

# ❖ POST - MONITOR ❖

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

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

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

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



## SAGE SALUTE

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



**THE 2005 ALUMNI OF THE  
YEAR**

**MIKE BLACK**



Mike accepting 'AOY' shirt from assn president, Carol Snyder

Mike is the associations' original and continuing webmaster ([www.aftacalumni.org](http://www.aftacalumni.org)). His selection was announced at the SnowBall on January 28th, and he was also recognized at the Center Annual Awards Banquet on March 2.

Mike's service to the Air Force started in October, 1972. and to AFTAC in June, 1981, where he served until his retirement in August, 1992. His AF assignments took him to Lowry, Eglin, Aviano and Tyndall AFB's, and his AFTAC duties were in Advanced Technology (with a side-trip to TN) at the headquarters.

Mike joined the alumni at retirement and in 1996 he and two other members, Clark **Creery**,  
(Sage Salute, page 4)

## ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

### ASSN SPONSORED WINDDOWN, APR 7, 1530

POMO EDITORS

At the 'Outback' (behind the building); come enjoy yourself with other Sages and (WindDown, page 5)

### CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC, APR 8, 11-1700

PAT SNYDER

At the Survival area; low cost/high return. Come to 'shoe' and shine those stories. (Picnic, page 5)

### SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER, MAY 5TH

FRANK HALL

Mark May 5<sup>th</sup> on the calendar; we tee at 1300, **Cocoa Beach Golf Course**. Count on the usual amenities, great corporate prizes, lots of chances to win, good 'Smokin' Joes' food, and of course the great time and camaraderie! (Golf, page 5)

## ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

### "WE THREW A SNOWBALL"

#### ALUMNI SNOWBALL VIII, JAN 28TH

YOUR EDITORS

What a great time it was ... surrounded by Sages on all sides and each enjoying themselves and the recognition of Det 489, our theme this year.

(SnowBall, page 4, left bottom)

#### CENTER AWARDS BANQUET, MARCH 2ND

BOB WILEY, POMO ROVIN' REPORTER AND DIGIPIC PROVIDER

On this March night the stars were out, both literally and figuratively, for this annual affair. It was an evening to recognize AFTAC's brightest stars, be they Sage or active-duty, whose contributions for this year demanded recognition.

(Center Awards Banquet, page 4, right bottom)

## ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

### Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

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

### Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

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

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

### There are three chapters.

**1. Florida (application on back page)-Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Monthly meetings at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Randy **Vlassick**, rvlass1@aol.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assc, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**-There is this quarterly newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below) (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor'), and a Website, 'http://www.aftacalumni.org', with assn/alumni data, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; Clark **Creery** writes a 'Happening & Upcoming Events' section posting photos/information. There are 639 Members, 544 are lifetime (16 Distinguished). **Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"** (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, from start-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage-since 01; Frank Hall-Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam-Sec 89-00/05, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris-Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch-Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey-Tres 91-99; Swede Swansen-Pub since 93; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04

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

**3. West Coast (California)**-Formed in 1999, **\$5 year/\$50 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com or AFTAC Alumni Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org'; email, TODalumni@bigfoot.com. There are 157 members, 115 are lifetime.

### Sage Communicators

**Newsletter Editors:** John & Christel Horsch

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

**Executive Review:** Frank Hall/Carl Gailey

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

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

**Printing/Mailing:** Carl Gailey and Jack Jackson

**WebMasters:** Mike Black, Website-Clark Creery, 'Happenings'

## "A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



**Boos, BooBoos and BooHoos:** The 'mil' covering part of the December front page came about when the printers forgot to remove a manual correction to the November issue.

Fred **Parks** pointed out we 'erred' with his name in the 'Mail-Call' section last issue and we apologized.

We have reviewed past PoMos' to figure our the number of actual 'SnowBalls' we have 'thrown' ... we list the 2006 event as seven and then turn right around and say the first was in 1999. We researched back issues and determined January's 'SnowBall' was indeed number eight, the story follows:

### SnowBall's, A History

There was an association social event in April, '98, to honor five alumni-four from the Patrick AFB, chapter, Frank **Hall**, Judy **Milam**, Clark **Creery** and Carl **Gailey**, and one from the Colorado chapter, Ben **Vlassick** (deceased). These members were recognized as the 'Alumni High-Five' as they were instrumental in the associations' ongoing existence and expansion.

Because of the success of this social outing, it was decided to hold a similiar event in Jan, '99 - an event your editors refered to it as a 'SnowBall' because of the time of year and its relationship to 'Snowbirds.' So the first 'SnowBall' was held in 1999-and this years' should have been 'SnowBall VIII.' For those keeping track, we erred in advertising this years' as SnowBall VII.

Who cares? Probably only historians and editors. So, as editors, we thought we'd best correct this and will properly prepare ourselves now for SnowBall IX to be held Jan 27, 2007.

Speaking of SnowBall's, this year's attendance was down from previous years. The last couple of events have attracted around 70 or so Sages; this year about 50 supporting Sages came out.

This leads us to ask, 'What kind of events do you guys want? What would make you come out and attend a function?' We'd like to see as many sages at these events as possible and any ideas are welcomed.

Moving on now, and first off, congratulations to Mike **Black**, our intrepid WebMaster, and now, an Alumni Of The Year. You have/will read some of the great things he has done for your association.

And, you have another great issue in hand. Disappointedly, we finish Glenn **Kennedy's** great remembrances-maybe another Sage will step forward to fill the gap ... how about it **Smitty**, you must have more 'on tap.' Or anyone else out there. Bob **Long** adds to the Alaska story by recalling his tour there. So, get the eyes ready ... now read on!

# MAIL - CALL

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

**Patrick AFB, FI 32925-0892**

*Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, [chrisjohn2@earthlink.net](mailto:chrisjohn2@earthlink.net)*

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

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**Thanks' to all who write!!**

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

## LETTERS/EMAIL

**Donald Clemens-Stuart, FL 2005.11.07**

OOPS-SORRY Thought I paid this but obviously didn't. Still hanging around. Thanks, and don't let it happen again!!!

**Frank Szachta-Ellenton, FL 12.06**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Greetings to All this Dec, 2005. (in this letter Frank and Nedra mention stays in Florida, St Louis, Sacramento, KS City, Lake Bemidji, MN, and Mount Vernon, IL visiting with family and friends.) They end with: We pray you are all healthy and well and enjoyed a great year. We all continue to pray for our military personnel in the Iraq and Afghanistan war. God bless you, one and all. Thanks for the update and wishes. You guys take care and keep your 'stories' coming.

**Ron Cook-email 12.14**

Great work, it looks better each time

**Clark Creery-email 12.14**

Outstanding job, best issue yet.

We replied to both, '... high praise from respected peers.'

**Dave Brown-email 12.17**

I'd love to come (SnowBall) but Patrick is a little too far away for me now. If there was any chance of there being a 'local' version in Pinedale I'd attend that as I'm only about 200 miles or less from there in Salt Lake! We replied that we were recognizing Pinedale at the event.

**Terry Jordan-Potomac Falls, VA 2006.01.03**

(articles received and given to 'Hall of Heritage' personnel)

**Franklin Mann-Mabelvale, AR 01.06**

(3-yr renewal) Thanks for the regular update on old friends from my service years. Keep up the good work. Thanks for the compliment and your membership!

**R.L. Fitzgerald-email 02.02**

I got a reply from Bill Roehrig that he did go to the HQ website and update his info and he thanked me for reminding him. I always try to keep you folks in mind. You do a great job and play such a vital part in keeping all of us AFTAC Alumni connected and involved. Thank you, and all the Florida Chapter, for all that you do on our behalf. Bob, thanks it means a lot to hear praise from a very active chapter member.

**Geno Wagner-email 02.16**

I don't think that I have heard/read any obituaries on Bill Parrish. He was the Q Chief Operator at Det 418 when I left in early 1966. He may have only been with AFTAC one tour. I don't know where he went after Det 418.

I wrote everything down that I know about his sickness and where he's buried. I attempted to get an obituary from the Ocala Star Banner newspaper but was unsuccessful. I know that Pete Wigington knew him because he asked about him at one of the reunions in Cocoa Beach. Thanks, Geno, for this update-info at 'Members to Rem.'

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE WITH SPACE FOR ASSIGNMENTS OR LAST PAGE, POMO

None received.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ONLY MAIL

George Antonio-Warner Robins, GA; Bob McMullen-Beavercreek, OH; Larry Teynor-Mims, FL; Carey Dobbins-Pensacola, FL; Curtiss Smith (Smitty)-Melbourne, FL; Wilbur Farris-Boonville, MO; Noah Holbrook-Bristol, VA.



What is this and where is it? Find the answers in this issue!



