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Over the years and at
younger ages ...
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gauges

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best of stages
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Center's Sages

SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



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denotes and represents
all who served the
mission throughout its
inception and history

Recognized for 60 years
of service to our country
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ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

SNOWBALL X-FEB 02, THEME, 'AUSTRALIA'

Patrick AFB, FL, Tides Club-See Page 6.

CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET-FEB 28,

Patrick AFB, FL, Tides Club-Our Alumni Of The Year, William 'Bill' **Schmied** will be recognized.

WORLDWIDE REUNION, MID 2009

The Florida Chapter will host this biannual event. Details as the time draws nigh-Plan now, mark your calendar; this is a 'need to go!'

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

LONG RANGE DETECTION PROGRAM

60TH ANNIVERSARY, OCT 11-12TH

See additional details, page 3.

17TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER

COCOA BEACH GOLF COURSE, OCT 12TH

See additional details, page 3.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FY 08 DUES NOTICE...ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

Here's how to know ... check your address label NOW!

The 'Name Line' indicates when dues are due. If it reads:
"→ 08" it means you have not paid your dues for FY
2008 (began 1 Oct 07).

If it reads "LT" (Lifetime), or the digits are greater than 08, it means your dues are current. If not, this is a 'one-time' complimentary issue and your membership, and subscription, are expired.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

William 'Bill' Schmied, 2007-Deborah Carson 2006

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 Alumni Honorarium

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

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

There are three chapters.

1. Florida (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Randy **Vlassick**, RVLASSICK@cfl.rr.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this 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, newsletters and photos-Webmaster-Mike **Black**; the 'Need to Know Now' section contains current event and 'Sages to remember' information. There are over 659 Members, 567 lifetime. **Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"** (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, from start-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage, 01-07; 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 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 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.' There are 158 members-128 lifetime.

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"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



We start this issue recognizing the Long Range Detection Program's 60th Anniversary Celebration (Oct 11 and 12). What a time it was! We report on those events starting on page one.

On a personal note, we had the high honor of being asked by the current Superintendent, CMSgt Steve **Herrick**, to co-MC the event with him. I want to publicly thank him for this thoughtfulness in recognizing the importance of LRD's past relative to its current posture and future. Steve had written a script that highlighted the history of LRD and recognized the importance of what had gone before.

MGen **Dettmer**, previous AFTAC CC, in his keynote speech, recognized the importance of the LRD mission for the present and the future; complete text of that speech follows on page 3.

Next, in a first for these editors, we are turning over this 'editorial' space to someone very important to the very existence, and continuance, of your assn. Judy **Milam** had been our secretary, on and off, for far more years than we can remember, she has also served as president and vice-president, and has helped these editors complete this newsletter on more than one occasion. Recently Judy sent us a letter expressing her frustration about getting members to attend the meetings-in particular the recent meeting always held in conjunction with the annual fall Golf N'Gettogether in October. Your editors have noted this same problem when able to assist with the tournaments and have encouraged members to stay for the meeting. Here is **Judy's letter**:

Attendance at LRDA Meetings

In an effort to get members to attend who don't usually attend the monthly meetings, the LRDA Annual General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers is scheduled each year to coincide with the fall golf tournament. Typically, we give a quick rundown of activities during the past year, a quick review of upcoming events, and we elect the officers for the coming year - it's a short meeting.

Even though we gave it our best effort, we failed miserably again this year to get members to attend the annual meeting. In fact, only 7 members of the Association (continued on Page 6)

LRD PROGRAM 60TH ANNIVERSARY, OCT 11/12

CONTINUED FROM PG 1-YOUR EDITORS REPORT

This two day event began on 11 Oct around 1100 with a 'burger burn' at the AFTAC HQ's 'OutBack' with food cooked up, and served by, the AFTAC Boosters club; good and plentiful describes their work and hospitality their attitude.

This was followed by the 'Open House' that began with an unclassified mission briefing in the 'Command Conference Room. There the AFTAC Superintendent, Steve **Herrick**, welcomed us and introduced MSgt Mike **Pennington** who did the heavy lifting to bring the Sages, and active-duty, up-to-date. Following this we were escorted by very helpful, and courteous, active-duty members throughout and around the building.

In the course of this sojourn we were further briefed as we 'walked and paused' in the 'Hall of Heritage' and viewed the pictures and bios of those members who had submitted same for the '20 Year Wall of Honor.' We also observed numerous artifacts of the near and far past.

