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

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

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

Recognized for 60 years
of service to our country
16 September 2007
1947 – 2007



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



THE SIX HUNDRED, THE SIXTY, THE SIXTEEN AND THE SIX



WE ASK FOR EDITORIAL LICENSE TO 'SPOTLIGHT THE SIX'S.'
Having recognized 'Sage Server' individuals over the
years, and, on occasion, couples, we got to thinking
that it was time to '**Spotlight YOU,**' one of the 'Sage
Six!' As you read, how many of these sixes are you?

The 600: We discussed this at the last meeting. Why
have we had, pretty much at any particular time, be-
tween 600 and 660 members in our chapter? Our
membership chair could do an exhaustive study, and
he'd do a darn fine job, but we'd like to go with our gut
for the moment. Did most of the 600 join in the first few
years of the chapter? Was there a surge at some point
(reunion or other event)? Have we lost members at the
same rate we have gained them? In any case, this is
the 'Super 600' that stay with us year after year even
though being far away. It is also from this 600 we draw
the others 6's, in particular those 6's who live near
enough to take the time and effort to 'be what we are.'

The 60: Represents sages attending most of our
events, SnowBall, Golf N'Gettogether, etc. While not
always the 'same 60' we can invariably count on at
least a 'sure 60' to be there!

The 16: Represents attendance at any given meeting.
We will have 16 or so, to include our board members
and a faithful few, who are almost always there.

And the 6: Represents our 'doers' for any of our asso-
ciation sponsored events. For any given event we will
have at least a 'serving 6' that will carry the day. Again,
not always the 'same 6,' but at least 6, none the less,
that will step forward to lead and assist.

We 'Spotlight,' and thank, all '6's. We are ever grateful
that all of you are at least one of these, and some, all!!

SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK SAGES AND ACTIVE-DUTY TO 'REPORT IN'

5TH ANNUAL 'SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER' 14TH @ 1145- Membership/Elections at the Tides Club

The election meeting is held on **second
Friday at lunch time** to encourage at-
tendance by all AFTAC active-duty,
assn members and alumni. Attendance
is always up for this important meeting
so be there! (>>Page 3)



NOV 2, 22ND ANNUAL FALL 'GOLF N'GETOGETHER' MANATEE COVE GOLF COURSE, PATRICK AFB



MAJOR ARRANGER, CHIEF MELTON-AFTAC/TM

1130 Check in, 1300 Start, Assn Meeting fol-
lows. Manatee Cove is a non-metal spike facil-
ity and each player must have clubs/bag. (pg 3)

ACTIVE-DUTY ALERTS

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK ACTIVE-DUTY AND SAGES TO 'REPORT IN'

65TH LRD ANNIVERSARY 'IN THE WORKS'

CMSgt **Nederhoed/CCS** advises event planned for early Oct.
--check the website often for details as they are available!!

'WINTER SOCIAL' DEC 14TH/'TOILET BOWL' SEP

BOOSTERS CLUB INFO, SSGT ENNESSER/LSOMH

Events are well attended & not to be missed. **More details** at
'Active-Duty' section and follow updates on the website.

NOTE: 'Alert' changes will be posted at the assn website:

['http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/'](http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/)

Page 01: 'Breaking News' or **Page 05:** 'Schedule of Events'

You can also '**Auto-Receive**' eALLerts (deaths, breaking
news, etc)-contact your editors, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com.'

SAGE EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

'Event' reports, if any, follow 'Alert' reports later in this issue.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (17)

Dale Klug/2011-Jack Smith/10-Jack Jackson/09

Bob Wiley/08-Bill Schmied/07-Deborah Carson/06

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

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

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

Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring Center people and its history exist: Two, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts) and the 'Wall of Honor' of alumni who served the Center for 20+ years (and have mailed in their photos/bios), are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an **AFTAC display at the Encampment, Wyoming**, Museum, and plans are ongoing to add LRD artifacts at HQ, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. (AFISRA).

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired & active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at the Patrick AFB, FL, NCO Club on March 12, 1985, and formed the association (chartered, 1986). **Originally 'AFTAC Alumni Assn'** a name change was necessary in mid-2001 due to AF rules to continue operating 'on base.'

The assn provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to past/present employees of all organizations associated with Long Range Detection (LRD) (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

1. Florida: (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 989), or other dining venue, at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Clark **Creery**, ccreery@cfl.rr.com, mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triannual newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a multi-page Website, '<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>,' full of assn/alumni news and photos-we also provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification at '<http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>.'

Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage, 01-07; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-00/since 06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch, Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey, Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas since 03; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09.

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

3. West Coast (CA): Formed 1999, **\$10 year/\$75 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fall-out' and have a website, 'www.AFTACWCC.org.'

'60-'87

"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



PICTURES BY SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/CC/PA, WINTER SOCIAL, 2011

The 'Chapter Constitution' is the guiding light of our association. As time passes and methods evolve in the manner we do chapter business, it becomes necessary to take a fresh look at that constitution and add/rewrite what the evolution has wrought. Please see the last page of this PoMo for those changes or for a full reading in context it is available at the website.

Speaking of evolution, it has become more and more apparent that, over time and with the inspired attention of your Editors and Clark Creery, our Membership Chair, your website has grown to contain many of the items found in PoMo. Additionally, it sometime contains expanded information not published here due to context or quantity and events can be updated and added in this media in a way not at all possible with PoMo.

--it was uncanny as we prepared this issue the many times we went to that website to 'cut/paste' to this issue --we cannot encourage you enough to be a 'web watcher' of your site if we want to be fully informed ... 'have a look' at least twice a week

--and, while on this subject, please take a look at the other Chapter's websites (URL's at 'Assn Info' column to the left). WebMasters Bill **Harris, CO**, and Bob **Fitzgerald, CA**, have posted information and pictures you will learn from and enjoy reading/seeing. Bob, in particular, maintains the CA site at very high level.

--however, bottom line, the PoMo is still an important part of your membership and the only place you'll find the 'Salute/Spotlight,' our editorial and 'Event Reports, 'Mail-Call,' 'Chapter News,' the full 'Active-Duty' report, and the great 'Feature Articles.'

--in color and quickly if your are an eSubscriber!!

As we mentioned last issue, as editors, each triadic brings unexpected email. One that stands out for this period came from Jay **Bilyeu** in mid April. Jay served AFTAC at the 1155TH/68-72. As we pursued this story Jay wrote, "I am Jay Bilyeu, and I was in AFTAC at McClellan from June 1968 to August 1972. I am a current member of the Florida chapter. My Dad, **H.P. Bilyeu** (who died in January of this year) spent much of his 33 year career in Air Weather Reconnaissance. He was stationed at McClellan for part of my tour there. He collected samples that I analyzed! I think he was VP of the Air Weather Reconnaissance Alumni Association at the time of his death (his member number was 10)."

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

--his story is unique when you consider HP's involvement with LRD although he was never in the organization, per se.

---there must be many Sage's who knew him since he worked so close with us in our early Airborne history

--both Jay and his father are in our worldwide directory started years ago by Mary **Welch** (deceased, PM2011.12) initially misleading us about HP's affiliation

-in our use of this directory this is the first 'non-LRD' member we are aware of-Mary must have felt compelled to include in that directory

HP's career serving with, but not in, LRD, and told so well with so many interesting details and connections to our mission, we knew right off we had to share this story with our readers

--see that story unfold at our 'Sages to Remember' pages and told within the extract of HP's obituary.

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'SOCIALE SEPTEMBER V' SEPT 14TH @ 1145



(<<Page 1) Sages drive in from out of town and others are there who have not been at a meeting for some time, or ever. **NOMINEES:** A nominating committee appointed by the president convened, solicited, and received agreement for the following individuals to run for office for FY2013: President: Terry **Hammond**, Vice-President: CMSgt David **Melton**/TM, Treasurer: Joe **Golden** and Secretary: Sean **Ryan**. The Nominating Committee was Judy **Milam-Henderson**, Chair, Frank **Hall** and Clark **Creery**. In addition, nomination of willing individuals will be taken from the floor during the elections.

21ST ANNUAL ASSN FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER NOV 2ND



(<<Page 1) If not, rental sets will be available for a charge of \$10. The cost-\$40.00-Alumni Assn Members, \$45.00 for others. This charge covers green fees, cart, range balls, bottled water, soft drinks and dinner. Details are being ironed out but the meal will be BBQ. Non-players will be able to purchase a meal in advance for \$10.00.

This is a scramble (select-shot tournament) as we have played in the past with a 1300 shotgun start with check-in beginning at 1130. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, Men's long drive, Women's long drive and 2 closest to the pin contests. Mulligan tickets will be available for purchase with tickets drawn for numerous door prizes. There will be at least one beverage cart running for those desiring something stronger than soft drinks. Points of contact: **Dave Melton**-321-494-4956/david.melton@patrick.af.mil; **Ed Lindsay**-321-494-3242/edward.lindsay@patrick.af.mil or **Jerry Rice** - 321-494-9860/jerry.rice@patrick.af.mil

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APR 21 CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC

TOM EDDLEMAN, REPORTS. PHOTOL SUSAN A ROMANO, SEE FOLIO AT ,https://PICASAWEB.GOOGLE.COM/101921526656470861638/2012SPRINGPICNIC?AUTHUSER=0&AUTHKEY=GV1SRGCJX_6IBD7VB6YQ&FEAT=DIRECTLINK



Another spring and another picnic that Moira and I looked forward to. It is a wonderful outing that brings active duty and alumni together to share career experiences and to catch up with some people we haven't seen since the last picnic. We

enjoyed talking to George Mirda and family as well as many other old acquaintances. One of the things I notice each year is that the active duty members seem to get younger each year and the alumni, of course, get older. However, one thing that seems to never change in AFTAC members, young or old, and that is the friendly spirit of the group. That is the spirit I experienced 43 years ago when I joined the 1035th FAG and that flame, proud to be an AFTAC'er, is still burning today.

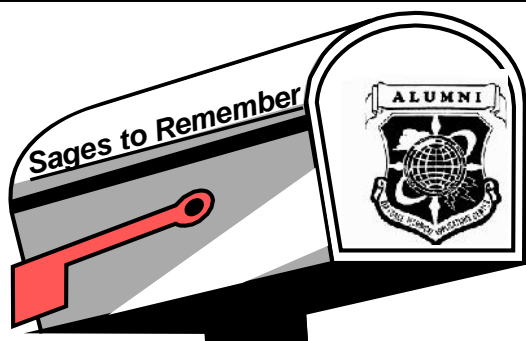


The food this year was exceptional, as usual, and the beer was cold. I think all picnic goers enjoyed the festivities and the food. We were pleased to bring some visitors from Scotland to the affair and they thoroughly enjoyed the people, food and mostly the free flowing beer deftly drawn

by the skillful hands of Terry, Howard and Tony. Swede Swansen seemed to be near the beer tap all afternoon but I never saw him draw a pint for anyone but himself. Our guests remarked on the friendliness of the people and the festivities for the children. It made me proud that these guests were favorably impressed with our annual outing. As usual, people make the picnic and the committee that planned and carried out the day did a fabulous job. We look forward to the next picnic. Pictures provided by Susan A. Romano, AFTAC/PA



<Howie Dibble and Pat Snyder, >President, Terry Hammond, below, Carol Warfield, Judy Milam-Henderson, George/Carmen Mirda and Eileen Best.



Personals ...

Wherein alumni report major events or turning points in their lives that are of interest to fellow Sages. Please send us information about awards, births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements, deaths and other events, (military or otherwise).

None Reported

In Memoriam

Don Bartram

Michael J Moran

Bertha Kane

Marvin R. Gibson



Rest in Peace

Don Bartram

NOTIFIED BY EVELYN BARTRAM WITH A SHORT NOTICE ON 04.04 WHICH WE POSTED ONLINE AND IN THE APRIL POMO. HERE EVELYN PROVIDED THE OBITUARY.

Donald E. Bartram of Albuquerque, N.M., born in Bethesda, Md. on 7/24/37, passed away suddenly on March 30, 2012. After eight years in the Air Force attached to AFTAC he spent 30 years working at Los Alamos National Labs. in New Mexico, USA.

He was known by friends and community as an exceptional artist. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, three children Sharon Davidson, Scott Bartram, Brian Bartram, and three grandchildren, James Davidson, Curtis Davidson and Abbie Davidson. He will be greatly missed by loved ones and others whose lives he touched.

Michael J Moran

MICHAEL'S DEATH BECAME KNOWN WHEN CLARK CREERY, FL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, ASKED DAVE LADD, INFO DALE KLUG, CA CHAPTER, ABOUT MICHAEL. DAVE DID SOME RESEARCH AND FOUND THIS INFORMATION AND PASSED IT ALONG. LATER DALE KLUG PROVIDED RANK AND MONTH OF RETIREMENT. THANKS TO THE THREE OF YOU FOR THINKING OF THIS SAGE.