(Sage Salute, from page 1)

Alumni webpage, 'Happenings,' and Dave **Johnson**, assn member and past Vice President, took the bold and forward looking step of publishing the 'Worldwide Directory' (compiled over the years by Mary **Welch**) on a website. This website was provided by Mike and Dave's employer at that time, **CSI** (now **Essex**).

Just recently, in a major realignment necessitated by technical changes within the corporation, Mike created the alumni website separate from the corporation and 'on its own,' so to speak. He operates and maintains this site, (<http://www.aftacalumni.org>) from his home.

The alumni association website Mike maintains is a major communications hub for the Patrick Chapter and has links to alumni information (publications and pictures) and other sites of interest. He personally keeps the site technically up-to-date and posts newsletters and information provided him. Mike has also developed a method of email contact (e-all) with members who have registered their email address at the site. This method provides registered members with email notification on matters of a time sensitive nature (deaths, etc).

Thanks Mike, your continued service is noteworthy and necessary. Your contributions are truly appreciated.

(SnowBall, from page 1)

Deborah **Carson**, 'Major Arranger' and Judy **Milam**, Eileen **Best**, and Carol/Pat **Snyder** had done a great job organizing, advertising and decorating for this event.

The centerpieces were realistic wooden Conestoga Wagons (some 'cut-out' by the center's Superintendent, Lloyd **French**). The tables were also decorated by Det 489's 'home' state flag, Wyoming, and there were huckleberry flavored candies and coffee in the wagons as well as wild berry muffin 'Bear' batter bottles on each table.

Upon arrival, guests were ushered into the display area where various Det 489 photo albums and artifacts (hats, telephone directory, etc) were arranged. Many of these had been borrowed from the Hq's building 'Hall of Heritage,' and some had been borrowed from previous assignees-Joe **Hauser**, in particular had donated some outstanding items. Within the dining area the guests mingled and were treated to a 'hometown' video prepared by the Pinedale Chamber of Commerce (on loan from aforementioned 'Joe').

At 7PM the association President, Carol **Snyder**, got everyone's attention to welcome them and invite everyone to a delicious meal of steak, chicken and accoutrements. During the meal, a 'slideshow' of past SnowBall's, and other association events, was displayed (thanks, Judy **Milam**).

Following that, Carol again got everyone's attention and announced the 'Alumni of The Year' selection, Mike **Black** (see this issue's 'Salute'). Mike thanked everyone and accepted his AOY shirt. Carol then spoke briefly about the assn's past year and encouraged people to attend events and get involved. John **Horsch** spoke briefly about his experiences at the beginning of Det 489's (1959, Team 162) existence and his career start there. The center commander, Col Guy **Turner** also spoke and brought everyone up-to-date on the Det's contributions to the AFTAC mission and noted the number of enlisted people in charge of AFTAC units around the world. He also elaborated on weather and other unique conditions of this assignment.

Carol closed this part of the evening with a thanks to all involved and those attending. Guests continued the evening with short stories, tall tales, and elaborations on both.

(Center Awards Banquet, from page 1)

Mike **Black**, the association's 'Alumni Of The Year,' was among those honored; his wife, Toni, was also there to enjoy the occasion.

Among the association members in attendance were the President, Carol **Snyder**, past-Vice, Pat **Snyder**, Dave **O'Brien** and wife, PJ, Chuck **McBrearty** and wife Linda, John **Loftis**, John **Carson**, Gary **Killian**, Dennis **Gilroy** and our Post-Monitor rovin' reporter and digipic photographer, Bob **Wiley** and his wife Judith.

The Center Commander, Col. **Turner**, and Superintendent, Chief **French** (both association members), presided and presented the trophies. Mike was recognized for his continuing contributions to the Center and to the alumni (see the page 1 'Salute' for details).

The alumni attending were honored and rewarded by being seated with the AFTAC Squadron Commander, Maj **Trevillin**, and his First Sergeant, SMSgt **Parkhill**, and at a table near the dais with a clear view of the ceremonies and the band stand. "Full Spectrum", the Band of the USAF Reserve, from Warner-Robins provided music for dining and a short program before the

awards presentation. Following the presentations, the 'Green Light Band' raised everyone's spirits with a couple of rousing patriotic songs.

Col Tuner closed the presentations with a recap of 2005 highlights on newcomers, transfers, retirements, mission accomplishments, etc. He finished with a recitation of what he called a "ditty", "I Love AFTAC" (see active-duty pages).

Other alumni still serving AFTAC as Civil Service who were honored included Gary **Killian** and John **Carson**.



(up) Mike with Col Turner and CMSgt French receiving his trophy.

<Dennis Gilroy, former AFTAC First Shirt, Mike and Toni

(WindDown, from page 1)

swap tales with the people 'doing your job.' Your assn will buy the pizza and encourage new membership among the active-duty, especially those nearing the 'Sage Age.'

(Picnic, from page 1)

There will be the annual center picnic 'Battle of the Shoes' in which the Sages generally excel because most pre-Sages are not 'so wise' and practiced.

Also, the Sages always need help guarding the 'BEvERage Wagon' and, sometimes, insisting on only worthy drinkers imbibe. Last year saw the advent of LRD History questioning by one of the 'Sage Servers,' Frank **Calenda**. Frank has promised a repeat so be ready with answers when you see him about a beer! Prices for this event have always been minimal, e.g., ~\$5 for adults, less for the younger-for tickets, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.'

'SAGE,  
ON THE RANGE'



(Golf N'Getogether, from page 1)

The Association **Spring Golf N' Getogether Tournament** will get underway on **5 May 2006** at the **Cocoa Beach Country Club**.

As always, our corporate sponsors have come through with some excellent grand prizes as well as a great assortment of door prizes. The price for this afternoon of fun will be \$37.00 for association members and \$42.00 for non-members, which includes a great BBQ dinner by Smokin' Joe's BBQ.

You may **signup** by calling:

Addison **Mitchell**  
(work) 321-494-6267  
(cell) 321-917-5937

Or Pat **Snyder**  
494-6867

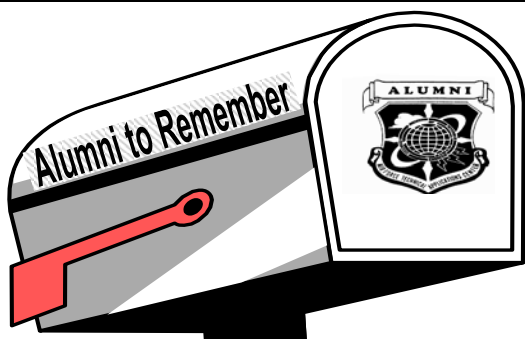
Deliver your payment to Addison  
or Pat in person, or mail to:  
Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc,  
PO Box 254892  
Patrick AFB, FI 32925-0892.

**Checks should be received no later than  
25 Apr 2006.**

Check-in begins at 1130 and the shotgun start will be at 1300. There will be plenty of water and soda on the course, and a beverage cart will be available. The BBQ dinner will be served in the Clubhouse following the golf tournament. We will also award the prizes during/after dinner

This tournament fills up quickly, so sign up early to ensure a spot in the tourney. There will be a limit of 144 players. If you are not interested in golfing, but would like to attend the BBQ dinner, the cost for the meal is \$10.00 and reservations for dinner-only are requested





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

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

### ***Transitions ... none received***

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

*Alumni share hopes for themselves or others*

Frank Hall, Carol Warfield, Carol Snyder, Bob Chadwick

***Also For Those Not Mentioned But In Our Thoughts***

### ***In Memoriam***

Jim Guardia (see below)

Mark Allen Robert Kuring (see below)

Wayne Berard (see below)

Bill Parrish (see below)

Chester Harris (see below)

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

#### **Tom Ciambrone**

MEMORIALS CONTINUED FROM THE SEPT 2005, ISSUE

BOB WILEY

Tom Ciambrone was a member of the Awesome Alumni Bowling Team. Like many in the AFTAC family, we felt a great loss at his passing and even though he had not been able to compete with us in recent years, he had been a contributor to three league championships and continued as a cheerleader willing to supply the beer while we took on the 'youngsters' in the Wednesday night battles in the PAFB lanes.

His infamous "turn on the light" gesture is still a team challenge to have as many "beer frames" as possible during a game. Team Captain Howard Dibble devised a patch for our team shirts to commemorate TC's significance to the team and keep his memory with us. On October 5th, we got the team together for a photo with the new emblems. A framed print of the team photo was later presented to Tom's wife, Teri to include in her mementos of his life.

This photo follows and another showing TC with the Team doing 'extra duty.'