Along the way, there were several in-depth briefings on the many facets of the AFTAC mission. In particular the work of the laboratory and the maintenance area. We then moved to the 'Watch Room' where we learned of how the data (seismic, satellite, etc) are drawn together and utilized for event location and other significant data; we ended the tour being briefed in the area monitoring the performance of multiple locations to determine mission capability and readiness.

That evening we attended the banquet at the 'Imperials Hotel.' The active-duty had, at great effort, transported many mission artifacts to this location for our further enjoyment as we sampled the cocktails and awaited dinner. Many 'tall tales' were exchanged here as the Sages recalled their times working with the equipment, and trying to explain to our younger counter parts how much harder it was in 'our time.'

At 1845, we proceeded into the banquet room to dine and for further entertainment and enlightenment. Yours truly had the high honor of sharing the MC duties with, and at the invite of, the AFTAC Superintendent, CMSgt Steve **Herrick**; as I said that evening, "Chief Herrick represents where you are and where you are going-I represent where you came from." From there, to the end of the program, we traded banter and more!

At the start, and following the invocation, we introduced dignitaries, present and past directors, and Senior Enlisted Advisors/Superintendents.

Following the meal MGen **Dettmer**, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), Headquarters' US Air Force, Washington, DC, former AFTAC CC, 2000-2001, in his keynote speech, highlighted AFTAC's role in the current world environment noting the role past members had played and how important the mission continues to be for now and the future (that speech, in its entirety, follows).



Good evening. Everyone. Happy 60th Anniversary!

This is certainly a GREAT way to celebrate the Long-Range Detection Program, with alumni and members of AFTAC both "past and present."

Thank you for the

invitation to be here with you tonight and this opportunity to share a few of my thoughts on this occasion. It's always great to get out of the Pentagon, and believe me when I say it's an absolute treat for me to be here, and not there!!

AFTAC's and its Long-Range Detection Program's legacies span more than half a century and both occupy such an important place in our Air Force's history. It is virtually impossible to overstate the value of AFTAC and what its detection program has brought, and continues bringing to our national security – as well as the extent to which AFTAC's strategic importance will continue to grow. Tonight I'd like to reflect a bit on where we've come from, where we are, and where I think we're going - in terms of AFTAC, ISR, and our Air Force.

The Long-Range Detection Program's beginnings are closely tied to the birth of our Air Force in 1947. As America emerged victorious from World War II, our leaders recognized that monitoring emerging foreign nuclear programs was critical to our national security interests. Just days before becoming a separate Service, General Dwight D. Eisenhower assigned the Army Air Forces responsibility for developing a capability to detect atomic explosions anywhere in the world. The program carried over and proved its worth in 1949 when a 8-29 detected the Soviet Union's first nuclear detonation. Since that time, the Long-Range Detection Program, AFTAC and

its alumni have significantly contributed to world-wide nuclear detection and monitoring. Although the end of the Cold War led some to mistakenly believe AFTAC would become an anachronism, world events proved otherwise. AFTAC's critical relevance becomes apparent by just picking up a newspaper. Threats, perception of threats, and prestige are all cited for nuclear weapons development in countries like India, Pakistan, North Korea and Iran.

As Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, or "ISR" airmen and professionals, we recognize and embrace the ability to rise above the constraints of terrain, and to transcend the strictures of the horizontal perspective. Today we not only use a large network of strategically placed ground sensors to detect and monitor nuclear events around the globe but also our WC-135 aircraft and satellites with their sophisticated and extremely sensitive sensor capabilities. As a result, we can immediately respond to problems as they arise, enabling quick-turn decision making by our nation's leaders.

There is an old chicken and egg debate about whether new technologies precede or follow the vision for their use; in other words, whether doctrine is created to make use of new technology, or vice versa. My take on the technology debate is that airmen, throughout our history as a Service, and technically even before we became a separate Service, have consistently pushed technology to keep up with our expanding vision for what ISR can offer. Our legacy hinges on visionaries like the Long-Range Detection Program alumni, who conceived of the necessity, and the means for expanding nuclear detection capabilities. That's the kind of star AFTAC was born under, and that's the tradition we must carry forth.

For the last century we have witnessed a steady progression of technological advancements, thanks to innovative airmen determined to make the inconceivable become commonplace. The result is that today the Air Force makes such seamless use of Speed, Range, Lethality, Precision, Stealth, and Versatility that we scarcely notice the leaps in technology these characteristics represent, or the sizeable technical hurdles that had to be overcome in achieving them. It's often not until an opportunity like this event presents itself that we reflect on and appreciate how far ISR and our Service have come in such a relatively short time.