Missoulian (Montana Newspaper), September 03, 2009 KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii - Michael J. (Jerry) Moran, 68, passed away on Aug. 29, 2009, at the home of his daughter, Colleen, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, after a courageous battle with gastric cancer. Jerry was born on Aug. 10, 1941, to Aggie (Sheehan) and James E. (Bud) Moran in Butte. He attended St. Patrick's grade school and graduated in 1959 from Boys' Central High. In 1963, he received his Bachelor of Science in chemistry

from Montana State College along with his ROTC commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He received a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Cincinnati in 1972, and was a graduate of the Defense Systems Management College.

In 1965, he married Kathy Costello of Billings and together they raised three wonderful daughters, Mary, Katie and Colleen. They were the joy of his life. Jerry had a wonderful sense of humor and a strong dedication to his family and his country.

During his 20-year career with the Air Force, he served at the United States Air Force Academy as associate professor of biochemistry and associate air officer commander for the Cadet Wing during induction of women into the Academy. Other assignments included: launch control officer with the Atlas "ABRES" Program; analytical chemist and chief of the Chemistry Division at the USAF Materials Lab at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; chief of nuclear chemistry at McClellan Air Force Base in California; deputy director at the Shuttle Activation Task Force at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. He earned the Senior Missile Badge, the Senior Space Badge and the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters. He retired in (Lt Col, Oct) 1986 and began a career in environmental engineering, working with military installations in the United States and Guam.

Michael (Jerry) was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Mary; and his grandson, Mikie. He is survived by Kathy Costello Moran of Seal Beach, Calif.; daughter, Colleen Moran, of Kailua-Kona; daughter and son-in-law, Katie and Joe DeCastro and granddaughters, Cassie and Mikayla DeCastro of Lake Ridge, Va.; his siblings; Jim (Kay) Moran of Corvallis, Ore., Jon Moran of Seattle, Judy (Bill) Edwards of St. Regis and Father Joe Pat Moran of Missoula; his aunts and uncle, Harriet Neier of Tucson, Ariz., and Phil (Hazel) Moran of Tigard, Ore.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in Montana, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Alaska and Nevada.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to a charity of the donor's choice. A private family service (was) held.

Bertha "Bert" Kane

NOTIFIED BY TERRY HAMMOND/TOM NIQUETTE PUBLISHED IN FLTODAY , 07.14

Bertha Kane passed away July 12, 2012, at her home at the age of 89. She was born in Hershey, Pennsylvania, to Giocando and Maria Barbini. After graduating with her Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree from Lebanon Valley College, she married her husband of 64 years, Ron Kane. Bert was interested in everything: history, museums, birds, stars, trees, shells, aerospace, sea life, traveling, crossword puzzles ... but her greatest love was her family. She was a compassionate, tough, creative, no-nonsense and determined woman. When we set our goals a little higher, try a littler harder, achieve a little more, become a little better than we used to be - that is because of her. She is survived by her devoted husband, Ron; sister, Velvia Fischer; daughters, Mary Kane, Barbara Kane, Janice Kane; and her son, David Kane; her sons and daughter-in-law, Bruce Segal, Richard Solomon and Deborah Furlan; grandchildren, Kelsey Gayhartt, Aaron Segal and Louisa Kane; and many nieces, nephews and their families. A service will be held at a later time. In lieu of flowers, we ask that you consider making a donation to your favorite organization. Guest Book, <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/floridatoday/guestbook.aspx?n=bertha-kane&pid=158525951&cid=full>

Marvin R Gibson, Jr

SUE GIBSON TO WAYNE ZAHM TO CLARK CREERY-WAYNE ALSO ADVISED MARV PASSED AWAY ON 08.11 AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER.



Marvin R. Gibson, Jr. 75, was born on June 30, 1937, in Louisville, KY. He graduated from Louisville Male High School in 1955, after which he entered the Air Force in July 1955. In May 1961, Marvin was assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) in Alexandria, VA.

He spent his remaining years in the Air Force serving within the AFTAC organization. In 1963 Marvin was transferred to McClellan AFB, CA for training into the Airborne Data Collection System. Over the next years, assignments within AFTAC included Det 407, McClellan AFB, CA, and Patrick AFB, FL. Marvin accumulated over 5000 hours of flight time as a Special Equipment Operator. While serving at Det 407, he graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business. Marvin later served with distinction as an Instructor in the Airborne Special Equipment Operators School at McClellan. During his assignment at McClellan, Marvin was awarded the Airman's Medal for the rescue of three small children from the Sacramento River. Marvin retired in June '80, at the rank of SMSgt, after 25 years of Honorable service to his country.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, Marvin worked for Martin Marietta in Orlando, FL and McDonald Douglas in Titusville, FL and Robins AFB, GA.. Upon retirement from McDonald Douglas, Marvin and Sue relocated to Loveland, CO to be closer to their son and family.

In addition to the above achievements, Marvin was an active member of the Free and Accepted Mason's including membership in the following bodies: Blue Lodge, Kokusai 15; Longs Peak Lodge 197, Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, S.J., USA; Valley of Denver Orient of Colorado and Asiya Shriners of San Mateo, CA from 1973 until his death. Marvin served in various positions as an officer within the different bodies. Marvin is survived by his loving wife Sue, son Sean, grandchildren Barrett and Dylan Gibson plus other family members and good friends. Marvin is preceded in death by his parents Marvin R. and Mary L. Gibson, infant daughter and son John Jeffrey Gibson.

Condolences here: <http://resthavencolorado.com/book-of-memories/1307576/Gibson-Marvin/view-condolences.php>

Funeral Arrangements: Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 8426 S. Hwy 287, Ft. Collins, CO, Memorial Service on August 16th.

Follow up

James Walter Kehoe, PM2011.08

CHIEF MELTON/TM/ASSN VICE, REPORTED ON THIS ACTIVE-DUTY MEMBER IN A PREVIOUS ISSUE. FOLLOWING THAT JAMES MOM, DONNA, REQUESTED A CURRENT PICTURE OF JAMES IN UNIFORM. CHIEF MELTON, WITH HELP FROM TSGT ERIC REYNOLDS, ANSWERED THE CALL 'ABOVE AND BEYOND' PROVIDING SEVERAL CD'S OF HER SON SERVING AFTAC AND OUR COUNTRY. IN REPLY, DONNA WROTE A THANK YOU NOTE WE PUBLISHED IN THE LAST ISSUE.

LATER JAME'S FATHER WROTE:

I want to thank you gentlemen for several things. First, for your service to our country. Second, for the kind words about my son. I'd like to share a little history of our family.

We originally were Irish immigrants coming to the US during the Irish potato famine. My great-great grandfather settled in the Ohio Valley area. My Great grandfather joined the Union Army during the Civil War. My

grandfather joined the army during WWI. My father joined the Army-Air Corps during WWII and later retired as Eastern Region Commander for Tactical Airlift Command. I joined the Air Force during Vietnam. Fortunately, my AFSC didn't require me to go to the war zone. I met my wife, Donna, while she was in the Air Force. We both were stationed at Sembach AFB, Germany. I worked for 17th Air Force Logistics. She worked for the Wing Base Supply. So there have been 5 generations of James Kehoe's serving our country.

Although we have never met, I remember James mentioning each of your names. He spoke kind words about you all. I can tell by what he said that each of you made a positive impression on him. For that, I truly thank you. Stay safe and be blessed. Mr Kehoe, Wow, what a letter. Your reply means so much to us. Letters such as yours humble us. Your family has a very long history serving our country and your thank you is even more meaningful because of that history.

Special Notice

Hiram Pierce "Bill" Bilyeu

EDITORS: WE FIRST PRESENTED HIRAM (HP), AND JAY, HIS SON, IN OUR EDITORIAL WHEN JAY FIRST EMAILED, 04.11, AND AS WE EXPLAINED, WE FOUND BOTH HE AND HIS FATHER IN OUR WORLDWIDE DIRECTORY. AS WE READ THE OBITUARY, AND CORRESPONDED WITH JAY, WE LEARNED HP HAD SERVED AROUND, BUT WAS NEVER IN. LRD. EVEN AT THAT, HP'S CAREER, TOLD IN HIS OBITUARY, WAS TOO COMPELLING FOR US NOT TO PUBLISH. HERewith WE PRESENT THAT CAREER THOUGH OBITUARY EXTRACTS AND HOPE YOU FIND IT AS INTERESTING AS WE DID. THE COMPLETE OBIT CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/idahostatejournal/obituary.aspx?N=HIRAM-BILYEU&PID=155407888#FBLOGGEDOUT>



Hiram Bilyeu, 86, Boise, Idaho, passed away January 5, 2012. He was born April 6, 1925, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Hiram C. Bilyeu and his wife Valencia Bawden Bilyeu. He graduated from Pocatello High School in 1943. After graduation he joined the U.S. Army Air Corp where he picked up the nickname "Bill" and began his 32 year adventure with

the United States Air Force. One morning they were all in formation and called to attention. **Cadets over 6ft tall** were ordered to step forward and notified that they had just volunteered for multiengine bomber training. He then attended advanced flight school (and later transferred to B-29's with orders to report to Okinawa, Japan, for combat duty). Prior to his departure from the United States he was awoken by what was the **first nuclear bomb** exploding "Trinity" in Alamogordo, New Mexico. They were informed that it was an ammunition dump blowing up and only later learned the true nature of this event. The war ended (and) he was then transferred back to the U.S. and assigned to **Air Weather Reconnaissance**. This began his long history with the US Air Force Air Weather Recon.

While attending Christmas Eve services in Pocatello in 1951 he met Patricia Downing. They were married on May 10th, 1952, in Pocatello, Idaho. They spent the next 23 years living in various locations throughout the United States and Bermuda. During this time their two youngest children were born in the Territory of Alaska. (Note: Patricia, 86, died Aug 1, 2011).(completed on pg 9)

MAIL - CALL



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

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



Mystery Sage, fresh out of the box. Who is this? Find out later in Mail-Call and send us one of your 'pre-Sage' photos.!



FIRST eSAGE(S) TO 'REPORT IN'-FIRST 24-HOURS
EPOMO 'NOTIFICATION LINK' POSTED 04.10 @ 1233

Ron Geleta 'comment' written at Box. Net

1325

INTERESTINGLY WE DID NOT SEE RON'S REPLY IN A TIMELY MANNER ... VERY FEW ESUBSCRIBERS LEAVE COMMENTS AT BOX.NET (WHERE POMO IS STORED FOR THESE READERS) AND WE DID NOT 'FIND IT' UNTIL LATER WHEN WE HAPPENED TO CHECK FOR NUMBERS OF REVIEWS/DOWNLOADS-EVEN MORE SURPRISING JIM CLOSS (LATER IN MAIL) ALSO COMMENTED THERE THE NEXT DAY.

I see that my article was printed in this last issue of the "Post-Monitor." As you might recall, I referred to a Captain Frank **Gallinery** as being at Team 154 and was later assigned to head to Alaska. I read in another article in this issue a reference to Major Frank Gallinery. I'll bet that's the same person I referred to in my article. He was as the article states - loud spoken and quite large in size [probably 300 pounds]. On his arrival at Team 154, he told the detachment commander: "I outrank you with time in grade as a captain and now I'm the commander!" Good comment, Ron, appreciate the addition and you are the first to leave a 'story' as a comment at the Box.net site.

Jim Davis 'first email' response

1335

Just got my PoMo don't expect to win any contests but want to let you know I'm where I can now sit back and

enjoy it. Everything going well up here. Sure Jim, no contests eh, just had to try and be #1, as always ... glad you are well.

Bob Fitzgerald

1344

What a delight once again to read such a wonderful newsletter jam-packed with great stories and reports of events having to do with the 'best organization in the Air Force' both past and present. Thank you very much for all your hard work in putting it together in such a professional way. God bless you all. Bob, you are always so kind to us. As you know, and we have said before, we are honored to be trusted with the 'bridge' the PoMo is between the 'now' and 'then.' And, a service you help with on the west coast and to our worldwide member base.

Clark Creery

1617

AS YOU KNOW, CLARK IS OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR/DATABASE MANAGER. AS SUCH, AND IN ADDITION TO A LOT OF OTHER THINGS, HE PROVIDES THE MAILING LABELS TO THE BULK MAILERS FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE THE POMO THRU USPS CHANNELS., AND, HE PROVIDES THE ELECTRONIC LINK TO OUR ESUBSCRIBEDRS. THUS, 'WE AND HE' WORKED EXTREMELY CLOSE TOGETHER AT POMO PUBLICATION TIME. ALONG THE WAY, CLARK ALWAYS TAKES THE TIME TO THANK US.

The newsletter that you two put together is certainly well done and I, for one, thank you for all your efforts. I know what it takes to put all this stuff together and it is fun but frustrating. Very good PoMo sir and mam as Sean would say. Clark alludes to the courtesies of our Board Secretary, Sean Ryan! And, as we wrote above, no one would see all our work if it were not for support from the 'few that do.' for our chapter, Clark has been a 'doer' for a long time. Also, Clark was the chapter's first newsletter editor.