Bob Wiley, Howard Dibble, Terry Hammond, Rick Manley, John Caban, Jeff Stefoneck, Tony DeMarco and Bob Klibowitz, Absent, Patty Hammond NOTE 'TC' on right shoulders



Jeff Stefoneck, Tony Demarco, John Caban, Patty Hammond, Terry Hammond, Rick Manley, Tom Ciambrone, Howard Dibble, Bob Wiley. (Bob Klibowitz was not a member in 2003)

This 2003 photo was taken at the annual AFTAC Picnic where the *Awesome Alumni* always helped 'guard' the beer wagon.

JUDY MILAM-EMAIL, 2006.01.31

Judy sent two unidentified pictures she came across preparing for the 'SnowBall' (see article); in each, we see Tom celebrating AFTAC.

The picture below will be our 'Tom's Trivia' for this issue. Please take a look, identify as many of the people as you can, and then take a guess at the event. The correct answer is posted at the bottom of the 'Sage Shop' page (next to last page). We have 'rotated' the picture to add to the mystery and to allow a larger display.







Wally Huffaker, John Horsch and a fellow AFTACer enjoy cake with the Colonel. If anyone recognizes the unidentified, or the occasion, please let us know.

### Jim Guardia

DALE KLUG, EMAIL, AFTAC INFORMATION AND OBITUARY

TSgt Jim Guardia was a Personnel Specialist at Det 423 and 1155 Tech Ops Sq in the 1970s. Bernie Castillo, Lew Milligan, Rich Charles and I were among the AFTAC and 1155th alumni at the memorial service.

PUBLISHED IN THE SACRAMENTO BEE ON 1/8/2006.

**GUARDIA, Jr., Santiago "Jim" TSgt, USAF (RET)**

It is with great sadness that our beloved father and friend passed away from cancer on January 1, 2006, at the age of 66. Santiago was born and raised in Laredo, Texas, and graduated from Laredo's Martin High School. Preceded in death by his parents Maria & Santiago Garcia Sr. He will be remembered with lots of love by his daughters, Letitia (Richard) Garcia, Laurie (Gary) Lobato, Lorraine (William) Amos, Leslie Garcia Gray, Lillian (Cliff) Shepherd, Sara Garcia; son, Gregory Wissinger, 17 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson, brother, Enrique (Rose) Garcia; sister, Mary (Gordon) Jefferson and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and loving friends. Santiago served in the USA and USAF where he retired in 1979 and later continued his employment with the civil service at McClellan AFB until a second retirement in August 2000. Santiago's family and friends will greatly miss his funny personality and how he made everyone around him smile. Santiago enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his daughters and their families while listening to his music collection. The family wishes to thank all the medical staff that provided comfort to our Dad during his last days on his journey home. Santiago touched the lives of all who knew him, all of our memories will live forever and he will be greatly missed. Family and friends are invited to a memorial service to celebrate Santiago's life that will be held on January 10, 2006, 8:30 am at St. Lawrence Church, 4325 Don Julio Blvd. Interment will immediately follow at East Lawn Cemetery, 5757 Greenback Lane, 732-2020.

### Mark Kuring

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION E-ALL

NOTE: Mark Kuring worked in the Satellite Operations and Analysis Center in the 1978-79 time frame.

PUBLISHED IN FLORIDA TODAY ON 1/14/2006

Mark Allen Robert Kuring, 64, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at his residence. Mr. Kuring was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. He retired after 20 years with the United States Air Force, having served in Vietnam. He was also a field engineer for 20 years at Kennedy Space Center. He is survived by his daughter, Debra Long; granddaughter, Brittany Brendle; and a grandson, Tyler Long. Memorial donations may be made to Wuesthoff Brevard Hospice and Palliative Care, 8060 Spyglass Hill Road, Viera, FL 32940. Arrangements entrusted to East Coast Cremation, Rockledge, 632-1350.

The following was received from Catherine **Bonadio**-The Center Director will send a letter of condolence and we will receive a flag flown here at KSC to give to his daughter. Charlie Criner has requested on Mark's behalf that if you would like to send a card, you can send it to Mark's address below. Also, in lieu of flowers, the family requests donations of any amount be made in Mark's name to Hospice of Brevard (details below) or the American Cancer Society.

Charlie, Debra (Mark's daughter), and all of us who worked towards Mark's comfort, sincerely thank all of you for your kindness and support during this trying time.

For **Cards**: Charlie Criner, 4780 Hemp Way, Cocoa, FL 32926; **Checks** payable to: Hospice of Brevard, c/o The Foundation, 119 Longwood Ave., Rockledge, FL 32955- Please note on the memo line that your donation is in memory of Mark Kuring, American Cancer Society.

### Wayne Berard

ANDERSON-NATHAN-KOERPEL FUNERAL HOME INFORMATION  
FORWARDED BY MARV GIBSON

Wayne Berard, age 72, of Hayward died on Sunday, January 29, 2006, at the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital.

Robert Wayne Berard was born on October 2, 1933 in Hayward, WI, the son of Anthony and Vivian Berard. He graduated from Hayward High School in 1951 and entered the United States Air Force that same year. He was married to Jean Mielke on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1955. Jean passed away in 1987.

Wayne served in the Air Force for 20 years, traveling all over the world. He flew top secret missions chasing nuclear fall-out from other countries' bomb tests. These missions were only recently declassified. During this time, he lived with his family in Florida, California, Texas, Alaska, Colorado and Washington D.C. Upon military retirement, he returned to Hayward where he owned/operated a restaurant/store in the Northwoods Beach area. After selling the store he was a salesman for Lyle James

Motors before becoming a realtor for Risberg Realty. He also operated Vacation Properties Network. Wayne married Judy Williams on Nov 24, 1989.

Working as the Sawyer County Veteran Services Officer, Wayne helped many Veterans and their families, a job that brought him great satisfaction and joy. He made many friends through this work. He was the present Commander of the Bayfield-Sawyer County 40 & 8 as well as past Commander of VFW Post 7233. He was a member of the American Legion Post 218 and the D.A.V. Chapter 48. He was also past President of both the Stone Lake Lions and of the Realtors Association. Wayne was a member of the Hayward Chamber of Commerce Board that was instrumental in keeping the World Lumberjack Championships and the American Birkiebeiner in the Hayward area. Wayne was an avid golfer and storyteller. The last position he held was ranger at the Hayward Golf and Tennis Club where he made a lot of friends (and lost a few).

Wayne is survived by his wife, Judy A. Berard of Hayward, WI; one daughter, Leslie (David) Hanson of Stoughton, WI; four sons: E. Chad Stilp of Las Vegas, NV, E. Brad (Sarah) Stilp of Hudson, WI; Jamie (Laura) Stilp of Dunnellon, FL, and Ryan (Rachael) Stilp of Eau Claire, WI; three grandchildren: Stacey, Joshua, and Morgan; one brother, Jerry (Joan) Berard of Hayward, WI; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Jean, his brother Curtis, and daughter-in-law Christina.

Military rites will be accorded by the Hayward Veterans Council. Interment will be in the Greenwood Cemetery. Memorials in Wayne's name may be directed to the Hayward Veterans Center, P.O. Box 633, Hayward, WI 54843.

Editor's NOTE: Marv was an AFTAC SEO, 1963-'80; Wayne Berard was also an SEO.

### Bill Parrish

GENO WAGNER, EMAIL, 2006.02.20

William V. (Bill) Parrish was the Q Chief Operator when I left John Hay AB in the Philippines in the spring of 1966. I believe that was his first tour with AFTAC. I don't know where he went upon returning to the US. He passed away April 1, 2003. I found his name on the national registry of veterans buried in national cemeteries.

Bill and Inge retired to Ocala FL. I spoke with Inge in February 2006. She said Bill was a diabetic which caused many other problems. He was on dialysis for 8 years. She thinks he's in a much better place now. Inge sounded like she was okay. She and Bill had 3 children that are all located in or

around Ocala and Tampa. Bill was born Mar 7, 1934.

NOTE: The internet site that I visited to get his place of interment is '://gravelocator.cem.va.gov'. This only lists people buried in national cemeteries.

### Chester Harris

CARL GAILEY, 2006.02.20, CALL FROM WIFE



Chester "Chet" R. Harris, 77, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2005, in Fort Worth. Funeral: Laurel Land Memorial Chapel. Burial: Laurel Land Memorial Park. He was born June 23, 1928, in Manchester, N.H. Chester was a kind, loving husband, father and grandfather.

He retired from the U.S. Air Force with over 20 years of faithful service.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Frieda Harris; infant son, Richard Harris; and one sister, Eileen Wratchford.

Survivors: His loving wife of 54 years, Linda Grace Harris; sons, Bob Lee Harris and his wife, Teresa, and Donald R. Harris and his wife, Robin; seven grandchildren; and two nephews.

