freedom in the city of Mosul.

"An 88-milimeter mortar round landed about 50 meters from where we were and I heard shrapnel ricocheting off the building behind us," said Sergeant McMiller. He admitted that the attacks were startling at times. "They were worse than I thought they would be. We could hear the whooshing, whistling sound of enemy rockets going over the base when we were inside our trailer. That was the scariest part," said Sergeant

McMiller. Over time, however, he became used to the attacks, and he and the other service members came up with ways to cope with the danger. "You definitely got accustomed to the sounds," said Sergeant McMiller. By the time I left I could tell the difference between a mortar and a rocket, and we joked that all explosions were outgoing fire."

As the date set for the Iraqi elections approached, Sergeant McMiller and the other U.S. Service members faced an increased risk of attack from insurgents determined to stop the election from taking place. "We lived in our flak vests and helmets for a few days," he said. Sergeant McMiller had the opportunity to discuss the situation with several Iraqi citizens who worked at Camp Victory. One was a woman who worked in the Post Exchange. "She told me the Iraqi people were very glad to be getting their own government," he said.

The frequent attacks were frustrating for Sergeant McMiller and the other service members in Camp Victory.

"It was very random. We never saw who was shooting at us," said Sergeant McMiller. "Insurgents launched 12 rockets at us one day at 4:45 a.m. Then troops went out and found the location where they had fired the rockets at us and found 75 more that had not been launched."

While the deployment to Iraq was dangerous and difficult at times for Sergeant McMiller, it was also a challenge for his family back home. "I didn't sleep much after he called and told me some details about what he was experiencing over there," said Master Sgt. Mary Morrison, wife of Sergeant McMiller. "Mostly we just didn't watch the news. The kids worried some, but overall they did ok."

Sergeant McMiller arrived back in Florida on Feb. 4, proud to have served in Iraq, but very happy to be back with his family.

### Quick action by AFTAC SNCO saves life

MSGT BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Although many Airmen receive training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), few actually get to put the training into practice. Each morning, Master Sgt. Richard **Marchand** of the Air Force Technical Applications Center reports for duty with a goal in mind: to do something to make the day a little better for someone else. On Feb. 4, 2005, he got the opportunity to put his CPR training to use, and far exceeded his



goal. Sitting in the office next to Sgt. Marchand's, Captain David **Vollmer** was eating some crackers and felt one catch in his throat.

"I couldn't breath at all," said Captain Vollmer. "I tried swallowing and coughing, and even tried to drink something, but it didn't help." Captain Vollmer then went out into the hall to look for help and managed to call out "choking" as he felt he was about to pass out. Sergeant Marchand heard him and went into the hall to see what was happening. "Right away it was obvious he was in trouble," said Sergeant Marchand. "He was bent over and trying to breath." Realizing that something was blocking Captain Vollmer's airway, Sergeant Marchand then performed the Heimlich maneuver; giving him three hard squeezes which caused him to eject the cracker. The captain immediately regained the ability to breath. Afterwards, Sergeant Marchand escorted Captain Vollmer to the Patrick AFB hospital, where he was checked out and then released.

According to Sergeant Marchand, his life-saving action was something anyone with CPR training could do. "It seemed like a simple thing," said Sergeant Marchand. "I felt under his ribs and squeezed. I'm just glad I was there to be able to help him." It was no minor thing for Captain Vollmer. "My second son was born a week ago," said Capt Vollmer. "While I was choking I told myself that my life just couldn't end this way, not at this time."

AFTAC commander Col. Guy Turner recognized Sergeant Marchand for his quick action by presenting him with a unit coin. An Air Force Commendation Medal has also been submitted to honor him for saving Captain Vollmer's life. "I guess I reached my goal that day," said Sergeant Marchand. "I really appreciate that the commander recognized what I did, but I really believe anyone with proper training could have done the same thing."

### Booster Club Announcements

REBECCA LEHNERZ, TSGT, PRESIDENT, EMAIL, Y5.03.07

We will be looking for volunteers to work security for the **PEPSI 400 at DAYTONA** in July. More details to follow as event time gets closer. Thank you!



### AFTAC, On The Internet

FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.FAS.ORG/IRP/AGENCY/AFTAC/INTRO.HTM](http://WWW.FAS.ORG/IRP/AGENCY/AFTAC/INTRO.HTM), MAINTAINED BY STEVEN AFTERGOOD, CREATED BY JOHN PIKE, UPDATED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 1997 6:18:25 PM.

As space permits, we will publish information from this site as a matter of interest and update. Note: This site mentions that much of the information is dated, but is retained for possible historical interest.