The technological progression we have witnessed in ISR and the Air Force has been astounding as we moved from balloons and dirigibles, to aircraft and satellites. We broke the sound barrier; we broke free of gravity; and we broke the Soviet bank. We extended ranges until we could pilot aircraft across the globe; and now we can pilot them FROM across the globe ... We put GPS in space, facilitating our ability to accomplish nuclear detection while lowering our overseas footprint.

AFTAC Airmen and professionals have put nuclear detection advancements to work in a variety of capacities that lay well outside the realm of traditional taskings, providing critical insights into the Chernobyl accident, the loss of space shuttle Columbia, and the reentry of a Soviet nuclear powered satellite.

Given all this, it's not hard to make the conceptual leap to what I would call the second main theme of the Long-Range Detection Program's sixty-year legacy to our country: the manner in which we have altered how nuclear detection is accomplished in the face of changing environments.

Mind you, the scientific underpinnings of AFTAC's mission remain the same. However, AFTAC is working hard to improve technology, techniques, timing, and thresholds to keep on top of these changes. September 11th changed our environment, and we broadened our focus to meet the rise of terrorism and potential for rogue states to proliferate nuclear technology. AFTAC is ever-vigilant...and by taking a page out of the history of the Long-Range Detection Program, we have postured ourselves to meet today's threat in support of our national decision makers, joint service partners, and combatant commanders.

Suffice to say...our adversaries understand Global Vigilance, they've been schooled in Global Reach, and not surprisingly, they've developed a healthy respect for the meaning of Global Power, especially our ISR capabilities.

The bottom line is that the curtain has not come down on what has been AFTAC's sizeable role in national security and the furthering of our global influence. Quite the contrary. This might just be the one place where the real estate market shows no signs of going soft...

So, on the occasion of the Long-Range Detection Program and the Air Force's 60th anniversary, those are some of my thoughts about air

and space power and on AFTAC's ongoing and significant role in their advancement.

On all counts, AFTAC's future is bright. The only limits out there are those we place on ourselves; either in terms of fiscal and resource constraints, or in how we conceive of new methods for our vitally important missions. The former is a fact of life; the latter-a limit of imagination-has never been allowed to slow our forward progress, and the onus is on you all to make sure it never does.

For the Air Force's 60th anniversary year, we've coined the phrase "From Heritage to Horizons," in part to remind us of the airmen who went before us, with their hallmark indomitable spirits, who tirelessly advanced the yoke of progress forward to where we stand today.

This phrase also acknowledges that which lies in front of us as well. I think it's telling that as a Service we characterize our future goals as "horizons," something to make strides toward - but the nature of which is to illusively advance before us, leaving always some measure of distance for us to cover before they are arrived at.

But above all - beyond the acknowledgment of our proud past or the recognition of our infinite future possibilities - these four words subtly but unmistakably spell out the responsibility with which you and I have been charged; namely, we are called to forge that linkage between the legacy we've been given, and the future we now face. It is incumbent upon us to take our Service's nuclear detection capability "From Heritage, to Horizons," in the storied tradition of those who have gone before us, in order that we might similarly pave the way for those who will follow.

Happy Anniversary, everybody - here's to many, many more!



The General then participated in a 60th Anniversary 'Birthday Cake Cutting.' Assisting was the AFTAC Vice-Commander, LtCol Donna **Rodgers**, and AFTAC's most junior enlisted, Amn Justin **Doaty**.

Following this, 'Greenlight' band provided their own unique form of music, and entertainment, into the late hours. The 'Greenlight' band is the AFTAC, and the Sages, house band, and most of its members have served, and some still serve, the AFTAC mission.

The following day, Oct 12th, was the 17th Annual, golf n'getogether arranged by the alumni association. See details in the following article.

17TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER COCOA BEACH GOLF COURSE, OCT 12TH

CONTINUED FROM PG 1-CAROL SNYDER REPORTS

'SAGE, ON THE RANGE'



To start, the Alumni Assn thank our sponsors, **AIS, MTC, SAIC, and Riverside Research**, for their generous donations, with which we are able to give out such great door prizes. Also we'd like to thank our volunteers, Natalie **Yacoub**, Regina **Crumpton**, Kassi **Lawson**, Erin **Molock**, Florence **Jackson**, Janet **Olsen**, Pat **Snyder**, Bob **Wiley**, and Carol **Snyder**; without them this tournament would not have happened.

However, the real person we need to thank is Addison "Mitch" **Mitchell** he stepped up once again and pulled off a great tournament and the weather was even great! MITCH we really appreciate all of your efforts in making the day a success. (You've got it down pat, now you can't stop running the tournaments). We had 115 golfers and 6 volunteers (mentioned earlier); four work in the bldg, one alumni spouse and one spouse. They all did a great job and we couldn't have pulled it off without them!