Extracted from Ft. Worth *Star-Telegram*, 9/8/2005 newspaper

### Maurice Walsh

WILLIAM ALEXANDER, EMAIL, 2/20, FROM THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, 2/16/2006

Maurice J. Walsh, age 72, at peace on February 11, 2006. Beloved husband and best friend for 46 years of Janet, nee Wolf, Walsh; proud and loving father of Patrick Maurice (Rebecca) Walsh; devoted son of the late Maurice J. Walsh and Mary Keane Walsh; dearest brother of Margaret Oliveri and James Keane (Martha) Walsh, the late Mary Katherine Franz and the late Dolores Walsh; dear brother-in-law of Carolyn (Jack) Taggart and Richard (Nancy) Wolf; fondest "Uncle Mo" of Jennifer (Dan) Brown, Christopher (Janet) Oliveri, Jonathan (Kristin) Walsh, Thomas (Lillian) Oliveri, Jennette (Craig) Marckese, Leslie Wolf and Rico Wolf.

Proud veteran of the Korean War serving in the U. S. Air Force **1009th Special Weapons Squadron**.

Memorial Mass was at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280, Chicago. Donation's may be made to Chicago Jesuit Academy, 212 S. Francisco Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612, [www.cjademy.org](http://www.cjademy.org).

Maurice 'Mo' Walsh, was a Ft. Sill graduate selected by Maj. Lester **Jackson** to assist in installing Det 421 along with other Ft. Sill graduates (Harold **McCarter**, Terry **Wilkinson**, George **Kraus** and William **Rumsey**). He returned to college after four years of active duty, earning a BS in electrical engineering. He retired from industry after a long career in the Chicago area. Mo never forgot his Air Force days and cited them frequently as among the best years of his life. He died of cancer.



## Chapter News

# FROM THE TOP

On March 2 we attended the AFTAC Annual Awards Banquet to honor all of AFTAC's finest, but most importantly to honor Mike **Black**, our *Alumni of The Year*. Mike worked at AFTAC from 1981 - 1992, and co-created our website in 1996 and has been our WebMaster since that start.

He has taken the website from the beginning to what it is now with newsletter, pictures and a plethora of alumni information. Just recently he took our site private when his company, Essex, which had provided space on their company site, changed their communications and could no longer support our needs. This transition was transparent to membership and has given us the confidence that it will always be there and available. He has done a great job for us and we can't thank him enough for all he's done.

Our next function will be the WindDown on 7 April 2006 @ 3:30 PM at the Outback; we want to tell the enlisted/civilian force about the Alumni. We are trying to raise awareness regarding the Alumni, not only to boost membership, but more importantly to boost participation!

We really need you all to come and participate in the monthly meetings held the first Monday of the month at 5:30 PM in the Basement Break Room. New blood and ideas are always good for an association like ours.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Spring Golf Tournament 5 May 2006. Hope to see you there. **Carol Snyder**

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Board Members

#### Elected

President-**Carol Snyder** Vice-**Addison Mitchell**  
Secretary-**Judy Milam** Treasurer-**Joe Goldian**

#### Appointed

Activities-**CMSgt Lloyd French** Hall of Heritage-**David Merker**  
Hospitality-**Judy Milam** Internet-**Mike Black - Clark Creery**  
Membership-**Randy Vlassick** Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**  
Publicity-**Swede Swansen** Sage Shop-**Pat/Carol Snyder**

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### A Minute with the Minutes

Meetings, December-February

--**ePoMo** Subscribers are up to over 100.

--**Directory** An updated Florida Membership Di-

rectory will be published shortly. The membership was polled for interest in receiving the directory via email, pdf attachment. This was a very popular suggestion and there were over 100 positives. Members subscribing to the electronic 'Post-Monitor' will automatically be sent the electronic directory.

-**Refurbishment** of the '20+ Years of Service' wall is complete; see next article.

-**Hall of Heritage** work continues organizing and displaying AFTAC artifacts and redoing the headquarters building front lobby, see next article.

-**Monthly Meeting Place** has been changed to the basement break area. We continue to assemble behind the building (OutBack area).

-**SnowBall** was a success with thanks to Deborah **Carson** for leading this project (see article, page 1).

-**WindDown**-The association is planning to provide pizza and assn info at this event in April 7th.

-**Association Golf n'Gettogether**-The assn Vice, Addison **Mitchell**, offered to be the 'Main Arranger' for this May 5th event at the Cocoa Beach Golf Course (see article, page 1).

### Hall Of Heritage

DAVE MERKER (CMSGT HERRICK ASSISTING)

Front Lobby Update-The AFTAC front lobby renovation project was delayed due to the government's budget delays which held up our FY06 dollars. Now that the budget has been signed our civil engineering office is working to get a contract to do the renovations.

The renovations are expected to include the removal of old utility access boxes and standardizing the color scheme to grey wall covering, black trim and the existing green tile floor. After the area is upgraded we will readdress the display cases and finalize ideas for decorating the lobby area.

Another area that is in-our-sights is the upgrading of the pictures in the hallway leading to the AFTAC command section. The current thought is to try to standardize the existing detachment picture montages with common matting and more contemporary frames. Our next move is to develop some examples and provide options to the AFTAC Commander for his consideration.

Basement Project-The Commander has asked the civil engineering and security offices to put together a plan to open up the center area of the basement to uncleared visitors during normal business hours. This would provide the opportu-

nity to put together an area where we can display a lot of memorabilia and have it accessible to all alumni that have access to the base. This new area would be co-located with the '20-year Wall of Honor' that is already in full swing (story below). More to follow on this exciting new development in the coming months. Have a great AFTAC day!

### 20-Year "Wall of Honor"

PAT SNYDER, NOTE: SEE PG 2, HONORARIUM INFORMATION

The 'wall' refurbishment is complete and has 50 photos/bios (tours) posted, with two recent submissions in the mating/framing stage. It is located on the bottom floor of the AFTAC Hq's building.

This concept originated with then CC Col **Shaffer** and long-time AFTACer and former assn membership chair, Mary **Welch**. Mary began work on this in '95 and had many pic/bio posted for the for the WorldWide Reunion in '97. If you are eligible, please send a 5"x7" photo of your choice with dates and place(s) of service; e.g., HQ/AQ, 1987-1990; Det 489 - 1990-1993 (use only Det numbers). Send to AFTAC/IGQ, Attn: Pat Snyder, 1030 S. Hwy A1A, PAFB FL 32925-3002. Reference our query on page 3, that is a matted/framed picture of Dr O'Brien as a preSage AFTAC officer whose pic/bio is now mounted in this 'hall.'



As you can see, there are 'two' mounting boards, if necessary, a third will be added. In coming issues, we will publish pictures and info on these long serving AFTACers

Pictures thanks to MSgt Bill Lindner, AFTAC PA, and Pat Snyder



## OTHER CHAPTER'S NEWS

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2006 JANUARY, EXTRACTS

### DEPOT FALLOUT

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

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

### EXTRACTS OF NEWLETTER EVENTS CALENDAR

Business/Member meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays quarterly at the Lion's Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park

: **7 Mar 2006 - 6 Jun 2006 - 5 Sep 2006 - 5 Dec 2006** (Call ahead to our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at <[www.AFTACwest.org](http://www.AFTACwest.org)>.)

### VETERANS DAY 2005 FALL SOCIAL

by Dale Klug, Editor

Our Fall Social at the Buggy Whip restaurant went really well. We had fifty-six attendees and looking at the pictures, (see next two pages) you can tell everyone was enjoying themselves. The food was delicious and camaraderie prevailed. The "Most Patriotically Dressed Vet" award should have gone to Bob Fitzgerald in his blue suit with white shirt, belt & shoes and star-spangled, red & white striped tie. I was out of town for the event, but will certainly attend next year. Thank You to all who organized, coordinated and attended this fine get-together.

### WAY BACK WHEN

by Jim Hall

O.K. Guys, you asked for some "Way Back When" in your July 2005 Newsletter. I have already sent one to one of the chapters, but here is a different type.

Way back on April 8, 1919, Jim Hall was born, later spending over ten years in AFTAC (and previous designations) and am now 86½ years old. Just wonder how many AFTAC alumni members are older than me. I'm still kicking, but a lot more slowly than a couple years ago.

Just thought this might be a different "Way Back When" as to a birth date.

Keep up your good work in keeping the things going out there. I think you have the largest group of "old-time AFTACers" among the three

chapters. Good luck and God bless! Jim Hall, Apt. 1209, 5100 Randol Mill Road, Fort Worth, TX 76112 Ph. 817-429-1213

**Ed. Note:** Thanks Jim, you're the first to submit an article for this column. How about it you guys? Any alumni out there who can claim a birth date before Jim's?