### AFTAC Introduction

Headquartered at Patrick Air Force Base on Florida's east coast, the Air Force Technical Applications Center is the sole Department of Defense agency operating and maintaining a global network of nuclear event detection sensors. This global network is the U. S. Atomic Energy Detection System. Once the USAEDS senses a disturbance underground, underwater, in space or in the atmosphere, AFTAC's laboratories analyze the event for nuclear identification and report the findings to national command authorities through Headquarters, Air Force.

AFTAC's nuclear event detection mission is directly linked to its nuclear treaty monitoring mission. AFTAC monitors signatory countries' compliance with the 1963 Limited Test Ban Treaty; the treaty prohibits nuclear testing anywhere but underground and prohibits the venting of nuclear debris or radiation from those tests into the atmosphere outside the country's national border.

Based on the unit's extensive nuclear monitoring experience, AFTAC is the U.S. lead in developing the international cooperative system to monitor the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. This treaty bans all nuclear testing by signatory nations. AFTAC is also the designated U.S. laboratory system responsible for supporting U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency.

Two other treaties AFTAC monitors are the Threshold Test Ban Treaty of 1974 and the Peaceful Nuclear Explosion Treaty of 1976. The 1974 treaty limits the size of underground nuclear tests to 150 kilotons, while the 1976 treaty monitors the testing of nuclear devices outside agreed-upon treaty sites.

AFTAC is on the leading edge of the technological research and evaluation of verification technology for current and future treaties involving nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons programs that threaten national security.



## FEATURE ARTICLES

### Prologue

For the first time in a long time we received only one input for the 'Feature Articles' series. We appreciate that Tom **Ciambrone** 'came thru' for this issue's trivia, as a matter of fact, he has sent us several issues worth and our pick follows.

We appreciate the inputs many of you have taken the time and effort to write and hope we will be overwhelmed with 'Features' next issue.

Now, trivia on, and then, a special sage salute.

### TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

TOM CIAMBRONE

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

Name the locations of the headquarters for the following: a. 1155TOS b. 1156TOS c. 1157TOS, d. 1158TOS and e. 1159TOS. No peeking, answers follow the 'Sage Shop' listing.

### 'SPECIAL SAGE SALUTE'

#### 20 YEARS OF YOUR ALUMNI ASSN!

As noted in the last issue, your Alumni Association, as best we can determine (and we are open to documented persuasion), turned 20 last March 12th. To honor and recognize this we start, with this issue, to gather together some of the early documents and information. If anyone can add to this history, please let us know.

#### The Association's Initiating Letter

THIS FIRST APPEARED IN THE SEPT 98 ISSUE AND WAS GLEANED FROM PAPER-WORK FRANK CALEDA HAD GATHERED OVER THE YEARS. IT WAS 'CUT AND PASTED INTO THAT ISSUE, AND HERE, 'AS IS.'

#### This is the "Oldest" letter we could find

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
**HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER**  
**PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 32925-6001**

4 MAR 1985

The response to Colonel Clapper's 25 Dec 1984 letter pertaining to the establishment of an AFTAC Alumni Association was overwhelmingly positive. The Commander found it very gratifying to discover that so many of you and your associates shared his philosophy. It is obvious that creation of an association is feasible and desirable.

A meeting to elect Alumni Association Officers will

be convened in the Party Room of the Patrick AFB NCO Open Mess at 1830 hours, Tuesday, 12 Mar 85. The attached agenda is furnished for your information.

To facilitate the election process, a short resume on the individuals who have already indicated an interest in running for office is attached. This does not preclude nominations from the floor during the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and you desire to run for office, please contact me at 494-6251/5252. If a telephone call is not convenient, a short note in the mail stating your availability would suffice.

We look forward to seeing you at the gathering!  
Sincerely,

**RICHARD D. GORDON, SMSgt, USAF**  
Alumni Association Project Officer

2 Atch 1. Agenda 2. Resume's

Post Monitor editors notes: How many of you were there? It's "fun" to see these names again, "Col" **Clapper**, as we know, went on to continue an outstanding career making LtGen along the way - **Richard Gordon** now works at Wickham Park as a ranger, as anyone who goes to the picnics knows...he always manages to "show up" and "share our friendship."

We could not find a copy of the resume's, but think it might include **Howard Dibble, Bob Jones, Ron Kane, Carl Gailley, Norm Harris, Charlie Butler, Bob Meisenheimer, Ed Pickle and Jim Madigan**...names from the "old days" and picked up in a later letter offering their services...does anyone have these resumes?