A special thanks goes out to all the players, if you didn't sign up to play we wouldn't have a tournament. Hope you all had a fun day! Thanks again to all.

Big prizes made possible by our sponsors were.

AIS, MTC, SAIC, & Riverside Research-Jay Crow, Putter; Arlene Dolphin, 3 Wood; Don Gilbert, Golf Bag; Dave Melton, Sand Wedge; Bill Yockey, Bridgestone Driver

Other Prizes-Winners

1st Place, \$60 each-Gentile, Jeff, McMurphy, Dave, Marcellus, Uzee, Renee

2nd place \$50 each-Buckley, Howard, Nickles, Keith, Rearick, David, Smetzer, Pat

3rd Place \$40 each-Killian, Gary, Silhanek, Larry, Walker, Frank, Wierschke, Marsha

The next Two Prize winners received
a Box of Nike 1 Platinum balls

Closest to the hole, the two winners were: Dolphin, Arlene, Howard, John

Longest drive, the two winners were: Williams, Terri, Salter, Eric

Many other prizes given out – a total of over \$1300 in prizes thanks to our great sponsors. We brought in \$555 in mulligans minus the cost of the balls.

"... SNOWBALL X" (from page one)

MAJOR ARRANGER, DEBORAH CARSON

Since 1999, it has become customary for the Alumni Association to arrange a 'Themed Ball' at the beginning of each year. This is done for several reasons to include an event that does not involve playing a sport and held at a time that our alumni snowbirds are in town. We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the October elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. A highlight will be the recognition of our 'Alumni of The Year,' William (Bill) **Schmied**; (he will also be honored at the Center's 'Annual Award Banquet'-on Feb 28th, see item on page 1).

This is 'SnowBall's' 10th Anniversary; each year attendance grows. We were swamped last year with a record number in attendance. Even though we spread into the next room, everyone had a great time. Don't get left out this year. It is also a tradition that the AFTAC Commander and Vice, Chief Scientist, AFTAC Superintendent, Directors and other interested active-duty personnel are invited.

The 'SnowBall' always has a 'Theme.' In the past themes have been Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Pine-dale, Wyoming, and Det 415, Thailand, honoring locations where AFTAC had or has a presence. This year we will honor Detachment 421, Alice Springs, Australia, with a 'Down Under' theme. The Center's Chief, Enterprise Information Management, Deborah **Carson**, made arrangements with the Patrick AFB 'All Ranks' Club, (The Tides) to host us again this year and Deborah, with help from other members (Judy Milam, Pat Snyder, etc), will have the place looking very 'Aussie.'

Pertinent information:

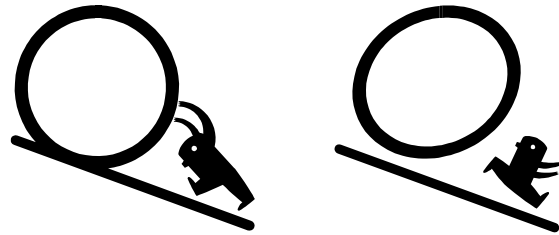
Theme: 'Down Under, Alice Springs, Australia'
2 Feb 2008 (Saturday), \$25 per person, tax & gratuity included. Cash **Bar**, 6-7PM, **Dinner** at 7PM, in the Ocean Lounge.

Menu: Kicking Kangaroo & Rocking Crock, with all the usual bush trimmings.

Reservations, call Deborah Carson at 494-6537/ email deborah.carson@patrick.af.mil or Pat Snyder at 494-6867/email, Patricia.

Snyder@patrick.af.mil.

It will be a great evening with a lot of camaraderie and 'catching up.' Go to the Alumni website to look at pictures of previous SnowBalls. We are sure you'll recognize many Sages, and family, make sure you are one of them this year!!



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING (continued from page two)

attended the meeting – and all 7 were in the group of the dozen or so people who regularly attend monthly meetings. The tragic thing is, there were 20 or 30 Alumni members at the golf course just minutes prior to the meeting and they couldn't spare a few minutes for the meeting (which, by the way, only lasted 5 – yes, 5 – minutes).

With approximately 200 LRDA members in the local area, it seems unbelievable that we can't get more than a dozen or so members at our monthly meetings. As one of those dozen or so people, I can tell you we would certainly like to see some new faces. We're beginning the planning stages for the 2009 Worldwide Reunion here in FL, and we need your help.