### **MAIL CALL**

**Joyce Koscheski** Email: 18 Nov 2005. Good Thanksgiving Report. Al & I are feeling especially thankful. During the past week or two he has made amazing progress toward full recovery from the heart surgery and other vascular problems. He had a very tough time of it for the first 10 weeks or so. After his latest treadmill test his cardiologist told him, "I think your heart surgery can be considered a smashing success." And his digestive problem seems to be improving. Doctors have told us that the abdominal area can, in time, channel around blockage, developing new capillaries. Perhaps that's what is happening. Also, Al has learned to eat often to compensate for the decreased blood flow. Right after surgery he had an "ischemic episode," (insufficient blood flow) in the right eye which caused some loss in his field of vision. That too has improved to a degree that hardly bothers him and it may completely heal as time goes on. He is driving again & beginning to play guitar once more. We've gotten together a couple times with our fiddler friend and his wife to practice songs for nursing home visits. So life indeed is good again!

Thank each of you who prayed, called, sent cards, or just thought of us during this time. We've felt your kindness and been amazed and humbled by the wonderful support we've received. From time to time Al still looks through the scrapbook of cards and notes & e-messages. We hope all of you are in good health and will have good times with family and friends during the coming holiday season.

Love, Joyce & Al [aljkosch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aljkosch@sbcglobal.net)

**Ed. Note:** Al would like to hear from friends.

**Glen Whitcomb** Email: 18 Nov 2005 I worked in the McClellan Central Lab from March 1980 until I retired in August of 1994. I worked in the Computer Communications Directorate. I would be interested in keeping in touch. My home phone is (916) 689-6095. Hope to hear from you soon. Glen Whitcomb. MSgt, USAF, Ret. [glen.whitcomb@comcast.net](mailto:glen.whitcomb@comcast.net) **Ed. Note:** We have sent Glen info on joining our Alumni Association.

**Karl Miner** Email: 18 Nov 2005 Re: Lupe Martinez' passing. I have been in touch with Brian Blue ... he is a former 99106 (now a GS-12) who works with Joey at the Cryptologic Support Group on Security Hill. Very sad and very tragic, Susie and I knew Joey and Lupe very well and our hearts go out to him. Take Care, Karl A. Miner, MSgt, USAF, Superintendent, Directorate of Nuclear Treaty Monitoring, AFTAC [karl.miner@patrick.af.mil](mailto:karl.miner@patrick.af.mil)

**John Vaught** Email: 8 Aug 2005 Please pass my condolences to Mark Sepelyak and family. I met his father at Harris Corp and even had a chance to fish with him (and Mark) at the Sebastian inlet. Mark's pole exploded pulling in a ladyfish. John E. Vaught, Sys Admin, COMPOPS Branch, Ft Leonard Wood, MO 573-596-1496 (Computer Room) [john.vaught@us.army.mil](mailto:john.vaught@us.army.mil)

### **IN MEMORY OF**

**HENNER Jr., Ernest Samuel** Col. Retired, U.S. Air Force. Born March 20, 1920, in Buffalo, New York. Passed away October 22, 2005, in Sacramento, California. He served as a command pilot during World War II, including campaigns in North Africa and Europe. Also served during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Awarded the Legion of Merit in addition to other decorations. He is survived by his beloved and loving wife of 61 years, Elizabeth O'Dea Henner; son, Michael, and daughters, Patricia, Kathleen and Lisa; daughter-in-law, Sue; son-in-law, Craig; grandchildren, Jeremy, Stacy, Kara, Kelly, Katie, Chelsea and Devon; great-grandchildren, Connor, Megan, Bailey, Kaitlyn and Jade.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to a charity of your choice in his name. *Extracted from Sacramento Bee on 10/25/2005*

**MAGNESS, Georgia** Long-time secretary in the 1155<sup>th</sup> TOS prior to '63 passed away on December 19, '05. She was married to AFTAC alumnus John Magness who was stationed at both 1155 and 1158 TOS. *Published in the Roseville CA, Tribune.*

### **COLORADO NEWSLETTER**

## **ECHOES**

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

**Events posted, when available; for up-to-date information, see the Chapter Website.**



# **MONITOR** *ing Active* *Duty Doing' from around the AFTAC World*

## **Command Section**



Col. Guy D.  
Turner

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



CMSgt Lloyd S.  
French

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



## **AFTAC conducts**

### **11<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor commemoration**

BY MASTER SGT. BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On Dec. 7, 2005, the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) took time to honor those Americans who survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and answered the call to defend our nation. Eighteen survivors of the attack attended the ceremony, which was held by AFTAC for the eleventh straight year. The weather for the ceremony was overcast and damp, adding a solemn touch to the proceedings, which brought back memories from that terrible day in 1941. The event began on a formal tone as members of the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Honor Guard posted the colors and Tech. Sgt. Rebecca **Lehnerz** of AFTAC sang the national anthem. While the nation was being honored, the Pearl Harbor Survivors, each more than 80 years old, stood as straight and tall as the active duty Airman from AFTAC who were formed into two large flights to the left of the flag.

Col. Guy D. **Turner**, AFTAC commander, praised the veterans for their service: "Friends, colleagues, brothers-in-arms; all of you enabled this nation to continue to exist as defined by our founding fathers," he said. The guest speaker for the event, retired U.S. Navy

Capt. Richard P. **Jeffrey**, was serving on board the USS Maryland in 1941, and was on duty when the attack began. He described the Navy's response to the attack. "Our ship was damaged when a Japanese bomb exploded nearby, but we were prepared to sail in record time," said Capt. Jeffrey.

He added that while Japanese leaders assumed the attack would keep most American naval vessels out of the war for more than a year, many were back in service within two months.

Despite the formality of the ceremony and the weather, the day was brightened by the smiles of the Pearl Harbor survivors as they met with their fellow World War II veterans and the members of AFTAC who they had met during previous years' ceremonies.

Another bright spot, and perhaps the highlight of the event, came when the arriving veterans were presented with authentic Hawaiian leis. Senior Airman Charlene **Mateo**, who is from Hawaii, and is assigned to the 45<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, came up with the idea to make the leis and managed every part of the effort, from gathering donations to pay for the flowers, to gathering all the supplies. Several days before the ceremony, Airman Mateo met with several friends who are also of Pacific Island decent and they constructed the leis out of more than 500 carnations.

"The attack on Pearl Harbor affected everyone on Hawaii; not just the military," said Airman Mateo. "Making the leis gave us a chance to give something back to the veterans. I think they were happy to receive them."

In something of a growing tradition, AFTAC also invited Army JROTC Cadets from Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High to the ceremony for the third year in a row. The cadets assisted by escorting the veterans to their seats and presenting them with certificates thanking them for their service.

BOB WILEY REPORTED ON THE CENTER WINTER SOCIAL (PAGE 1, DEC ISSUE) AND MENTIONED THAT CC HAD ENTERTAINED THEM WITH A MODERN ALERT MEETING THAT SOUNDED LIKE 'THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.' HE ALSO MENTIONED OTHER REVELATIONS THAT CAME IN THE FORM OF 'THE TWELVE DAYSS OF AFTAC.' FURTHER, BOB DIRECTED THE EDITORS TO GET THESE MISSIVES AND PUBLISH THEM IN THE POMO. HAVING WORKED FOR BOB IN THE PAST, WE KNEW IT WAS BEST TO DO AS HE INSTRUCTED. WITH THE HELP OF PAT SNYDER AND CAROL WARFIELD, WE COMPLIED. HEREWITH, HEAR YE, HEAR YE:

## **THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

Original by Clement Clarke Moore, Co-opted by Center CC

'Twas the night before Christmas, and through out the  
watch floor

Not an airman was stirring, they were all just bored

The sensors were all green all ready to spot  
if evil bad people with bombs they did pop

The sensors were all hung from their cables with care  
Just as the install team had left them there

The directors were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of bonuses danced in their heads;

And the airman all dressed in their BDUs,

Had just settled down with their chow hall food  
When up on the monitors there arose such a spike  
they sprang from their chair without taking a bite

Away to the phone they flew like a flash,

To call Col Turner about the big blast.