The agenda was not "copied" but shows introductions to include CC and CV (**Tom Ciambrone**, whose wife **Theresa** was a special guest), **Rick Gordan**, TSgt **Willie D. Raulerson** (President of the Hq Advisory Council) and TSgt **Thelma J. Bankey** (Hq Sq Retiree Liaison). We see that CC had opening remarks and they closed with the new Association President making announcements (remember who was the "lucky" First Association President?)

We posed those questions then and we pose them again. We will continue this series in following issues as space permits. And again, if any Sages can shed additional light on this subject, please let us know.

## CALENDAR

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

**VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER (321) 494-6867,**

patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil **BEFORE COMING**

—**WindDowns** are scheduled for the **first Friday** of each month (dates below):

**WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)**

**WHERE:** Behind AFTAC HQ building

**HOW:** park behind the building-find the crowd

—**Board/membership meetings** are scheduled for the **second Monday** of each month (dates below)

**WHEN: 1730 (5:30PM)**

**WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building**

**HOW:** come to rear entrance

### July

**1, 1530** WindDown at the Outback

**11, 1730,** Board/Membership Meeting

### August

**5, 1530** - WindDown at the Outback

**8, 1730** - Board/Membership Meeting

### September

**2, 1530** - WindDown at the Outback

**12, 1730** - Board/Membership Meeting

### Scheduled Events

**EVENT CONTACT—PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867**

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Summer time and the livin' is easy. Please attend Alumni Association Meeting as posted above. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Traditional Annual Events,**  
**(for planning purposes only, and where dates are shown, they may be tentative)**

January—March

-Assoc SnowBall VIII, **January 28, 2006**

-Center Annual Awards Banquet, March time frame

April—June

-Center Annual Picnic, April time frame

-Assoc Spring Golf n'Gettogether, May time frame

July—September

Summer time and the livin' is easy

October—December

-Alumni Assoc Fall Golf n'Gettogether, **Oct 21, 2005,**  
 Cocoa Beach County Club

-Center Winter Social, Dec time frame

Biannual WorldWide Alumni Reunions; most recent reunion occurred at Sacramento, CA, May 2005.

## SAGE SHOP

Mail orders to: Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc, ATTN: Sage Sales, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892

**\$4.00 for shipping and handling plus \$1.00 for each additional item**

\*No shipping and handling charged on logo pins

### ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2005.02.28)

**PURCHASED WITH ALUMNI FUNDS—Multi-Color Logo**

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
<b>JACKETS</b> , Unlined/Royal Blue, \$20	2	1	2	4

### GOLF SHIRTS, with pocket, \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	2	2	3	2
Jade (medium green)	2	6	3	2
Navy	2	2	2	1
Red	2	3	1	2
White	2	4	2	2
Royal Blue	3	4	2	2
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	3	4	0	1
Black	2	1	2	2

### T-SHIRTS, without pocket - \$7.00

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

<b>SWEATSHIRTS</b> , Ash Gray, \$15	2	2	3	0
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HATS - \$6.00 #	MISCELLANEOUS	#
Green 2	-50th Commemorative Coin, \$3	117
Gray 0	-Logo Pin, \$3.25	244
Red 7	-Logo Disk, \$5.50	4
Royal Blue 0	-Alumni License Plate, \$7-members	
Light Blue 1	\$10-nonmembers	4
Navy 0	-WorldWide Directory, \$25	2
Blue/Gray 15		

**PURCHASED BY THE BOOSTERS CLUB** - most say ALUMNUS rather than ALUMNI

	LG	XL
<b>JACKETS</b> - Unlined/Royal Blue - white logo, \$20		3

<b>GOLF SHIRTS-</b> Med. Blue/with pocket/White logo, \$14	11	7
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'Tom's Trivial' Answer:

- McClellan AFB, CA;
- Wheeler AFB, Hawaii;
- Weisbaden, Germany;
- Howard AB, Panama;
- McChord AFB, Wash

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*SNFE the Snail Sez, keep us up-to-date on your life and forward unclassified organizational adventures and tales - inputs are due the 1st Monday in the month of publication (March, June, September & December).*

### Membership Application

(complete and mail to ATTN: Membership Chair) (address/contact information on Page two, left panel)

FLORIDA Chapter dues (check one, enclose sum): \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 annual dues \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 lifetime

**SPECIAL OFFER**, For first time (new) members only, three years dues for \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER(s): \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL/HOME PAGE (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: Membership information will be passed to other Alumni Chapters and members unless you state that this information is not to be released, and may be made available on the association website.

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(<<<)This emblem used by the alumni association was in active service from 1970 to 2000 (the replacement is a less detailed rendering). The association continues the use of this version because so many alumni served while it was 'on duty.'

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