Joe Johnson

2158

You and Chris really did a bang up job on the current PO MO. There is just an enormous amount of info in there. Something for everybody. Thanks for your efforts. Joe, ain't it the truth and you play a large role in what we have to write about. I see you paid Jim off again!! He mentions you in his 'report' to this issue. BTW, its neat to hear from two members in CA so quickly!!

MAIL-CALL

Jim Davis

04.10

AFTER GETTING #1 FOR REPORTING IN, JIM HAD MORE TO SAY

Each issue of the PoMo always has a few names that I recall from many years ago...there are still a few around from the early 50's that I recall but never see a mention made of them...here are a few that when mentioned will be remembered by few, mostly "old timers," like John **Lanigan**, who was initially "airborne" type (SEO if you wish) but later crossed trained to "Q." I think he must still be around living out around Sacramento, CA.

Also, we sometimes forget the "non technical"people like Hank **Raymond**...he was an Admin type that I knew at Team 407 in the mid 50's...believe he lives down around Patrick, AFB....you must know him...and another technical type of the Joe **Johnson** vintage is Frank **Winter**...think he spent all his career in the "B" systems...I spent an extended TDY with ole Frank up at Pinedale and another location much farther North installing the ole LP equipment...man, that was a pain in the you know where...but we had a lot of fun ...he and Joe Johnson sure showed me a thing or two about the "B" systems...(I personally think they could be considered AFTAC LEGENDS)...

Then there is Jerry **LaBarre** (still don't know if its Jerry

or Gerry, I'm sure he doesn't care one way or the other)...he was also an airborne type in the mid-50's....don't think he cross trained into another system, but he is now a resident down in the Tampa Bay area (I talk to Jerry often and we use SKYPE for our communications)...

And there are a few others, Ed **Gardiner**, and Gene **McKay** from back then, all of these made the Air Force their career...I know there must be a lot of the younger ones who served only one term in the AF that I have forgotten...but old age does play tricks on some of us and we simply can't remember some of these younger ones...I do often think of the past and wonder if ALL those systems of years ago still contribute to the mission...know the seismic must still operate and I am sure most of the other systems have been retired...anyway you look at it...for me it was one great experience that I wouldn't trade for anything....Hang in there John...you and your helpers are still doing a super job in publishing the PoMo. Jim, nobody can match you for 'LRD Recall,' and writing it down for all to enjoy thru these pages. Thank you for the years you guys 'invented' the mission and writing it down now for us to know.

LATER, 05.09, ALONG THE SAME LINES, JIM PASSED THIS ALONG

Here is a list (John's email below) you may be interested in. I recall almost all of the ones listed. Nice to get a list like this to bring back memories of yesteryear....Jim

John Griffiths (to Bob Baker, CA Board Member) **04.30**

I was referred to your website by Bernie **Barris** of AWRA (Ed: Air Weather). He mentioned a contact with John **Lanigan** of your organization. I emailed John, who I knew way back in 1955 or 56.

John's article 'Way Back When' mentioned several fellow 1009th troopers at WFO and Team 407; many were familiar. I was an SEO from 1955 to 1958, spending most of that time overseas'.

I've attached a list of personnel that I knew and worked with during my time as an SEO. These were both operations and lab guys that perhaps may be remembered by some of your very senior members.

WFO/Team 407 1955-58

Barnes, Charlie F. 'Finkley'
Barr
Burgess, Claude M., M/Sgt
Burns, Timothy S.
Buttery, Thomas W. Major
Cannon, Bantz H. (1st Sgt)
Carter, Allison B.
Chandler, Donald P.
Cimonetti 'Slick'
Coffey, Robert A. 'RA'
Collins, EC
Conklin, George (LAFB, WFO 55)
Coppage, Capt. (WFO - 1955)
Corrado, Anthony M.
Cozine, Ellis 1st Lt. (WFO - 1955)
Davidson, Larry
Davis, 'Red', Sgt.
Deets, Jack L. (CO - 1956?)
Drake, James E.

Drexler, Ronald C.
Ferris, Clifford L., Sgt
Flatman
Franks, Walter L. 'Frankie'
Griffiths, John A Hardin, Kent
Hardin, Kent E.
Hart, William A. 'Doc'
Heckman, Charles F.
Holder, Richard K. 'Country'
Hollingsworth, Thomas (Holly)
M/Sgt (WFO - 1955)
Holm, Logan
Hood, Bobby N.
Hughes, Wallace J.
Ireland, Chadley H.
Jacobson, Robert A.
Jamison, James L.
Johnson, Lt. Col. (CO)
Jones, Bobby G.
Jonson, Lt.

Kay, Billy G.
Lanigan, John
Legg, Arthur C.
Lineman, Harry L.
Malloy, Maj.
McClendon, William D.
McKay, Walter T.
McQuiston, Donald M. 'Max'
Means, Robert G.
Miller, Wilson T.
Nash, Captain (Lab)
Nelson
Nolan, William C.
O'Connor, John (LAFB, WFO 55-56)
O'nan, James N.
Preston, Richard J.
Rapp, William J.
Raymond, Wilbur C. Sgt

Reese, Frederick J.
Ripley, Robert A. Lt.
Robertson, Phillip W. 'Robbie'
Seele, Robert E.
Sherman, Fred M. Capt
Sroka, Joe
Stacknick, Louis N. Sgt
Steinberg, Bruce N.
Stephens, Richard I.
'Steve' (Admin)
Sweeney, Edwin F., Maj.
Thompson, Major
Williams, Major
Turk, James N.
Vogelwede, Jim?
Wilson, James D. 'Abner'
Wilson, Merrill D. 'Willie'

Jim Closs Comment from 'Box. Net' ePoMo 'Link' site 04.11

As usual, great POMO! Nice photo of the construction progress, the first of many I hope so we can all follow the progress. Keep up the good work. Thanks, Jim, we will keep that in mind and try to have one per issue ... remind us around mid-July for the next issue in mid-Aug, and BTW, check the website for progress ... there's a very good chance Susan A Romano/PA will keep us up-to-date and those will be posted.

Bob Chadwick

04.16

E8, RETIRED HARRIS ENGINEER, RETIRED NOW PROUDLY SERVING AS A PALM BAY CITY SIDEWALK INSPECTOR (AND ROADSIDE TRASH COLLECTOR) REFLECTIONS THAT MAY HAVE RELEVANCE CONSIDERING THE NEW HQ BUILDING.

I was assigned to Hq on Telegraph Road in the late 60's. Truly a great building, specifically designed for our outfit in the late 50's, modern, brick, and in a good neighborhood. I worked in Data Terminal Maintenance, in the basement, at the far end of the farthest wing from the front door, in the end office, way past even the lowliest of the data terminals or analysts' rooms.

You'll recall that AFTAC's troops were selected from "the top 2% of the Air Force". Well, I must admit that held pretty true. I recall that the men's latrine in that end of the building was, compared to other similar facilities on bases I've been assigned to, much cleaner and neater and comparatively devoid of graffiti that you usually see. The only graffiti that I saw was "Weirs Beach, NH" in one place, and "grout" neatly penciled into the grout between the tiles on the wall in one of the stalls. That's it. Relatively classy, for graffiti.

Now, fast forward to 1974, after the move to Patrick AFB, and my return from various Pacific places. We had moved into a used, rather dumpy old building that had been vacated as a result of some sort of slow-down in the space program. Old, ratty facilities, rusty as only a place by the beach can get, painted a rather disgusting shade of bus station bathroom green, all over, inside and out, no windows, and a basement area like a dungeon.

No sweat, We all got used to it and adapted. After all, we're still the top 2% of the Air Force, aren't we? However, I shall forever remember the factor that set in cement my reaction to that building, and obviously

described somebody else's feelings. One afternoon, whilst stopping for a bit to convert some coffee I happened to look up and before my eyes I noted that someone, while standing as I, had marked his initials on the wall-in nose art!!

Whoever the anonymous artist was has certainly passed on, either PCS or retired. I certainly hope that his legacy is not recreated in our new building. We agree. Bob is well known for his total recall but, with this story, may have reached new highs, or should that be lows!! Later Bob, added: While I am reminiscing about that move, I recall someone, can't recall who but it was an AFTAC Old-Timer, telling about making the move. Seems someone was discussing how to get all those 99's from DC to Patrick without them getting lost or strayed on the way down. The suggestion was made to simply take them in a big herd to the Atlantic Ocean, point them south and tell them to keep their right foot in the water and their left foot dry, and have a couple guys standing by at the NCO Club at PAFB to grab them as they waddled by.....And on that note, I shall tootle off and find something useful to do with my day. All the best. Nice 'add,' Bob, but, with this method they'd either have to walk backwards or wind up going north!! Actually, Bob corrected this almost immediately but the jab was just too good to pass up.

Bill Strader

05.05

Clark, Thanks for the listing of AFTAC Alumni. I located some I know and found some deceased. I have been in touch with Jim Davis." Thanks for passing this along Clark, and good to help Bill and Jim get in touch.

Jack Wagley, Letter, received, 05.08

OUR READERS MAY RECALL THAT JACK IS OUR #1, ONLY FOR THE MOST PART, LETTER WRITER, AND HE OFTEN WRITES LONG AND STRONG. WE ENJOY HEARING FROM JACK AND TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH HIS HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS.

I hope you can read my pitiful writing. It is caused by my cataract surgery although it was over 3 years ago.

I guess I am one of the few of what I call founders of the Long Range Detection (Program). I found two more who were stationed in DC area at the same time as me. Perhaps there were more but I only found 2, Joe **Johnson** and Colonel **Stubbs**. I believe there are more but not many. I can hope more will turn up.

I would like to hear from more no matter where they were stationed. I am out patient at VA Ann Arbor Health Care System here in Ann Arbor (clinic).

Jack D. Wagley, RR #14, 2750 Waters Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-9649

PS I put in 20+ years military service. I tried to re-enlist but 2 civil service personnel lied when they rated me. This prevented me from re-enlisting since no E-6s were suppose to be re-enlisted if they had 20 years or over.

I got a job in Lawrence KS for 6 years but it did not pay near as much as VA or Social Security. Both my wife Frances and I are disabled, retired and over 81 years of age. My wife Frances is not receiving anywhere near amenities she should be receiving.

Her mother failed to give the children middle names or initials except junior, this gave my wife an (UNK) when they inserted fictitious middle names or initials, included

the bus company where she worked for 29 years, not every day of course. But she should be receiving far more retirement annuities, neither am I, but I am receiving far more than my wife.

My wife did not know she could receive VA amenities until I showed her the VA pamphlet – circulated by VA, Federal benefits for Veteran Dependents and Survivors, VA pamphlet 80-09-01-P94663. I do not think she believes, even after I showed the pamphlet circulated by "US Dept of Veteran Affairs, Washington DC – 20420." Let us hear from you if you can remember us and if you have time. Jack, you are one of our more prolific writers and we are always glad to hear from you. We have a crack decoder assigned directly to your handwriting, Tom Eddleman. We hope those who know you will write to you at the address you provided.

Sage Report(s)

ITEMS OF INTEREST SHARED BY FELLOW SAGES. HYPERLINKS WERE ACTIVE AT THE TIME THEY WERE CHECKED FOR THIS PUBLICATION. WE APOLOGIZE IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE.

Jim Davis (Mystery Sage)

05/12

Hope you noticed the picture....that is how I looked 55+ years ago....notice the cap....you probably didn't know I played baseball as well...I played baseball.. and softball for McClellan AFB back in 1954 and they let me keep my baseball cap...took it with me to 407...as I think back, it was sorta like when you retired from the Air Force...you were supposed to turn in ALL your uniforms....everything from the top of your head to the bottom of your feet...but they did allow you to keep certain things...like...your underwear...socks...and your athletic supporter...but that was it...you had to turn everything else in when you retired....and that was why I still had my McClellan AFB baseball cap...they allowed me to keep it. Anyway, this is an awfully long way to tell you about my picture with the baseball cap isn't it? Long or not its always good to read about 'your old days,' Jim, keep em comin'.

Clark Creery

06.20

FROM GEOSCIENCE WORLD, SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH LETTERS-HERB ROBERTSON, IN MEMORIAM EDITORS NOTE: MANY OF OUR 'B' PEOPLE, AND OTHERS, MAY APPRECIATE THIS.

Eugene T. Herrin Jr. (1929–2010)

Gene Herrin, the Shuler-Foscue Chair of Geological Sciences at Southern Methodist University, died on 20 November 2010, a day after his 81st birthday and two days after teaching his final seismology class. His 60-year career in geophysics research and teaching is marked with awards, benchmark research contributions, and leadership (often outside of visibility) in the university and geophysics community. More Here: [HTTP://SRL.GEOSCIENCEWORLD.ORG/CONTENT/82/2/174.FULL](http://SRL.GEOSCIENCEWORLD.ORG/CONTENT/82/2/174.FULL)

Tom Niquette

07.11

(Air Power) WOW, wonderful. Great photos, great descriptions. Best combination I've seen. An email to save.