The phone rang, and I grabbed it with speed  
 What could be wrong, some horrible deed  
 When what to my listening ears should be heard  
 Hey sir come quick, and that was all their words  
 Being a lively young driver, so lively and quick  
 I dressed in a flash and drove lickety split  
 More rapid than eagles my fingers now flew  
 On my cell phone as I now called, well you know who  
 Now Asselanis, McBreatry, Now Russell, Dr O  
 On Ward and Rivera, Sills and Moreno  
 Come to the building to the AOC floor  
 now dash away dash away, quick through the door  
 So up to the top my directors did climb  
 With a sack full of questions – who, what, and why?  
 And then, in a twinkling, they saw the commotion  
 and the sensors that showed the earth's giant motion  
 Now prancing their feet, the directors did speak  
 Work faster, work faster. Its answers we seek  
 As the AFTAC Commander, why I spoke not a word  
 But let Loftis and the watch get on with their work  
 Then scratching of foreheads and scanning of sheets  
 Strange but the epicenters a mere 2000 feet  
 SO we sprang to the window to all get a look  
 And down the street, why there it stood  
 Twas the AFTAC's new building all shiny and tall  
 Without any mold, and windows for all  
 Thank you Santa you clever old man  
 And how did you ever get that in your bag  
 Next building you drop to keep suspicion from arousing  
 Try to avoid the wing commanders new housing  
 Then I heard Dr O'Brien exclaim as he strolled from the  
 room

This is most excellent, we now have a golf course view

### **12 Days Of AFTAC**

On the 1st day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 Ms. Ward in XP  
 On the 2nd day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 2 Lt Colonel Weirschkes  
 On the 3rd day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 3 Chief French emails  
 On the 4th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 4 broken elevators  
 On the 5th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 5 test sites green  
 On the 6th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 6 escort details  
 On the 7th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 7 Helpdesk Tickets  
 On the 8th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 8 VIP tours a day  
 On the 9th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 9 DO re-org meetings  
 On the 10th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 10 Det War reports  
 On the 11th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 11 Hurricane Alerts  
 On the 12th day of Christmas, AFTAC gave to me -  
 12 Burger Buns

...and then, to top all this ditty doin' off, CC had the following poem  
 he presented at the Awards Banquet (page 1)

### **I Love AFTAC** (cut. paste from the original)

We've got seismic wave reflections  
 We're doing long range detection  
 And we've got daily operations;  
 Analysts for all occasions.  
 The airborne guys dress up in green flight bags,  
 Mm, mm, mmm, mmm, mmm, I love AFTAC.

We've got treaties, we use science;  
 We keep the whole world in compliance.  
 And we've got samplers; we've got detectors;  
 We've even got Directors.  
 The Alumni talk about McClellan Lab:  
 Mm, mm, mmm, mmm, mmm, I love AFTAC.

**I love AFTAC,  
 It's my kind of place.  
 You can't walk through the front door,  
 'Cause we've boarded up the place.  
 If you lose track, just go 'round back.  
 Mm, mm, mmm, mmm, mmm, I love AFTAC.**

I've seen First Shirts, and maintainers;  
 first-termers and trainers.  
 I've seen offsites; and Winter Socials;  
 I've seen contracts and proposals.  
 The Command Section keeps everything on track:  
 Mm, mm, mmm, mmm, mmm, I love AFTAC, yes I do!

I like the Dets, (**I like the Dets**),  
 And I like bhangmeters, (**I like bhangmeters**),  
 You know, **In God We Trust - all others, We prefer to monitor...**

**But I love AFTAC.  
 It's my kind of place.  
 Wind Downs at the Outback,  
 Put a big smile on my face.  
 I might retire, but I'll be back.  
 Mm, mm, mmm, mmm, mmm, I love AFTAC.  
 Mm, mm, mmm, mmm, mmm, I just love AFTAC.**

### **Booster's Club Update**

JOHN OAKES, PRESIDENT

Just to let you all know what has/is/will be happening  
 with the booster club: We just finished up with our Val-  
 entines Day flower sales in which we made a profit for  
 the booster club of \$904.

On 18 & 19 Feb we are participating in Security duty  
 for the Daytona 500 which is our biggest money  
 maker for the year.

This is what we have coming up. Until 24 Mar we will  
 be donating all of the Burger Burn Thursday profits to  
 the Air Force Assistance Fund. On 31 Mar the booster  
 club will have a breakfast burrito sale in the AFTAC  
 building. Also 8 April has been set aside for the an-  
 nual spring picnic.



## FEATURE ARTICLES

### COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is the command, and a desire to record the impressions of this process "from the top," we ask previous commanders to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We have received these impressions from many commanders to include Gen's **Hall** (deceased, 1999) (reCall from 1970 speech provided by George Waters), **Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Leary, Bingham** and **Shaffer** and Col's **Meisenheimer, Wigington and Beatty**. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances.

*We anxiously await inputs from the remaining commanders, continuing 'Distinguished Association' members all: **Jaynes, Jaeger, Dettmer, Horton and Bendorf**.*

*We feel confident they will write as they find the time and opportunity—in the meantime, we will 'stand-by' and be at the ready.*

### I REMEMBER ...

#### LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

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

**HONOR ROLL:** Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch**, Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone** (deceased), Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis**, Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsworth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman**, George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad** Joe **Johnson**, John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (3) Jim **Lillethun**, William **Koerschner**, Glenn **Kennedy** (4/this issue), Tom **Dunn**, Bob **Long** (this issue)

#### Glenn Kennedy

Check out his excellent company website  
<http://www.verotek.com>

#### "22 Forever☺! - Stories from a 99125er"

We continue Glenn's excellent series. His recall is outstanding and his writing detailed and interesting. The March, '05, issue kicked off this series with complete Chapters 1 and 2. The September issue continued this series with Chapters 3 and 4; and in December, chapters 5-9; this issue concludes Glenn's 'I Remember' with chapters 10 and 11.

Thank you Glenn. Your editors (and our readers) truly appreciate that you took so much time and effort to share your AFTAC history. We hope you will inspire others. You and 'Smitty' (March issue) do a great job of reminding us all what a great organization we were/are a part of.

#### Chapter 10 – Burnt Mountain Survey

I guess Fairbanks was starting to become a big city, and getting way too noisy from a seismic standpoint. It's early August 1969, and Robert Crow from B Systems and I got pulled into a meeting with our section chief and several people from the 1159<sup>th</sup> and HQ. The topic was a field survey for a potential new site considerably further north in Alaska. Bob and I were asked if we would be interested in accompanying the group on the survey. We were sure it was based on our reputation for technical excellence ... later it became obvious they needed someone to string cable ☺. But we were excited anyway, and it turned out to be the greatest expedition of my life.

The team was composed of a Major Carnavalle from HQ, Capt. Sydney Dearborn out of DET 175, two MSgt's (one was MSgt Ronald LeBlanc) from the 1159<sup>th</sup>, Bob and myself from the DET. It also included Dave Bauman an air/sea rescue guy from the base, because HQ had initially been concerned we would hurt ourselves out in the wilderness alone ... Har-rumph, they apparently didn't know we were Chena River Pack Rats. Anyway the team gelled immediately and we started final prep for the survey.

**Note:** :) After I initially wrote this, I was talking to Capt. Dearborn over the phone, and he reminded me that Dave (the rescue guy) was the one that accidentally set fire to our main sleeping tent and badly cut his leg ... but it healed and all ended well.

The HQ team had a complete flyaway system of new (and no doubt expensive) portable seismographs that were all set to go. They also had backpack frames that held spools of data cable to be strung out from the collection point in all directions for the array. Job #1 for Bob and I was to get the gear staged and loaded aboard a Gooney Bird at Eielson. As we were loading the gear, I naively asked the crew chief if we needed to put stuff in special spots on the C-47. He



looked at me like I was the greenest thing in Alaska ... "Hell kid, stop yakking and just get it on the f\$%^ing plane .... it'll fly ... and, it did ☺.

The first stop was Fort Yukon (Tatalina AFS)

where we were based out of the Radar site but set up the gear down by the dump where the Cat's had scratched out areas down to solid rock. The idea was to use this supported site as a Beta test of the entire concept before we went deeper into the field. The coolest thing about this spot was keeping



an eye on the Black Bears that considered the active garbage dump their personal chow hall. One evening, we were sitting in the station movie theater and all of a sudden a Bear walked in the side door and was staring at us with the movie projected on his face ... the theater cleared quickly, but no harm, no foul.

One night, I had duty checking the data recorders housed in the little ops shack at the dump. Have you ever gotten that creepy feeling where the hair is standing straight up on the back of your neck? I slowly stood up and peeked out the window, at the same time a small bear stood up and peeked in ... remem-



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ber the scene in "ET" where the little girl sees ET and screams, then ET screams and then she screams, etc ... that scene originated from that night. I'm sure that somewhere to this day a Bear tells a similar story to his family.

We were up there in civilian camping attire and obviously not on the duty roster, so the second morning when the alert horns went off, we just pulled the blankets over our heads. Later I showered and headed out the back door of the barracks (big time short cut) to the chow hall. A very young airman greeted me, with a helmet liner almost over his eyes and pointing a M16 at me, yelling Hhhhaaallllttt! He was very scared ... I was very scared ... and for a moment felt I might get shot. Turns out an inspection team had landed for an ORI, which explained the earlier alert horn. The kid thought I might be some kind of bad guy and marched me down to security. Later, it all calmed down and all of us made breakfast ... to this day I don't argue with scared guards holding guns.