<http://www.slideshare.net/Slyoldawg/awesome-aviation-artww2-8486192>

MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR
NOTE: PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATIONS IN FULL. WE GET SOME THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE AND YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

'Serial Sages'

(New Lifetime Members/Total, 559)

COL **WORLEY**, AFTAC/CC, HONORARY; DENNIS **HACKNER**;
'Sustaining Sages'
 (Annual Members, new and renewals/Total, 621)
 JOHN **GRIFFITHS** – 1 YEAR

New/Renewal Notes

WE HAVE AN ONGOING REQUEST WITH CLARK CREEY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, TO PASS ON ANY NOTES HE RECEIVES DURING THIS PROCESS.

Craig L. Adams

05.Midmonth

Got to looking at the worldwide listing and noted my location needs to be updated and that I'm not listed as a lifetime member (which I am). Please let me know how I might help. Interestingly, Clark replied, "Craig was one of those who had numerous failures due to address, email address, etc. So I temporarily removed him. We know they are reading the website now because here is a smattering of the back and forth."
 --Its great this one 'straightened itself' out ... thanks, Craig

Special Notice, Hiram Bilyeu (continued from page 5)

Pierce spent most of his Air Force career in Weather Reconnaissance flying a variety of aircraft and served as **Commander of the 55th Weather Recon Squadron in McClellan AFB, CA**. He was proud of the fact that he was able to have his son Jay assigned to the same AFB and that Jay was able to fly with him over the North Pole and to England. Only later in life as information was declassified did the family learn that their assignments were connected with the collection {Pierce} and analysis {Jay} of nuclear weapons debris.

During his career with the USAF he was involved in flying Air Weather Recon missions in support the Berlin Airlift, Developing Polar flight navigation techniques for commercial aviation, Manned Space flight, the Cuban Missile Crisis and Hurricane Hunting. He retired at the rank of Colonel on Sept. 1, 1975. As we went to press we asked Jay to review this report. In that process, Jay asked his brother Chip to also help. Both replied in a positive manner, and Chip added two websites with additional information: first is a newsletter document,, <http://www.awra.us/news.html> the second, a very interesting 31 minute video, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Up3TTxG3LU>

Scene Sages, Change of Command, May 15th

COURTESY OF SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/PA

Editor's Note: This is the perfect place to make mention of the support **Susan** provides this alumni assn chapter. She never fails to involve us in numerous AFTAC events she covers provides text and pictures. --this is also a good place to highlight our 'Membership Chair,' Clark **Creery**, and his contributions to our website, especially in the area of images. He is unflagging in taking inputs from the various sources we have and getting them posted on our website in a most timely and presentable manner. , **Susan** and **Clark**, a very special thank you!!'



Col Worley, commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., addresses the crowd after assuming command of the center May 15, 2012. (below) **Honor guard:** SSgt's Wells and Miller, SrA's Sanchez, and O'Connor. **Flag ceremony:** MGen Otto, Col Worley, Chief Nederhoed (U.S. Air Force Photos by Julie Dayringer)



Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center watch the 'Change of Command.' Col Prupas relinquished command to Col. Christopher A. Worley, who comes to AFTAC after serving on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Julie Dayringer)



PREZ Terry FROM Hammond THE TOP SEN

My term as President, FY2012, is coming to a close so I want to take this opportunity to pass on some of my thoughts and observations about our organization.

First I would like to thank my fellow officers (Dave **Melton**-VP, Sean **Ryan**-Sec, and Joe **Goldian**-Treas) who made my job so enjoyable and easy. Next I would like to recognize and thank the dedicated group of members, some filling official "Appointed" positions, and others that just attend meetings and contribute without official titles that are really the heart and soul of the LRDA. These dedicated members, including such well known names as John & Christel **Horsch** (PoMo), Clark & Ruth **Creery** (Membership), Judy **Milam-Henderson**, Deborah **Carson**, Frank **Hall**, Bob **Wiley**, Gene and Dee **Melchior**, a host of AOY's, and too many more to list, are the ones that make our organization viable and successful. And finally I'd like to thank the Active-Duty members headed up by Chiefs **Nederhoed**, **Melton**, and **Revels** (Ret) for participation and contributions.

This Core Group has kept the LRDA active and successful over many years through their dedicated service. The one concern I have developed over this past year is that I haven't seen a lot of new members, either retired or Active-Duty, get involved. Without a constant influx of new, young members we run the risk of losing the organization's vitality as the current Core Group grows older. We have had a "new/returning" members attend our meetings over this past year, including Bob **Morton**, Dan **Gilb**, Brenda **Clarson** and Col **Worley**, but more often than not our **New Members/Guests Introductions**: entry into our minutes is **None Present**.

In order to increase participation in our organization I would like to encourage those members who have not been active to attend just one Board Meetings (2nd Monday each month except Sep when we have the general membership meeting), and those members that already are active to bring one new guest/member to each meeting. In that way we can hopefully increase the size of the Core Group and infuse some new ideas and opinions into the LRDA.

I have enjoying serving as the President of the LRDA this year, and my over 22 years as a Lifetime member since my retirement, 1990, and I think that the only thing that could make us better is to see more participation by retirees and Active-Duty members, and all who are eligible, i.e., anyone who has served or is serving.

Florida Membership/Sages WorldWide (WW) Directories: WW is an expanded listing of all who serve/served and we have record of-it is 'searchable' at the Florida Chapter website: 'https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/'-Pg 07.' Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members from the Florida Membership Chair, Clark Creery, 'ccreery@cfl.rr.com.'

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-Terry Hammond Vice-CMSgt David Melton/TM
Secretary-Sean Ryan Treasurer-Joe Goldian

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Nederhoed/CCS Hall of Heritage-Mike Young/CC HO
Hospitality-Judy Milam Web/Electronic Media-Mike Black, Clark
Creery, Editors Membership-Clark Creery Newsletter (Post-Monitor)
Editors-John and Christel Horsch Publicity-VACANT
Sage Shop-CMSgt Steve Revels/IG

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A Minute with the Minutes

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

Golf: Chief Melton/TM, 'Major Arranger' reports, see pg 1.

Hall of Heritage: Mike Young/CC HO, We are moving slowly ahead with creating an AFTAC display at HQ, AFISRA. Right now we are in the process of planning the mock-up of a foil (to highlight airborne sampling) and procuring an older seismometer (to highlight seismic). Next steps will then be to work with the AFISRA HO display expert to put all of this together. It will probably be completed sometime this summer.

The design of the new building is 100% complete. I am satisfied at this point that our new 'Hall of Heritage' will have adequate space to tell our (your!) remarkable story and to preserve our heritage.

Membership: Clark Creery, WorldWide-4605, SEO-170, Deceased-438, FL/LT-623/561, ePoMo/USPS, 281/342.

'Membership Musings'

CLARK CREERY, 06.29

Here we are approaching a brand new Florida Alumni Membership year and I am proud to report that over the last year we have reduced the incorrect snail mailings from 35 to 11. These were instances of incorrect addresses, folks moving without telling us, and locations unknown. Even our email rejections for those who are on electronic mailings are down. My personal thanks go out to every one of you for your attention to detail and for keeping us informed.

We have had this Association for the past 27 years and we are not just a group of 'old fogies' because collectively we are a community that understands and we are held together as a family.

Of our 623 Florida members we will be sending out 42 requests in September for dues payment. Don't forget us because this year, as of 31 December, you will be removed from active status if you do not keep your dues up to date.

We continue to suggest that everyone entertain becoming part of our electronic society. If you don't know how to use your computer, just ask and we will do all

we can to obtain assistance for you. Having computer access today is almost as important as having a vehicle because everything is being done electronically.

Evidently things seem to be working properly because in the two years since we instituted an Electronic Post Monitor I have only had to change three addresses. We currently have 281 receiving the ePoMo as we call it! Let us know what you think. ccreery@cfl.rr.com Your editors thank Clark for these reminders ... and the encouragement to go 'electronic' - 'try it, you'll like it.'



COLORADO NEWSLETTER, 2012.07, EXTRACTS

ECHOES

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

Membership: 87

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) AND CONTACT BEFORE COMING
General Membership Breakfast, Sept 15, 0830, Aurora Hills Club House.

Dinner/Social November 10th, details in next issue.

Summer Picnic with the Detachments is pending. We will advise locally by separate email/telephone when available.



'WORLDWIDE REUNION, 2013'

The AFTAC Alumni of Colorado will host the 2013 Worldwide AFTAC-Long Range Detection Alumni Association Reunion at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Denver-Aurora, which is located at the southwest corner of I-225 and Iliff Avenue in Aurora. (The actual address is: 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014.)

The reunion reception will be held on Friday evening, 14 June, Flag Day, and the reunion banquet will be Sat-

urday evening, 15 June. Other possibilities include a golf tournament on Friday and a tour of Detachment 45 at Buckley AFB on Saturday.

Also being planned is a **Detachment 418 alumni reunion event** possibly on Thursday, 13 June, in conjunction with the worldwide reunion on Friday and Saturday. Frank **Calenda** and Al **Derickson** are 'Major Arrangers' and have contacted those for whom they have information-if you believe you've been missed, contact Frank at fcalenda@aol.com.

The DoubleTree Hotel is providing a special \$89 plus tax reunion room rate for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, standard king (one king bed) or standard double (two double beds), single or double occupancy. This rate includes a complimentary full breakfast buffet and also applies for three nights before and after on a space available basis.

The DoubleTree Hotel will also be providing a special reunion web site for alumni to make reservations and provide additional information about the hotel and local area. A link to this special reunion web site, additional reunion information and registration forms will be publicized as they become available a little later this year.

Scene Sages, February 2012 Breakfast



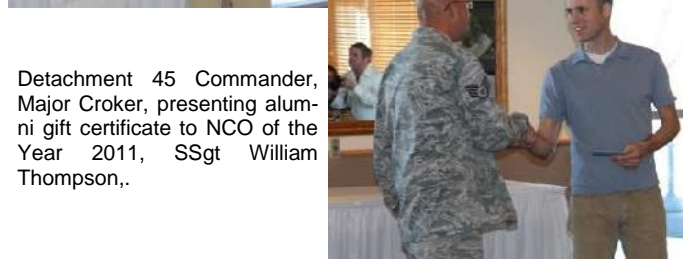
Chapter President, Jack Smith & Detachment 46 Superintendent, MSgt Jason Pierce, presenting alumni gift certificate to the Detachment 46 Airman of the Year 2011, SrA Daniel Klein.



MSgt Pierce presenting alumni gift certificate to the Detachment 46 NCO of the Year 2011, SSgt Steven Bazzell.



Detachment 45 Commander, Major Croker, (blue shirt) presenting alumni gift certificate to Airman of the Year 2011, SrA Nathan Hoag. Jack looks on.



Detachment 45 Commander, Major Croker, presenting alumni gift certificate to NCO of the Year 2011, SSgt William Thompson.

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2012.07, EXTRACTS

DEPOT FALLOUT

2012-13 Board: Dave **Tarquino**, President; Joe **Johnson**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George **Thompson**, Asst. COB; Steve **Fritts**, Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Sec; Dave **Price**, Membership; Don **King**, Newsletter Editor; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>.

Membership: 154, 135 are Lifetime



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dave Tarquino, WCC President

Mark your calendars! We have firm dates for our Fall Social on 10 November, 2012; and the 2013 Reunion 14 -15 June, 2013. Hope to see you there. The AFTAC Alumni of **Colorado will host the 2013 Worldwide AF-TAC-Long Range Detection Alumni Association Reunion** at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Denver-Aurora, which is located at the southwest corner of I-225 and Iliff Avenue in Aurora. (The actual address is: 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014). The reunion reception will be held on **Friday evening, 14 June, Flag Day, and the reunion banquet will be Saturday evening, 15 June**. Other possibilities include a golf tournament on Friday and a tour of Detachment 45 at Buckley AFB on Saturday.

--also being planned is a **Detachment 418 alumni reunion event possibly on Thursday, 13 June, in conjunction** with the worldwide reunion on Friday and Saturday. (courtesy of Bill Schmied CO Chapter Treasurer)

NEWS REQUEST

Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor

Please feel free to submit neat things that you do now. Remember that we are a fraternity! There must be a lot of untold stories out there and some interesting photos. They need not be humorous, just something interesting for AFTAC insiders. Don't be paranoid about the classified issues. I will sanitize it based upon advice from knowledgeable advisors.

Membership News

DAVE PRICE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As of 11 June 2012: Welcome to new life member,

Richard DiMeola. Total Active Members = 154 Life Members = 135. New members are **John Taylor** and **Frank Romano** and reinstatement of **Bill Johnson** and **Richard Anderson**.

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. Life memberships available for \$75. You can use the "Membership-Application/Roster Update" form from our web site "**Forms**" page to send with your dues.

Events Calendar

Business/Member meetings are now the **2nd Mondays** quarterly at the Lions Gate Restaurant, McClellan.

(Always check our '**Events**' page at www.AFTACWCC.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)

10 Sep 2012 - 10 Dec 2012

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOC. – WEST COAST CHAPTER

Fall Social, Saturday, 10 Nov 2012, 11:30-2:30PM

At the China Buffet – Banquet Room 5623 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights, Ca 95610, (916) 961-6888, \$13.00

Scrapbook

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Command Section



Col. Christopher A. Worley

Commander (CC) 2012.05. The Col served the AF in many capacities before AFTAC. Most recently chief of requirements and assessments, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance at the Pentagon. Col Worley was commissioned in '92 from the AF Officer Training Group-he was a distinguished graduate. Bio: <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



CMSgt John E. Nederhoed

Superintendent (CCS) 2008.04. AF1983/AFTAC1987. The Chief has served AFTAC in many capacities and at many locations to include TOD, multiple detachments/positions and recently, First Sergeant and Superintendent, DO. Education: All NCO Academies (Distinguished Grad, NCO Acad) and has earned several AS of Science Degrees. Bio: <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



Change of Command 'Honors past, looks to future'

SUSAN A. ROMANO, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS



MGen. Otto (left), CMSgt. Nederhoed, Col. Prupas & Col. Worley stand at attention during Ceremony. Prupas relinquished command to Worley after serving as the center's commander since June 2010. Otto, commander of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, served as the officiating officer for the ceremony. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Julie Dayringer)

5/15/2012 - PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- More than 200 members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, distinguished visitors from the local community, Airmen from the 45th Space Wing, family and friends paid tribute as AFTAC held its Change of Command ceremony today.

"This ceremony is not just about honoring the accomplishments of the past, but looking to the future," said Maj. Gen. Robert **Otto**, commander of the Air Force Intelli-

gence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency and the ceremony's presiding officer. "The Air Force has a rich and prestigious history, and its heritage is chronicled in our ceremonies," said Otto. "All these ceremonies are important to us, but the most important is the change of command. It honors the transfer of authority from one to another, and it allows the men and women of the command to witness this formal event."

Otto spoke these words as authority was transferred from Col. Aaron **Prupas**, AFTAC's outgoing commander, to Col. Christopher **Worley**, AFTAC's new man in charge. Prupas took command of the organization in June 2010, and according to Otto, the unit "expanded and grew, surpassing all goals and expectations."

During Prupas' tenure, AFTAC analyzed more than 23,000 seismic events worldwide as the center executed its nuclear event detection mission. Said Otto, "National agencies found AFTAC's information to be so impressive that they used it for their own analyses and reports." The unit's operations tempo quickly accelerated when an earthquake struck Japan in March 2011. During Operation Tomodachi, the United States' response to the disaster, AFTAC's WC-135 aircraft, known as the Constant Phoenix, flew sampling missions and collaborated on aircraft and personnel decontamination plans when the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant experienced severe equipment failures. "AFTAC's response and procedures during Tomodachi were benchmarked by both the US Navy and the Federal Aviation Administration for wider use," said Otto.

During Prupas' leadership, the center won scores of quarterly, annual and functional awards at the installation level and higher, and the AFTAC officer promotion rate was an astounding 100 percent - 27 out of 27 officers were promoted under Prupas' command.

As AFTAC Airmen stood in formation rendering their respect to their commander, Otto presented Prupas with a Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service. The citation, in part, stated that Prupas masterfully expanded and organized a group-equivalent unit of more than 940 personnel in 14 manned locations with field elements in 50 nations on all seven continents, which resulted in substantial contributions to the effectiveness and success of the center's nuclear treaty monitoring mission.

Following the medal presentation, Prupas expressed his gratitude to the men and women who worked for him over the past two years. "All of AFTAC's accomplishments didn't come without their own set of challenges - challenges that you, Team AFTAC, overcame," he said. "During some of the most trying times, I saw a cohesive, professional, dedicated and focused team put to the test, and passed with flying colors. I am proud to have worked side-by-side with you during these past two years."

Worley comes to AFTAC from the Pentagon, where he served on the Joint Staff's ISR Task Force. He began his career as a Command and Control officer, then in 1995 cross-trained to become an intelligence officer. This will be his second command tour; the first was as the commander of the 450th Intelligence Squadron in Ramstein, Germany.

"I am honored, humbled and extraordinarily grateful to be entrusted with this command and responsibility, and I will

strive to exceed your expectations and carry on the tradition of excellence which has come to define AFTAC operations and history," said Worley. Prupas is moving to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he will take command of the National Air and Space Intelligence Center. Welcome aboard Sir, we look forward to your support and working with you.

Col Worley, Highlights:

Colonel Worley was commissioned in 1992 through the Air Force Officer Training Group where he was a distinguished graduate. He initially served as a command and control officer before cross-training to become an intelligence officer in 1995. He has served in a variety of squadron and staff positions, both in the United States and abroad, to include serving as the first commander for the reinstated 450th Intelligence Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School and the U.S. Army War College. He is the 2005 recipient of the National Military Intelligence Association Maj. Gen. Jack E. Thomas Award recognizing the top intelligence professional in the Air Force. **Combat** deployments include operations Southern Watch, Vigilant Warrior, Desert Fade, Desert Focus, Desert Fox, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Assured Delivery and Odyssey Dawn.

Education includes many hours of study with **Master's** Degrees in strategic intelligence and strategic studies-**Distinguished** Graduate, Command Control Officer Course and Intelligence Officer Course.

Assignments to multiple intelligence positions, several of which were 'Joint Assignments.'

Major Awards, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with Valor Device, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS, 2003 Air Force Field Grade Intelligence Officer of the Year, 2003 DoD/NMIA Maj. Gen. Jack E. Thomas USAF Intelligence Professional of the Year, 2010 US Army War College Public Speaking Award.

Complete Biography: <http://www.afisr.af.mil/library/biographies/bio.asp?id=15626>

Col Prupas Farewell 'Greetings Long Rangers!'

COLONEL AARON M. PRUPAS, AFTAC COMMANDER 2010.06-12.05



Well, the time has come for me to say 'so long' to AFTAC. Notice I didn't say 'farewell' or 'goodbye.' Those words have more of a permanent meaning, whereas 'so long' is temporary. The great folks of the Alumni Association have done a super job of letting me know that, "Once an AFTAC'er, always an AFTAC'er!"

Over the past two years, as I became involved in alumni activities, I began to understand that being a member of the Long Range Detection Alumni Association is not always about fun and games, but it carries with it a certain amount of responsibility – responsibility to our Sages whose passion for this organization is

surpassed only by their patriotism.

The role of an alumnus is a lifelong duty. It requires dedication, involvement, and a willingness to stay connected with fellow alumni. It also means you are devoted to the AFTAC mission and its current workforce.

I was fortunate enough to have been invited to several Alumni Association events, and every time I attended one, I was always struck by the passion of each member – passion that comes from the tremendous **sense** of pride each of you demonstrate for having been a part of AFTAC's incredible history. I only regret that my short time at AFTAC and commitments of command did not allow me to participate in as many LRDAAs as I would have liked.

Our Alumni are a vibrant community, and I pass my sincere thanks to you for your valuable presence at promotion ceremonies, annual awards banquets, changes of command, Spring Picnics, Winter Socials, parties, distinguished visitor tours, and virtually every AFTAC function.

I am proud to carry the title of "Lifetime Member" of the LRDAAs. Our community is a small one, so I am confident that our paths will cross again someday, and I look forward to staying in touch with you all through the Post Monitor.

I know you will welcome my successor, Col. Chris Worley, and his wife, Lt. Col. Julie Worley, as warmly as you welcomed my family and me into the fold. I am confident you will find the Worleys equally supportive and involved in alumni events.

On behalf of my wife, Amie and my daughter, Morgan, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support, friendship and dedication to the AFTAC mission. So long! Thank you Sir, for these kind words and the support you always rendered ... that support was critical on several levels not the least of which was the credibility and gravitas it gave the association.

AFTAC HQ 'a Building'

EDITOR: WE HAVE NUMEROUS ARTICLES/LINKS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT AT THE WEBSITE AND SOME ARE PUBLISHED LATER IN THIS SECTION. WE ALSO HAVE A REALLY SUPER PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRESS THANKS TO MSGT'S (RET) MARK SMITH (SON OF SMITTY FOR THOSE WHO KNOW HIM) AND CLARK CREEPY, OUR MEMBERSHIP GUY, AS HE CALLS HIMSELF, AND ALL AROUND 'DOER.' CHECK ALL OF THIS REGULARLY TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE. SOME OF THE PICTURES FOLLOW.



From our 2012.04 issue

"Progress continues on the \$158 million, three-building complex that will include its headquarters, a laboratory and a parking garage for its unique and highly specialized mission — the largest construction project in the Air Force when announced last year."

AFTAC's NEW BUILDING



Architectural rendering

Hensel Phelps Construction Company
is responsible for the fabrication.

Above is the 'lead in' picture for the 'super presentation' just mentioned. Followed by, what else, the groundbreaking and then our latest picture as the third story goes up.

GROUND BREAKING

6.17.2011



Headquarters' Active Duty Schedule: ***NOTE: Sages are invited to participate***

PROVIDED BY SEAN RYAN, LRD ALUMNI ASSN BOARD SECRETARY, MAINTAINED BY JEANNINE KEPNER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMANDER

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	POC
WindDown	1st Friday Each Month/1530	Outback	Various
LRDAA Monthly Meeting	2nd Monday/Ea Month/1700 or other designated time	1645 HQ's Outback or other Venue	Alumni Website, URL listed below.
Burger Burn	Every Thursday/1100 -1230	Outback	Various
Pack-n-Wrap for the Troops	Bi-Monthly/1830	Various, contact POC	aftacspouse@yahoo.com

Ed Note: this lists only recurring events ... for a complete list of all events, current and recurring, see the 'Schedule of Events' kept up to date, and complete, at the website, <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/4-active-duty-schedule>.



AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed

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

<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/aftac-cares-program-support-our-deployed>

'Cares' Contact: Carol Snyder, Carol.Snyder@patrick.af.mil, Carol provides this update: "We just mailed 16 Care packages to our deployed - next care package 'pack and wrap' will be 27 Sep, see contact info in schedule below. Over this period, we received several **very desirable phone cards**, and several notes of appreciation from those deployed.

NOTE: Carol forwards these notes to your PoMo editors upon receipt. We post them at the 'Alumni Association' website, These 'Thanks' make very good reading and provide insight into what our deployed experience.

Editor's Note: There are numerous 'Thank You' email at the website (URL above), so many that we do not have space for them here. Recent thanks include Capt's **Pasoor** and **Butler** (2 ea) (mention of storms!), 1Lt **Maynard**, SrA **Brown**, Maj's **Talbot** and **Markland** and still posted is the '**Nagle Family**' 'must read' we mentioned last issue.

The Boosters Club Prez Reports (Elections-Nov)

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT; LT **PASTOOR** VICE: **SSGT ENNESSER**
TREAS: **SSGT JORDAN** SECRETARY: **MSGT PYLE**, PUBLIC AFFAIRS: **LT DELORME**, HOT DOG SALES: **A1C HUNT**, TOP BANANA REP: **TSGT SANGER** CLOTHING SALES REP: **SSGT PAYTON**

THIS MONTH'S REPORT BY SSGT ENNESSER/LSOMH, LT PASTOOR IS DEPLOYED

'WINTER SOCIAL' DEC 14TH/'TOILET BOWL' SEP

These events are well attended and not to be missed. The 'Crown Plaza' on A1A is again the 'place to be' for this year's 'Center Winter Social. And, the 'Toilet Bowl' will be in Sept with the date still to be determined. As always, Carol **Snyder**, Assn Prime 'Intrepid Insider,' is the 'Sage Contact,' carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil.'

We have a large number of **99/9S coins** available for \$8 apiece. Order thru the 'Sage Shop' available at the back pages of this issue.

To follow events at the Center see the NOTE below.

PoMo NOTE: We pass on information we receive via eALLert 's to subscribed members (open to all) and at the alumni assn website, 'Breaking News' and/or 'Active Duty Schedule/Booster's Club Newsletter,' Page 05. Check there often for updates and much more..

AFTAC 'In the Base News, "Missiler"



PHOTO BY JULIE DAYRINGER

Brig. Gen. Anthony **Cotton**, 45th Space Wing Commander, awards the **Commander's Cup 1st Place** to team members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center during the annual 'Sports Awards Banquet' April 4 at 'The Tides.' The banquet was held to award Commander's Cup Trophies, and to honor Male and Female Athletes of the Year, as well as the top Intramural and Varsity sports teams of 2011.