After several days of collecting sample data, it was back to DET 207 for the brains to review our sample data and make sure we were ready for the real survey. Two days went by, lots of teletype messages and all the senior people looking really glum. Seems the data tapes showed nothing but a high background noise that masked anything the rest of our sites showed as occurring. The mood in the team was foul, and it seemed like the survey was going down in flames. When it looked like everyone was ready to fly home, Bob and I asked if we could take the gear apart and take a peek. Capt Dearborn figured there was nothing to lose so he gave us the O.K. Bob and I spent two days trying to filter the power supply or design some bypass filtering for the amplifiers, and everything we tried made things worse. Finally I took a SWAG (Scientific Wild Ass Guess) and figured the two parallel protection diodes that set right across the input of the first stage pre-amp had to be the source of the noise. We asked permission (a really rare event) to remove them and got the O.K. ... I'll be damned if a blind squirrel doesn't occasionally find an acorn. The system immediately went quiet and we were able to convince Analysts back at HQ we should rip out these protection diodes on all the sensors and we'd be good to go ... the survey was back on ... but I have to admit

I did keep my fingers crossed for no static or lightning strikes on the sensor arrays.

This time we flew in a chopper, because we were going north of the Arctic Circle to a surveyed benchmark called Burnt Mountain, and there was nothing to land on ... in fact



there was nothing period. We would be put in by chopper and then left for two weeks to do the survey. A T33 flew over us one week into the trip and chatted by radio to be sure we were O.K., but other than that it was only us J It is the greatest wilderness trip of my life. Each morning for the first few days, all of us grabbed a backpack of wire and a sensor and headed off in different directions in search of a "rock". A lot of the terrain was moss covered, layered rock that was pretty "rotten." Our goal was to find something that looked solid and set up our little sensor. After finding the rock, you had to setup the little legs so the bubble level in the top was zeroed and then hook up the wire

and follow it back home.



The shenanigans started fairly quickly, as Bob and I constructed an "Officers Latrine" and we made the Major and Capt stay over there ☺. They got even☺. It was a very good group as usual in our outfit and everyone worked hard and played hard. Dave, the air/sea

rescue guy had a great time, and we trained him into becoming a pretty good sensor-putter-inner.

It took a few days of setting up and then we were in for days of data recording, and some moving around looking at different areas.



But there was a lot of time for exploring and enjoying where we were. But, the best times were at night. We had actually brought big expedition tents but most of us slept under the stars ... and what stars they were. My sleeping bag lay on a flat spot on a small slope that provided an unrestricted view east into Alaska and probably Canada. You got in bed and your eyes continue to open up in the absolute dark. There was not a human light to be seen anywhere and the Milky Way was stunning beyond belief. Several nights there were Auroral displays that blew my socks off. To this day I cannot imagine a more wonderful wilderness



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view than lying in that bag at Burnt Mountain.

Way too soon it came to an end, and we could hear that rattletrap chopper coming long before we could see him. I lucked out and conned a ride in the right seat on the way back to the base, and the pilot was having some fun dropping the chopper right down on the river and following it back home.



The HQ gang headed back pretty quickly and we later got the word the data recorded had been excellent. I never heard any more about the survey until 35 years later seeing it in the SD Union newspaper ... I guess

they decided to put an unmanned station up there. Hope nobody messed up my sleeping bag spot or our "Airman's Latrine." I'll never forget Burnt Mountain, that gang, or that trip ☺.

### Chapter 11 – Goodbye

I walked in the DET one morning, and could tell something was very wrong. Our NCO called several of us younger guys in his office and handed us orders to our next assignment. When we finally figured how to read them, turns out we were being dumped by the 1035<sup>th</sup> and released to the "normal" Air Force. My orders sent me to the 777<sup>th</sup> at Pope AFB as a Radar Tech on C130's. Other guys were likewise scattered to several different Air Force outfits. All of us were speechless and our boss didn't know what to say either. The story he'd been given was that our systems were overstaffed and without another remote assignment there was nowhere for us to go, so "needs of the AF" prevailed and we'd been dumped.

Basically from the time of Systems School back at Lowry, every career discussion with me had pointed to me being returned to Lowry as an Instructor on the Z2 system ... I had done well in class, and loved teaching, so this was a big blow.

When Pat and I left Fairbanks, we drove (along with Mike Carver from our unit) our Intl Scout down the Al-Can Highway to Haines and got on the ferry to Seattle. After a brief visit at home, it was off cross-country to report at Pope. Almost everything about this tour was sad. The 777<sup>th</sup> could not figure out what the hell to do with us. Our training records were cryptic to them, and we knew nothing about aircraft NavAids. When I left the Air Force, my 777<sup>th</sup> NCOIC told me they actually believed we were IG staff "planted" there to spy on how the unit was being run. Unfortunately, we never did integrate well with the new unit.

During this time, I did hear of a new project called Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System (AWADS) which was a new terrain following radar (APQ-122) for the C130's, along with an advanced Station Keeping system (APN-169). I volunteered to go to school on the system and work in the test deployment at Pope/Bragg. That got me on flying status and allowed me to



work with the Tech Reps as they installed the first systems. It was new enough and complicated enough that it made the time pass, and I think we did a lot of good work for them. Maybe the most fun was scaring the aerial drop spotters from the 82nd

Airborne. They were used to driving their jeeps right out to the bulls eye of the drop zone, 'cause with a pilot looking out the window and shouting, "Go", the bull's eye was at least as safe as anywhere else in North Carolina ☺. But the first time we used the Ka band precision ground mapping, and the new drop computer, we put the entire stick down in the back seat of their jeep ☺.

But, it wasn't 99125, it wasn't the 1035<sup>th</sup>, and it was never the same. When the time came, I had lost my enthusiasm for the Air Force, left and returned to college, starting a new career in computer systems. As I've gotten older, I understand that sometimes these things happen, but it has always remained a damn shame in my mind. I probably would have stayed career, if I had stayed as a 99125, or based on our training and capability had been moved into other technically challenging positions. But getting dumped into a unit that was wary of us, and where the highest tech challenge was figuring out safety wire pliers, didn't work. I know all missions are important, and sometimes you have to bite the bullet, but this stretch was too much for me.

In any event, my time as a 99125 remains to this day one of my proudest achievements and an incredible source of technical training and experience. Like I mentioned when I started, I had long despaired of ever hearing about it or our people again, and was absolutely thrilled to find the Alumni group after all these years. I immediately joined as a life member, and plan to ride my motorcycle to the '05 reunion. (Note: this was not to be, see Glenn's updating letter next issue)

By the way, if AFTAC ever needs the very best network security guy and CISSP in the entire world ☺, I am available for recall to the 99125 fold. Somehow, in the ledger of my mind, the diode save for Burnt Mountain atones for the radiator swap ☺. Just think, you know all about me ... and I promise ... no more rubber band wars ... maybe ☺.

... until then my AFTAC decal proudly lives in the back window of my Tahoe.

Glenn Kennedy, 99125 Z2 for life, President VeroTek Systems, [www.verotek.com](http://www.verotek.com), 858-483-1692

Thanks so much, Glenn, we cannot praise, or thank you enough, for all you've done to share your '99 life.' The series has been outstanding and provides an excellent insight into the life you, and so many of us, led doing the best mission in the world.

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*NOTE: One of our excellent supporters, Bob Long, has been moved by Glenn's recalls and has submitted a very touching, thoughtful tale we herewith publish as we finish Glenn's series.*

### The Birth of Detachment 207

BOB LONG, EMAIL, 10/7

Thought to share this with you folks. Might want it or not. Editors: We definitely want it, and your great memories put an outstanding exclamation mark on this end of Glenn's series.

After the last two issues of PoMo, I must put in my two cents worth on Glenn Kennedy's epoch at Det 207.

### IN THE BEGINNING

...there was Det 204 of Farmer's Loop Road on Bender Mountain where I was taught about SOC and SNFE's, how to scrounge on Fort Wainwright, believe barter is better term, for coffee, wheels of Cheddar, cases of steaks and ate my first moose steak. I replaced Bob Comer, Bobby Wilhelm commanding, which was deactivated and from it's ashes there arose the mammoth of all detachments, Detachment 207, a crown jewel in the AFTAC crown, with multiple systems located at the Transmitter site out by the Chena River near Eielson AFB, AK. At it's helm was Major John R. Adams formerly of NTS with his gull wing Stinson Aircraft. Assisted by 1st Lt Edwin Paul Hager, CMS Orv Pettit, station chief and a multitude of NCOIC's of many systems and support activities.