Pictured: BG Anthony **Cotton**, 45 SW/CC Col John **Parker**, AFTAC/CV CMSgt John **Nederhoed**, AFTAC/CCS SSgt Jaime **Benites**, AFTAC/THSE Thomas **Highsmith**, AFTAC/MM Capt Sarah **Zimmerman**, AFTAC/TMV Command CMSgt Herman "Lou" **Moyer**, 45 SW/CCC

AFTAC 'Now'

SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/PA, PROVIDES ITEM OF INTEREST ON A REGULAR BASIS. THESE ARE OF INTEREST TO OUR SAGES AND POSTED AT THE ALUMNI ASSN WEBSITE, 'BREAKING/NEWS TO KNOW,' PAGE, <https://sites.google.com/site/LRDALUMNIASSN/NEEDTOKNOWNOW/1D-ASSOCIATION-NEWSLETTER-POST-MONITOR/5A-BREAKING-NEWS-UPDATED-07-30>

--CHECK THERE OFTEN. AS SPACE PERMITS WE WILL ALSO PRESENT THEM HERE. ALSO, MANY OF SUSAN'S ITEMS ARE POSTED AT THE 'AFISR' WEBSITE. WE WILL OFTEN REFER YOU TO THAT SITE IF YOU CARE TO READ 'MORE.' THE LINKS WERE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THIS NEWSLETTER BUT MAY EXPIRE AT ANY TIME.

06.26 Posting. Families recall Khobar attack Five from PAFB killed in 1996 terrorist strike

Written by R. Norman Moody FLORIDA TODAY, 06.26 PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE — Air Force Col. Christopher **Worley** was a young lieutenant serving with the 27th Fighter Squadron when a terrorist truck bomb ripped through housing quarters in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 airmen, including five based at Patrick Air Force Base. Hundred of others were injured. Worley, now the commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick, joined others Monday at a memorial ceremony there to honor those killed in the June 25, 1996 attack on Khobar Towers. [The link originally used was not available. however, it could be reinstated. A general search yields much.](#)

06.08 Posting. Daughter jumps to new academic heights

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Point guards in basketball aren't necessarily known for their height; rather, the position is often referred to as the 'quarterback of the hardwood' for a very

good reason — they are responsible for creating scoring opportunities for the team. For one local Brevard point guard, soon she will add marching, saluting, drilling and combat training to her point guard responsibilities. Monique Alexandria Hall, daughter of retired Air Force Master Sgt. Alex Hall, recently learned she was accepted to play Division I basketball at the United States Air Force Academy.

Picture(s), Read More Here, <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305237>

06.07 Posting. By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.(Editors Note: this is an 06.06 Notice) —

Nearly 350 tons of steel are on the way to Patrick AFB to form the structure that will eventually become the Air Force Technical Applications Center's new headquarters facility. The military construction project, which broke ground in January, has entered Phase III of construction, which includes the delivery and erection of steel beams. The first piece of steel 'went vertical' Tuesday and the process will continue through the September time-frame. Pictures and more, <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123304996>

05.25 Posting. AFTAC Airman wins national-level award

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — A member of the Air Force Technical Applications Center here is the recipient of the 63rd Annual Arthur S. Flemming Award in the field of Applied Science, Engineering and Mathematics. Capt. Joshua A. **Burger**, a systems engineer with AFTAC, earned the prestigious award that recognizes outstanding federal employees who make significant and extraordinary contributions to the federal government. Photo Read More Here, <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123303469> .

05.19 Posting. Boy Scouts earn nuke badge, thanks to AFTAC Airmen

- By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs - PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Boy Scouts from across Brevard County converged here May 12 to earn the coveted Nuclear Science Merit Badge, thanks to scientists and engineers from the Air Force Technical Applications center. The badge, which was formerly known as the Atomic Energy Merit Badge, is just one of more than a hundred badges scouts can earn as members of the national organization that helps boys build character and become responsible and productive citizens. Read More Here, with pictures. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123302640>

05.14 Posting. AFTAC Building in the news, Florida Today, 05.14. "End on horizon for historic AFTAC building at Patrick AFB"

Worley assuming command as newer, bigger complex comes to life. [The link originally used was not available. however, it could be reinstated.](#)

05.03 Posting. Running Coast-to-Coast, Florida style

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center took on an overnight challenge March 30-31 as they embarked on a coast-to-coast relay race, Florida style. Called the 'Sunset-to-Sunrise' Relay, the 180-mile race began in the picturesque area of Ft. Myers, Fla., situated on the Gulf of Mexico, and ended at beautiful Jensen Beach on the Atlantic coast. Read more, with pictures, here, <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123300621>

04.17 Posting. Construction site more 'concrete'

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs Read more, with pictures, here, <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123298396>

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

1. **"Commander's reCall"**/2007.09
2. **"I Remember ..."**/In this issue
3. **"A Family Affair"**-Parent/Child Serve LRD/2007.09
4. **"Sage Stars"**-Post LRD Success/2010.08
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7. **"Tom's Trivia"**/In this issue

"I REMEMBER ..."

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified** career memories (events, people, etc.).

HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd, John Horsch (3-articles), Jim Payne, Tom Ciambrone (deceased), Robert Jones (deceased), Mary Miller, Jim Davis (6), Rick Holderman (2 articles), Carl Raines, Dan Burk, Harry Bedsworth, Walter Franks, Bill Braukman (deceased), George Kraus (2), George Waters (2), Marvin Ross, Joe Marshall, Chuck Conrad, Joe Johnson (2), John Bright(3), Robert Mason, Curt Smith (3) Jim Lillethun, William Koerschner, Glenn Kennedy (deceased), Tom Dunn, Bob Long, Vern Mikkelsen, Brian Swan (deceased), Bruce Deffler, Les Miller, Clark Wilberg, Lloyd French, Tony Balentine, Wayne Myers, Clark Creery, Gary Warfield, Clentis Bailey, Dr. Romney, Bob Chadwick, Dave Wingfield, Bill Moran, Ron Geleta, Harry Hodges, Mary Welch (Deceased, 2),

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'I REMEMBER' REPORTS

Mary Welch (Deceased) 'Reports'

AS WE WROTE LAST ISSUE, WE EDITORS HAVE MANY PLEASANT SURPRISES. AN UNFOLDING SURPRISE IS MACK WELCH MAILING THE BOXES OF MEMORABILIA MARY HAD PLANNED TO SEND. JUDY MILAM AND CLARK CREERY ARE CASTING THEIR EXPERIENCED EYE AT WHAT MARY NOW PROVIDES US AND ALONG THE WAY WE ARE REMINDED OF MISSION ITEMS OF INTEREST TO PASS ALONG. THIS ISSUE::

"Observation Island (Cobra Judy)"



Observation Island (Cobra Judy) is a United States Air Force ship borne phased array radar system. The Military Sealift Command is responsible for operating the ship, while the USAF is responsible for operating the radar systems and overall mission accomplishment."

Mary had a note attached to the photograph: 'AFTAC manages the world's most powerful ship-based X-band radar aboard USNS Observation Island. This is a Navy-owned ship run by the Military Sealift Command, formerly the Merchant Marine. This radar monitors re-entry vehicles in support of arms control treaties such as the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty.'

The Picture is dated 3/85 "RVITS Still Image Laboratory" Operated by the Bionetics Corporation CCAFS/ESMC/RSS.

'MORE FROM MARY'-WITH A JIM DAVIS EXPLANATION::



CLARK CREERY SENT THIS PICTURE TO IDENTIFY THE GENERAL-THAT IS MGEN RODENHAUSER, CC AUG 58-MAR 66, AND I RECOGNIZED THE 'SITTING SENIOR,' SMSGT THAT IS!! WHO ELSE BUT JIMMY DAVIS, 'RED' AS SOME KNEW HIM. WE PASSED THIS ALONG FOR HIS STORY ON THIS EVENT.

Yeah that's me...ole Bill Taylor and I gave the General a portrait of himself for some reason which I have forgotten.....but....did you notice the important thing....I had the General standing while I sat there telling him what it was all about !!!!!...don't remember where it was hung, but think maybe it was hung in the General's office...but, he could have taken it home and hung it in his living room.....who knows ????...and did you notice ...he was looking directly at meand paying attention to what I was telling him.....This triggers another memory I had with Gen. Rodenhauser...I was the manager of our softball team and it was the tradition to present Gen Rodenhauser with a baseball cap at the beginning of the season ...in hopes it would encourage him to attend some of our games....well, when I went into his office to present him "his cap"...I said a few words and handed him his cap...he looked at me and said...."Jim, just why do you think I should attend the softball games"...I said

in a sorta an impulsive way..."it would be good to see our commander there and know that he supports our extra-curricular activities"...well,...he flew into me and said..." do you think for a moment that our troops don't know who the hell I am and I have to attend a softball game to let them know who I am"?...well...I backed off and handed him the cap anyway and he graciously accepted it.....so there you go...that's another story that I had forgotten about !!!!thanks for reminding me of another good memory !!!!!

AND, AS READERS KNOW, JIM CAN NEVER JUST 'EAT ONE:'

... as you well know,,,with me, one things leads to another when I start telling things about memories of my past.....here is another one.....at headquarters, we had a bowling league and I happened to be on a team with Tom **Sullivan**, Jim **Salus** (deceased) and another excellent bowler who I cannot remember, but we had the best team in the league and they carried me simply because I was really not a good bowler and they needed someone with a big handicap to help...(I had about a 140 average...Tom and Jim had about a 200 average each) we also had Gen Scott **Hall**. Who like myself had about a 140 average...,with the two top bowlers and two with a high handicap we always managed to come out on top ...can't remember who the other bowlers on our team..but we had a lot of fun.....for some reason, I always managed to get along well with everyone....including the General's (**Rodenhauser**, Hall, **Siliman**..etc) anyway I can remember Gen Hall and I would banter back and forth with each other and if I got a "strike". I'd say, "come on General, give me a little help, I can't do it all by myself....of course they certainly didn't need me ..or the General to carry the team...but it did create a little humor...and we did have fun !!!! I often think my extra-curricular efforts were far better than my technical ability...but we managed to get the job done !!!!!

Wayne Shearer 'Reports'

PER OUR STANDING REQUEST, CLARK (CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR) PASSES MAIL ALONG TO US. WE CHECK WITH THE WRITER BEFORE PUBLISHING. WAYNE'S REPORT WAS JUST TOO DARN INTERESTING AND WELL WRITTEN NOT TO USE. A LOT OF US HAVE A SIMILAR STORY TO TELL ABOUT OUR LRD BEGINNING!!

I was born in Columbia, OH, and we moved to Ironville Road when I was about 5 years old, where I was raised. Went to Farmdale Elementary and then on to Hempfield, where I graduated in 1965. (Our 45th was in 2010, our 50th is in 3 years). After graduation, worked about a year and a half at Armstrong floor plant (electrical apprentice) and enlisted (ok, truth be told... they were going to draft me...So I fixed them...instead of getting drafted for 2 years, I enlisted for 4 years... seemed to make sense at 19...lol) in USAF in 1966. Basic at Lackland. One day we came back to the barracks after PC and I had a message to report to a Colonel at an office on the other side of the base. Well, in Basic, where a Captain is next to God... a Colonel!!!! I figured that I must have done something REALLY bad and I was about to see what the brig

looked like from the inside.

I was late because I couldn't find the building. When I arrived, I was truly scared. The guy at the reception desk said everything was fine, the Colonel had been on the phone and asked if I wanted a Coke...a Coke...in Basic...I didn't know whether it was a gift or something akin to my last supper...but I took it anyhow...hadn't had one for weeks.

I reported to the Colonel...messed up my reporting salute...probably was visibly shaking. (Remember, I grew up a country boy in Lancaster County...I'd never met someone as important as a Colonel!). But, much to my surprise this guy asked me to sit down, got me another Coke, and talked to me like he was human. Explained that I was being considered for a "special assignment" in the Air Force and then proceeded to ask me all sorts of questions. When he was done, I left and went back to my flight. I had no idea who he was (forgot his name almost from the time he told me), what the assignment was, or whether I was still being considered for that "special assignment".

Four weeks later I was at Lowry AFB in Denver, studying electronics. After something like 4 months of electronics training, several of us were marched over to a building surrounded by barbed wire with a sign that said "Department of Special Weapons." I met the Col again. Still can't remember his name, but he was a Psychiatrist! Well, that explained all the strange questions.

Oh, and I was the guy who had to ask on the first day, "What are these "Special Weapons"? The answer I got...."you are." Lol

Of course, while I was in electronics training, the FBI were in my hometown doing a background check. Pretty soon everyone I ever met, dated, or worked with had called my Dad. One day I got a letter from him that started out, "Son, what have you done?" lol.

BTW, I was B systems. Read lots of squiggly lines and learned to type really well!!!! To this day, I can out type most secretaries and typists. Lol

While I was in Denver, I played in a little rock band called the "Pearly Gate Outcasts." We actually cut a single (45 in those days), I think it sold about 6 copies!!!

I got married in Pinedale, WY (hey, it gets COLD up there). Unfortunately it only lasted about 6 years. Fortunately, we had a beautiful daughter who we both still love. A few months after my daughter was born, I was sent to the Philippines for a year. (that was the start of the marital problems).