His able admin staff of Bob Paulk, Tom Leiter. Bob called me recently out of the blue and we reminisced about Major John, fondly named P--- Cutter, and others. Timeline: JFK was still president. And ole John R. was not without his support and morning phone calls from Lt Col Frank Galney from 1155th. Lord, the time the 99125'ers on night shift plugged the Major's phone mouthpiece with that spiral 4 hock sealer (in rolls), John R could hear Frank yelling and John was yelling...fffuuuunnnny. Land lines weren't that good back then and we all ducked for cover. Remember the eye piece on old Q4 to look at the signal?? The same boys put powdered graphite on the grommet surrounding it and then had their boss, Paul Jones, look to see if a signal was there...looked just like that Target dog. Always a laugh to help with all the hard work being done during that time frame. Outdated film and the FA50, loved that Sno Ball Fund for those that remember.

In our day we had Colonel White F. Dog, clearance, access badge and all, a white Samoy that had full access to our site. Fred Richards took good care of him. We called him WFO for short. Our Submarine Diesels in the Generator room were named and had signs on them, Sweet Sue and Dirty Lil, many a moose hung to age in those exhaust air shafts in the Generator Room.

Don Dahl contracted meningitis or some bug as I remember and we all had to drop our drawers for the gamma globulin shot in the cheek of choice. Our brand new Tucker Sno Cats hauled us back and forth

to the Chena for the different salmon runs and grayling fishing in addition to official tasks.

Miles and miles of spiral 4 to be unloaded, loaded, hung. GEEIA teaching all to climb poles, hang cable, plant poles, use shape charges. Every piece of heavy equip on Eielson being stuck at one time or another stringing and building roads especially to the new deep hole.

We billeted our men in the building in the beginning on 2nd floor of transmitter site and the men took turns cooking. Young Blascovitch made the best spaghetti sauce. Then we got our five cooks assigned and we were in heaven, seemed each one had a specialty. The baker was the favorite of us married folks on separate rations but who could turn down cinnamon rolls the size of dinner plates and SOS to start the day.

The day came when one of the President's 707's, not a 747 around then, arrived at Eielson with Senator Jacob Javits and the AEC and a couple of General Officers on board for a tour of our facilities. Of course, it was snowing and the bird was towed into a hangar before offloading. We had pressed every staff car around into service and we were the "drivers." Our cooks wowed them with a spread fit for royalty and they got a tour of the crown jewel of the day. Of course they were on a junket of our facilities in the world but it was our moment in the sun and we wowed them. Major Adams was beaming and more so when he was told on the base that "damn, we must have something going out at the transmitter site." Eielson did not even get a glance on that junket.

On base we had Det 202 with Charlie Heckman. He was killed on take off on a mission from Eielson in a B47 as I remember. Sam Holloway and Bob Jackson rounded out our supply team.

This was my first assignment in AFTAC, one that was to last for fourteen years of great times. And memories of the early sixties. We worked hard and we played hard up north.

Now as I approach 70, I stand with pride and maybe a tear when I salute the Grand Old Flag of ours. It is great to finally be able to share with Kids and Grands what Gramps did in the Air Force before the FI17A program.

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

## SAGE STARS

### 'Sage Success Stories'

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'SAGE STARS' INPUTS



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### THE WAY IT WAS ... AND THE WAY IT IS

#### THE COMMAND, OVER THE YEARS

PREPARED BY GARY NULL, COMMAND HISTORIAN. Mr. Null has kindly agreed to prepare a series of articles concerning command entities ... how and when they started and what their status is at this time. Thank you Mr. Null and we look forward to your participation.

Mr. Null has advised duty constraints preclude providing an article for this issue.

### A FAMILY AFFAIR

#### LRD FAMILIES ... OVER THE YEARS

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Some families have served the mission over several generations. With this column we ask those families to share that history. Forward to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN Family Affair column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2). These brave souls have stepped forth, Curt Miller, Tony Calenda (with a 'father's response' by Frank Calenda), and Mark Smith (with a response from dad, Curtis [Smitty] Smith). We hope to hear from the others we are aware of, Randy Vlassick, Curt Stephens, Nick Kappel, and Mark Smith. If you are aware of others, please let us know.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'A FAMILY AFFAIR' INPUTS.

### WHERE ARE YA?!!!

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

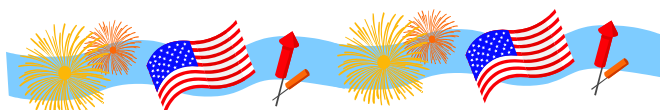
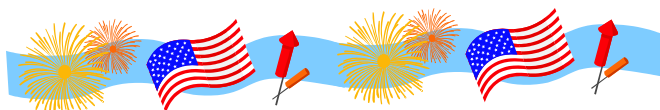
WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'WHERE ARE YA?!!!' INPUTS

### BSTALES!

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

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS



### And now ... what you've been searching for ...

### TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

The 'trivia' concept was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom Ciambrone, who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send ideas for this series and to provide additions or corrections. When he died, we asked his wife, Terry, if we could continue this series, she replied, 'Yes,' that she thought '...that is what Tom would have wanted.'

NOTE: Tom had planned ahead and his last personal 'Trivia' question was published in the December, 2005, issue. We now hope membership will 'rise to the challenge' and provide **unclassified** content to continue what Tom began.

*Please see Page 6 for this issue's trivia question and the following page for the answer.*

*Also, Dale Klug, editor extraordinaire of the CA chapter's newsletter, 'FallOut,' has provided a trivia input for the next issue.*



... and readers, we know you know where this picture of Tom is located ... that's right, on the 20-Year Wall of Honor we discussed earlier in this issue.

### At The Last Minute

'NEED TO KNOW' JUST IN

#### Center Picnic Update

PAT SNYDER, 3/6

This just in-our intrepid insider advises the entertainment at the picnic has been ratcheted up several notches. AFTAC's own "**Greenlight**" band will be playing and Col Turner (CC) will join in for a few tunes himself. Don't miss hearing the "AFTAC" song written by AFTAC's own, Mike Pinnick, and tuned to Toby Keith's "I Love This Bar." Greenlight first sang it at last year's picnic.

## CALENDAR

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

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

**—WindDowns scheduled for first Fridays'**

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

**WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building**

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

**—Meetings scheduled for Second Mondays'**

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

**WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building**

**HOW: come to rear entrance**

### April

**7, 1530 WindDown at the Outback; Assn Sponsored**

**10, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting**

### May

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

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

### June

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

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

### Scheduled Events

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

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**-Center Annual Picnic, April 8th, 11-1700, Chevron  
Park (old survival area by campground), page 1**

**-Assn Spring Golf n'Getogether, May 5, Cocoa  
Beach Golf Course, page 1**

### Traditional Annual Events

(for planning purposes)

January—March

**-SnowBall IX, Jan 27, 2007, Theme, Thailand**

**-Center Annual Awards Banquet**

April—June

**-Center Annual Picnic (scheduled above)**

**-Assn Spring Golf n'Getogether (scheduled above)**

July—September

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

October—December

**-Assoc Fall Golf n'Getogether, Oct time frame**

**-Center Winter Social, December time frame**

**ANNUAL (FY07) DUES ARE DUE (OCTOBER)**

### WorldWide Alumni Reunions

(normally scheduled on a biannual basis)

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**WorldWide Reunion 2007, May-June Timeframe**  
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-All White Logo (2 'Alumni'/1 'Alumnus')	0	0	3	0
-Multi-Color Logo	1	0	0	4
<b>GOLF SHIRTS</b> , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	1	3	2
Jade (medium green)	2	6	3	2
Navy	2	2	2	0
Red	2	3	1	2
White	2	2	2	2
Royal Blue	3	4	2	2
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	3	4	0	1
Black	2	1	2	2
<b>T-SHIRTS</b> , no pocket - \$7.00				
Light Blue	2	3	3	3
Royal blue	2	2	2	2
Navy	2	2	3	1
Ash Gray	2	2	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	1
Stone Washed Green	1	0	1	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	2	4	2
Black	4	2	3	3
<b>SWEATSHIRTS</b> , Ash Gray, \$15	2	2	1	0

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### 'Tom's Trivia' Answer

(DO NOT LOOK until reading the question on page 6)

FROM THE 3RD QTR, 1985, 'MONITOR' PUBLICATION

HQ AFTAC swept the top three sports awards at the 9th annual Patrick Commander's Sports Banquet. For the 3rd straight year, the HQ won the Commander's Sports and Recreation Trophy for all around sports participation. SSgt Debbie Kirton (Tom's right) and TSgt Reggie Draper (just right of trophy) won the Women's and Men's Athlete of the Year award. Judy Milam, among other things, one of our excellent PoMo reviewers, added: "Look close and you'll see our editors-John and Chris"

Page 19/20      Calendar - Sage Shop/Contents, Application and Address Label

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