WAYNE WENT ON TO 'CATCH US UP TO WHERE HE IS NOW:

I didn't re-up, so we moved to Denver, CO, after I got out. Worked as a computer terminal tech for a company called "Itel" (not intel), then a field engineer for Compugraphic. Then I started my own computer repair company in Denver (Systems Control Corp...one of the first independent computer repair companies in the country). After that, I went to work for NEC Corp, first as a Field Engineer, then a manager in Los Angeles, then a software engineer. I left there and went to Harris Data Communications. Then I started another company, Teledat Systems, LLC, which I still run part-time (www.teledat.com) . I developed a program that still has a

few, but large, customers. During this time I went to work for SAIC for a few years and was sent to Martinsburg, WV. Got married a second time (Cold winters there, too). That lasted 9 years (Hey, I'm getting better!). After the divorce, I moved back up here to PA and became a high school math teacher. I still teach, plan to about 3 more years before I semi-retire. Even then, I'll support my Teledat customers.

Oh, and just to keep me off the streets, I play in a band again...Bloated Roadkill (www.bloated-roadkill.com). We aren't really very good, but I write songs now and we have fun. We released an album last year ("Death on the Double Yellow Line"). It's on iTunes and Amazon. We hope to release another album after the first of the year...may not be until next summer...tentative title, "Rock Bottom and Digging Down". You can probably tell we take ourselves VERY seriously. (oh, If you look at the pics on the website, I'm the fat one with the beard and ponytail).

This past year I was an extra in a movie made here. We filmed last July, again in September, and again this past May. I played a lot of different types of people in the background, from a redneck pool player to a biker...lol. But it was fun. Hopefully it will come out sometime next year. It's called "Mount Joy" (yes, after the town). BTW, I was the oldest person on the set. Had a great time, lots of pretty young actresses. lol

Well, that covers my time since AFTAC. I think one of the interesting things about all us old "99's" is that we're so damned weird we tend to have interesting...if somewhat abnormal...lives. Maybe it's because of that psychiatrist. Good hearing from you. Hope to make a reunion/picnic sometime. Wayne, thanks for letting us publish your LRD time ... its amazing how similar our first years were!! We wish all Sages would share that time in their lives about how they were selected for LRD.

"BS TALES"

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people, recognizing anecdotes may be, 1. **'Barely Substantiated'** and/or 2. **'Boldly Stated (BS).'** Forward yours' to us at 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (page 2, left column) - we will publish them in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd** (1 story), John **Horsch** (6), Ben **Vlasick**, (deceased), Brian **Berenbach**, Mike **Gingrich** (2), Frank **Liberatori**, Bill **Taylor**, Frank **Calenda** (6), Ron **Cook** (2), Walter **Franks**, Ken **Oyer**, Bob **Chadwick** (3), Frank **Szachta** (4), Chuck **Wallace**, Jon **Kempe**, George **Kraus** (2), Bud **Horrell**, Mike **Steskal**, Ray **Copeland** (4), Geno **Wagner**, Harold **Huhs**, Jack **Wagley**, Leroy **Jones**, Jack **Dorneden** (7), Clark **Creery** (4), Richard (Alkie) **Summers** (2), Les **Miller**, Jon **Richardson** Mike **Higgins**, Kenneth **Stanford**, Dick **Grim**, James **Gindleperger**, Bob **Chadwick**, Harry **Joseph**, Brent **Braud**, Charlie **Penn**, and this issue, Joe **Johnson** and Bill **Moran**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS, AND, WE ALWAYS LET OUR READERS DECIDE THE MIX OF '1' AND '2'!!

Bob Chadwick

THIS IS BOB'S 2ND AND 3RD BS TALE, NOT COUNTING HIS 'MAIL-CALL' POSTING. AS A SIDE-NOTE, HIS WIFE 'PAT' OPERATES THE 'MAIL DISTRIBUTION CENTER' THAT PACKAGES AND MAELS THE HARD COPY POMO'S. **BOB CALLS THIS FIRST ONE:**

Prayers

WE WANT TO ALERT READERS THAT SOME MAY FIND BOB'S FIRST STORY SOMEWHAT OFFENSIVE IN THAT BOB WRITES THIS TALE VERY

STRAIGHT FORWARD AND IN THE LANGUAGE OF THAT TIME/PLACE. KNOWING THAT, AND IF YOU PROCEED, ENJOY BOB'S TALE.

In late 1964 I made a trip to Australia, during which I proposed marriage to Judy and she accepted. During the festivities involved with this trip (hopefully more will be written later) I was introduced to Ruth **McMurtrie Whale** and her husband Geoff Whale. Ruth was Judy's best pal in the RAAF, and had recently married Geoff. They were both Telecommunications operators (actually a generic term covering all the folks who kept teletype message traffic moving) and had been assigned at the RAAF Comm Station at Frognall Hall in Melbourne. Geoff had just been reassigned to a RAAF base in Malaysia (Butterworth?) and they were leaving in the next few weeks.

During this visit to Oz I had met about 738 people, shaken many hands, and forgotten everyone's name (save a few). The Whales were no exception. Nice folks, and their friendship with Judy was obviously important to her, but as I am politely meeting them and talking, I am thinking "Hey, I will probably never see these people again. They're nice folks, but-I was right about the nice folks part, but **WRONG** about never seeing them again.

OK let's fast forward to sometime in late 1968. By then, Judy, Patrick and Paul and I were settled in northern Virginia, struggling to make ends meet on a SSgt's pay in the DC area. Judy was still getting an occasional letter from Ruth Whale, duly reporting the birth of their two sons (Ian and Scott) and other events. They'd moved back to the Melbourne area by then.

One day, I come home from work to an overjoyed Judy. "Hey, what's this all about?" "I got a letter from Ruth this morning. They are being reassigned to the Australian Embassy here in Washington. Geoff will be working in the comm "center." (By this time, Geoff had been advanced to Sgt). "Gee, that's great. When?" "Sometime in the spring. Don't know for sure yet."

Much other discussion, and generally a lot of conjecture and planning then came forth, and as time went on and plans matured, the excitement level went up. She was real happy about this. As was I; what I recalled about Geoff was that he seemed a decent chap, and certainly having a good pal like Ruth around would make Judy happier. Eventually they arrived.

As they settled in, we went to meet them and, in fact, the rest of the Embassy comm staff. All RAAF or RAN NCOs, so I had a bit of common ground there, drinking beer and trying to explain American football to a bunch of Aussies who thought the game was silly compared to Aussie Rules or Rugger. (I agreed with them). The wives were off gabbing and chasing kids around and whining about the lack of Vegemite and decent tea in the stores (another story, for later).

One evening as we were at home dividing our time between chasing kids around and watching TV, the phone rings; Judy answers it. "It's Geoff. He wants to talk to you" (Okay... Unusual, but let's see.....), "Hi, Geoff. What's up." "What are you doing next Friday evening?" "Nothing unusual as far as I know.. Just a minute..Judy.. we got any plans for next Friday evening?" "No. Of course not; we never go anywhere" (she never missed an opportunity like that). "Nothing on at all. Why?" "Would you like to come to Prayers at the Embassy with me?" Cripes. What's this? Prayers? Don't tell me this guy is actually some sort of 'Born Again Christian' or evangelist or something like that? What do I do now? Insult him by saying no? Open up a whole new area of potential weirdness by saying yes? And in addition, it's an invite to a Foreign Government facility and function involving contact with foreign nationals; the security folks at work **MUST** be informed and give an OK. Whadda I do here?? "Hang on a minute....." "Geoff wants

me to go to prayers with him at the Embassy. You never told me he was a religious nut... what is this?" "Tell him yes." (delivered as an order. A common form from Herself. I did not notice the slight flicker in her eye as she delivered this guidance.) "Sure, Geoff. I'd be happy to if I can get the OK from Security because I'm going to be in contact with a lot of foreign nationals, but as it's a religious function that should be no problem." "OK. Ruth will pick up Judy and the kids that afternoon and you just drive up to the Embassy after work. Ask for me at the front desk; I'll come get you." "Fine. If Security pukes on it I'll let you know. See you then." So I check with Security at work. "No problem;" heck, this is Australia and Australians. They're our friends. Just don't talk about work and if anyone gets too friendly or curious, or has a Russian accent, make a report when you get back... Prayers? Didn't know you were a Jesus Freak... What's with that?" "Hey, I dunno. The guy's wife is a good friend of my wife, and I do not want to insult anyone. A cheap price to pay for marital stability." "Yeah. The things we gotta do...."

So... At about 5 PM on the appointed Friday afternoon I arrive at the Embassy. The receptionist calls Geoff, who arrives shortly and leads me to an elevator where we go to the second sub-basement of the Embassy along with a couple of other chaps, from the conversation obviously his workmates. I note that the demeanor of the group seems rather cheerful and the conversation seems not to be that you'd expect from people on their way to a religious activity. However... these are Aussies, and long experience caused me to do no more than note the apparent dichotomy. We get off the elevator, and enter the room where the Prayer Meeting is being held. I am astounded. I look around at a room about 30 feet wide and 50 feet long with a row of tables in the middle, a few chairs scattered around, and refrigerators, vast multitudes of them, lining both of the long sides. Bewildered and mystified, I look at Geoff, who has a weird expression on his face... "What is this? I thought we were going to a prayer meeting or some sort of religious thing." At this point, Geoff couldn't hold it together any longer. After the laughter dies down, he explains... "Judy told us about your reaction to the invitation to Prayers. We couldn't resist setting you up like this. Prayers is a regular thing that the Military Attaché's staff does here on Fridays. Open a fridge." I did. It's full of Foster's Lager and Victoria Bitter. "Open the next one" Swan, Hannan's and a couple other WA brands. On and On. All states and territories are represented. Turns out that the beer is flown in whenever one of the RAAF aircraft comes stateside. Customs has no say as it's Embassy supplies. There was a fridge full of Bud, but it mostly got derisive laughter. "OK. There's a lot of beer here for a prayer meeting. What's the deal there?" "Well, grab a beer and let's get started. We gotta get these emptied. It's called Prayers because you enter standing up and leave on your knees."

I was never one to miss a free beer. We had a most enjoyable time; all the MA staff was there from Wing Commanders and Commodores and Colonels on down. It was excellent, though I can barely remember toward the end. Eventually, around 6:30 or 7, Geoff suggested we leave and head back to their place in Bethesda where the families were waiting. With great trepidation I agreed, harking back to the occasional Friday after work where I'd go to the Coast Guard Station down the road from AFTAC and have a few beers, then come home to an extremely negative reaction from Herself. After such an indiscretion on my part (even one or two beers) you could hang meat in the house till at least Sunday night. I anticipated a similar reaction when we arrived at Greentree Road. I could-

n't have been more wrong. The wives, both of them, greeted us at the door, offering more beer, comfortable chairs, and "the steaks will be ready in just a minute." I looked around to see if I could figure out what these people had done with the real Judy, to no avail. So, I decided I had better relax and enjoy it. I repeated the Prayers experience several times in the next couple years. Very enjoyable, and it got where the Security guys were requesting that I down a couple for them. Which I did.

BOB'S NEXT TALE DEFINITELY LEANS MORE TO THE 'I' THAN THE '2'

Polar Bears

The scene is a room in the Det 401 dorm at Clark Air Base, Philippines, that we had converted into a dayroom and bar. It's early evening, sometime in the summer of 1972. A bunch of the lads were unwinding around bottles of San Miguel, watching Filipino TV (at that time mostly incomprehensible soap operas with dialog consisting mostly of gunshots and women screaming in either Tagalog or Spanish).

One of our I System operators, Tony **Banules**, enters the bar. Tony: "Hey, guys, I got my assignment today!! Frank Noon: "Great. Where ya going, and when?" "Greenland, Thule. Need to be there by the end of October before the weather gets bad." Tony was expecting a remote, as he'd been at Clark over 2 years, so Thule was, while not great, not a surprise. "Hey, any of you know anything about Thule?" A couple of us old timers suggested he have a look at the book in the safe that had a few details about all our overseas (and CONUS) locations. Then, from way down at the far end Don **Frazee**, our resident wandering B20/5 tech, adds his two cents worth. "I was at Thule for a year, several years ago."

This got Tony's attention, as well as the rest of us; Don started to regale us with stories of Greenland and his adventures there. You could feel the cold wind whistling around the dorm doors as Don told us of whiteouts, and stories of people who forgot to hang onto the ropes that were tied from building to building so that you could find your way in storms where you couldn't even see your hand in front of your face. "...and you had to be particularly careful about the polar bears there, too", said Don. "Oh? Why? Wouldn't they tend to stay away from big concentrations of people?" "Nope. Quite to the contrary. They hang around the buildings during whiteouts and try to pick guys off that are following the ropes from building to building. This was a real problem when the base was first activated, but it was solved for a long time by simply telling the troops to watch carefully when moving between buildings; a polar bear lurking around looking for an unsuspecting 2-striper for lunch can be easily spotted because the only thing that doesn't blend in with the blowing snow is his black nose". "Hmmm. You said 'solved for a long time'; what happened?" "Well, polar bears are smart. They figured out that the guys were able to spot them by their noses, so what they did was to lurk around the ropes and if they saw a guy coming out, the bear would hold a paw up over his nose and hobble 3-legged over and grab the guy and eat him up". Tony's eyes got as big as saucers.... "Boy, those are some smart bears. I better watch out for....." and about that time everyone else had caught on and uproarious laughter ensued.

"WHERE IN THE WORLD"

'SAGE SEARCHES' FROM THE ASSN WEBSITE

2012.07.26 Posting. Dennis Hackner-"Please help me locate some old sages on behalf of a Spanish friend (Julia 'Julichi') that wants to reconnect with them. These AFTACers were stationed in Sonseca, Det 313, somewhere around 1959 to

1961. Their names are Terry (son of a general married to Maria Nieves), Richard (from Arkansas who was single at the time), Sam (married to Pili), and Norman (married to Ana Maria with a son named Jimmy). Thank you for your help. Dennis Hackner, SMSgt, USAF Retired, Email: almeria12@hotmail.com



SHOWCASE: LRD HISTORY BY THOSE THAT WERE THERE

JERRY COLLINS SENT THESE COPIES OF 'PLAQUES' PERTAINING TO HIS SERVICE TO OUR MISSION. THIS IS VERY 'EARLY HISTORY' PRESENTED IN A DRAMATIC SHOWCASE.

"Above are copies of plaques made with photos obtained from the Department of Defense when touring Indian Springs AFB in the 1990's. I was at a reunion of the 1009th participants in the 1951 series. At the time of the photos, I was a member of the group from the 1009th SWS who participated in the seismic study during this series of tests. There were approximately 60 Airmen involved in seismic study." Thanks, Jerry, these are very dramatic and it must have been quite a show to be there. Since the lettering on the plaques suffered in our reproductions we did some searching on the internet and came up with these quick facts at http://www.radiochemistry.org/history/nuke_tests/pdf/nts_cdrom2.pdf - **First, Charlie**, "Operation Buster-Jangle, CHARLIE Event - The CHARLIE Event was a 14-kiloton device, was dropped from a B-50 bomber on October 30, 1951, at Yucca Flat. The test, part of the Buster-Jangle series, was the eighth detonation at the Nevada Proving Grounds." **Next, Easy**, "Operation Buster-Jangle, EASY Event - The EASY Event, part of Operation Buster, was a 31-kiloton weapons related device detonated November 5, 1951, at the Nevada Test Site (NTS)."

"TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA"

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)



'Trivia' was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom Ciambrone (pictured), who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send unclassified ideas for this series and to provide additional information, or corrections, when appropriate. We ask 'those who remember' to provide content to continue 'Tom's Trivia.'

Answer(s) are normally posted at the bottom of the 'Sage Shop.' However, due to the nature of the answers this

issue, they are posted on the next page.

HONOR ROLL: Tom Ciambrone (4 trivia), John Horsch (8); Dale Klug (7), Bob Wiley, Don Moore, Steve Herrick, Hank Raymond, Chuck Schuster, Clark Creery, Bob Long, Joe Johnson, Les Miller, and this issue, John Nederhoed, Eugene McKay.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.

Dale Klug checks in again this issue, and with two!!

Trivia 1. Who is the person credited with the first penetration of a nuclear cloud in a manned aircraft? We 'cut and paste' an 'image' of the correct answer on the next page ... while it looks a little different, it was the best we could do to retain the integrity of the answer. In addition, we have provided the URL for the complete story.

Trivia 2. This year marks the 65th anniversary of what invention; and why is it of special significance to AFTAC Sages???

Trivia One:



Official USAF Photograph, courtesy of the Air Force Weather History Office

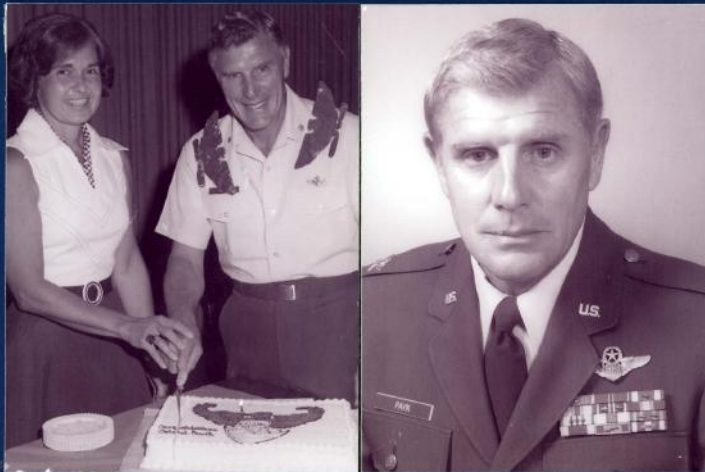
A true pioneer of weather reconnaissance, Paul H. Fackler commanded three squadrons and is credited with the first penetration of a nuclear cloud by manned aircraft. He authored a proposal for a special air sampling unit to support scientific aims of US domestic nuclear testing program. He was the only USAF officer to hold key positions in every nuclear test from 1946-56

Trivia One Continued. For more information on this most interesting fact, see <http://www.awra.us/gallery-feb07.html>

Trivia 2: This year marks the 65th anniversary of the two-piece bathing suit, commonly known as the bikini. Inventor Louis **Reard** called his creation a bikini in honor of America's first nuclear test in the Pacific, which took place near the Bikini Islands. According to an article from the BBC, the French engineer assumed that his scandalous new suit "would cause a similar explosion" once it hit the mainstream. It did. The article can still be found at http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/newsenglish/witn/2006/07/060705_bikinis.shtml

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR" (page 2 for information)

#13 of our presentation of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ. Formatting/standardization-MSgt (Ret) T Highsmith/AFTAC/DAFC, Copied/Transferred to CD, CMSgt (Ret) S Revels/AFTAC IG We are proud to present our first officer in this series- there are not many. Col Pavik's information speaks for itself. We are proud to have served with Col Pavik at the HQ and worked with him during his service at the 1155 TCHOS.



COLONEL A. L. PAVIK
(Pictured with wife, Ann)

(1965-1970; 1971-1986)

1965 1970	**	1155 TCHOS
1971 1976	**	1155 TCHOS
1976 1980	**	HQ/LG/IG & DEPUTY TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
1980 1984	**	1155 TCHOS COMMANDER
1984 1986	**	TECH OPS DIVISION COMMANDER

NOTE: These two pages are also posted on the alumni assn website, 'Front Page,' Subpage, 'Sage Shop & Schedule.'

CALENDAR

1. **WindDowns**-(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place behind the HQ building, fondly referred to as 'The Outback.'
2. **Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings**
 - a. **Normally-2nd Mondays** at 1700 gathering behind HQ (Outback) at 1645 for escort into the building. **If a Federal Holiday, the meeting will be the next day.**—other Patrick AFB dining venues (Tides, Golf Club-house, Dining Hall) may be considered.
 - 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 above.

NOTE: Venues/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website.

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.
BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE
AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITORS
'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

September

07, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
14 (Fri), 1145-Board/Membership/Elections (Sep '3a' below)

October

05, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
09 (Tues), 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

November

02, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
02, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting (after golf)

December

07, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
10, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting, Location TBD

3. Traditional Annual Event Plans and Timeframes

(**Bold Dates** are tentative-others for planning only)

January-April, three/four events (golf in April/May)

- a. **2013.02.02**, SnowBall XV, PAFB Clubhouse, Theme, TBD
- b. **2013.02.07**, Center Annual Awards Banquet
- c. Center Annual Picnic,
- d. 23rd Annual Assn Spring Golf N'Getogether (if not later)

May-August, one/two events (golf in April/May)

- a. 23rd Annual Assn Spring Golf N'Getogether (if not earlier)
- b. Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication

September-December, 4 events

- a. **Sep 14th**, Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September V**' is held at the 'Tides' Club on an announced day/time to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members, all alumni/active-duty, pg 1
- b. **Nov 2nd**, 22nd Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether, pg 1
- c. **Oct 1st**, Alumni Assn **ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**
- d. **Dec 14th**, AFTAC Winter Social, pg 1

WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled on an 'every other year' basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters. Last hosted by CA-2011.05, before that, FL-2009.06, and CO-2007.05.

CO plans WW for mid 2013-a **Det 418 Reunion** is planned in conjunction, see 'Chapter' pages for more information.

SHOP

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ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2011.07.12)

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
GOLF SHIRTS , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	0	0	1
Jade (medium green)	2	5	2	2
Navy	1	1	0	0
Red	2	1	0	2
White	1	0	0	2
Royal Blue	1	0	0	0
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	7	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	1	0	3
Maroon	2	2	0	0
Black	1	1	0	1
T-SHIRTS , no pocket - \$7.00				
Light Blue	1	1	3	3
Royal blue	2	0	2	1
Navy	2	0	2	1
Ash Gray	2	0	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	1	3	2
Fuchsia	1	1	2	0
Stone Washed Green	1	0	0	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	1	1	1
Black	4	0	0	3
SWEATSHIRTS , Ash Gray, \$15	1	0	0	0
NYLON JACKET , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'				
	0	0	0	3
White emblem with 'Alumnus'				
	0	0	1	0
HATS - \$8.00 # MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#				
Blue/White	18	-50th Commem Coin		\$3.00/53
Blue/Grey	4	-60th AF/LRD Com Coin:		\$4/126
Red/White	2	—60th flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th		
		-Logo Pin:		\$3.25/213

AFTAC Top-3 Coin made available by Top-3 Assn \$7

***Traditional Coin** (HQ w/aircraft/motto/'logo' on reverse) \$8.00

***99/9S Coin** - presented in the 2011.04 PoMo. Cost \$8.00

***'New Building' Groundbreaking Commemorative Coin** - presented in 2011.08 PoMo. Cost is \$10

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AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin To order, contact SSgt Suberlak, david.suberlak@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9184 or SSgt Wilkens, matthew.wilkens@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9146.\$7 each. Shipping is \$1 a coin, up to \$5, then on an as needed basis for more than 15-20 coins.

'Tom's Trivia' (from preceding pages)

Answer: Trivia 'answer' followed the 'question' in this issue.

By Bob Wiley

A committee chaired by President Bob **Wiley** (FY06-08) with current President, Terry **Hammond**, and PoMo Editor, John **Horsch**, completed a review of this document for acceptance by membership at the September meeting and subsequent forwarding to the appropriate base officials. The review resulted in several updates. These changes can be read in 'full context' at our online posting of the constitution. The changes are in 'blue' font and will remain that way until final acceptance.

Constitution, ARTICLE 7, the annual general membership meeting (with election of officers) was changed from the first month of the FY (Oct) to the last month (Sep). This was done so they could accept their new positions at the first meeting of the year. We also added that meeting information would be posted on the LRDA website and all potential members may attend meetings. And a paragraph was added concerning Board meeting schedules:

"III. The Board of Directors shall meet on a mutually agreed, regular schedule, expected to be monthly."

--ARTICLE 8, para I, the date of the annual meeting was changed to match ARTICLE 7. Para, II, the options to vote at the annual meeting by mail/email were deleted. No method exists to validate the authenticity of these votes.

--ARTICLE 9, should the agenda for the annual meeting ever include a vote to dissolve the association, the provision to vote by certified mail was added in order to try achieving the required quorum of paid members.

By-laws, ARTICLE 2, title changed to explicitly address the election of officers. Para II, changed meeting time to match CONSTITUTION, Article 7.

--ARTICLE 7, a paragraph was added concerning the 'Alumni of the Year' Program: "II. The Association shall participate in the AFTAC Annual Awards Program through the selection of individual(s) to be recognized as Alumni of the Year (AOY). Announcement of the selection may be made at an appropriate Association function; however, formal presentation of the award will be made at the AFTAC Annual Awards ceremony. Individual(s) selected must be an Association member(s) in good standing and may be from any of the subordinate Association chapters. Selection criteria may depend upon either a singularly distinguished achievement or accumulation of dedicated service to the Association." This is the procedure approved several years ago and that has been used to manage the program ever since. This will be the first time it is reflected in the constitution. EDITORS NOTE: a 'Program Paper' detailing the selection process is filed with the board secretary. This will be used by a designated AOY of the Florida Chapter to notify previous AOY's, who comprise the selection committee, of the time and place the committee will convene.

--ARTICLE 8 was changed to reflect current policy concerning the webpage: "The Web Page is authorized to keep the membership informed. Data to be posted on the Web Page will be monitored by the Board, and decisions will be made during normal meetings to determine the validity of such information. The Web/Electronic Media Managers shall report to the Board on a regular basis."

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The emblem (to right) used by the alumni assn was in active service from 1971 to 2000. The association continues with this version because so many alumni served while it was 'on duty.'

Membership Application

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

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