If you have any time to spare, please make an effort to attend the monthly meetings and get involved in the Alumni activities. No one is asked to do anything they don't want to do; you won't be appointed to a job if you don't want to do it, but it would be nice to have new ideas and more people to show an interest in our activities.

We meet monthly on the second Monday of the month at 5 PM at the AFTAC building, and we work hard to keep the meetings at one hour or less. If you plan to attend, meet at the Outback (behind the AFTAC building) NLT 4:55 PM to be escorted into the building. Hope to see new faces next month!



Personals ...

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

Transitions

Important Events and Changes in our Sages lives.
None Provided

In Memoriam

Jay E. Montgomery
Lewis C Horne

Rest in Eternal Peace

Jay E. Montgomery

GENO WAGNER, EMAIL-10.31

I'm attaching an obituary (below) for Jay E. Montgomery. Jay was stationed at the HQ in Alexandria VA when I was there in 1968. He then went to the squadron in Hawaii and to a detachment at Edwards AFB CA. He was released back to the AF after that assignment. I've kept in touch with he and Lois ever since to the point that they introduced me to my present wife, Sandy. Jay had heart surgery around 1995 and hasn't been really well since. His heart finally gave out on Sunday. Lois is doing well considering everything. They were living a quiet life in Blackshear, GA.

Obituary

Jay E. Montgomery, 63, of Blackshear, died Sunday afternoon (Oct. 28, 2007) at Satilla Regional Medical Center following a sudden illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Kathryn Succese Montgomery, and a sister, Dona Haverstock. He lived many years in Massena, N.Y., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., before moving to Pierce County earlier this year. He was a retired Master Sergeant of the United States Air Force with 20 years of service, and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of Truth Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church in Blackshear.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Montgomery, of Blackshear; a daughter, Faith E. Hevlow (husband Richard), of Coral Springs, Fla.; a son, Robert Montgomery, of Coral Springs, Fla.; four grandsons, John Shipley, Brandon Shipley, Chris Hevlow, and Taylor Hevlow, all of Coral Springs, Fla.; a sister, Ellen Montgomery, of Albany, N.Y.; a sister-in-law, Linda Barry, of Blackshear; a brother-in-law, Bill Mansfield (wife Kay), of Longview, Wash.; two aunts, Catherine Barry (husband Clarence), of Massena, N.Y., and Irene Prewitt (daughter Bonnie) of Jackson, Miss.; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorialization was by cremation (and a service) held at Truth Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church in Blackshear. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to Truth Tabernacle United Pentecostal Church in Blackshear. Online condolences may be expressed at www.smithfuneralhome.us

Lewis C Horne

JOE JOHNSON, EMAIL-12-07-2007



Col. (RET) Lewis C Horne passed away today. He was a Life member of the West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association. **Obituary** extracted below:

HORNE, Colonel Lewis Clay USAF (Retired) Was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1928. Lewis passed peacefully in Sacramento, California on December 7, 2007. His wife of fifty years, Laura, and three living sons Lewis Jr., David, and Douglas were by his side. Lewis Horne will be severely missed by his family. His character, code of ethics, values, and selflessness continue to be our model for living life. Services were held at Our Lady of the Assumption at 1:00 PM, Thursday, December 13, 2007. Interment was at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. Published in the Sacramento Bee on 12/9/2007.



MAIL - CALL

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

EPOMO EMAIL

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First Sage to 'report in'

Jim Davis

2007.09.11

Just finished printing the latest Post Monitor...I'd say that it is hot off the press....Thanks again John for encouraging me to go electronic. Doggone, Jim, you're the first responder again ... and thanks for the test reply.

Glenn Kennedy-email

09.11

Thanks as always, and good job on the distribution system. Thanks, the 'Link' system is much faster for us in emailing to over 180 addresses also, and thanks for the test reply.

Clark Creery-email

09.11

Worked very well for me.....exceptional issue. You should enjoy reading because your inputs were all over it; thanks for your 'always there' support.

Tom Dunn-email

09.11

Got it and it worked great. Thanks, Tom.

Ron Cook-email

09.11

The 2007 Sep PoMo looks great. Thanks, Ron.

John Reinders-email

09.11

I got it. Thanks for all you do to keep us old AF-TACers in the know...Members like you make our job easy!

Michael Clark-email

09.11

Again, many thanks for all the hard work by everyone putting the PoMo together! Best regards from across the pond many miles away! With appreciation! Thanks Mike ... and your regards are taken.

Charles Dunlap-email AFTAC 60-64 09.12

Thanks for doing a great job. Thanks for the comp and the AFTAC dates ... wish everyone would do that!

Patricia Snyder-email

09.13

Fabulous job as usual. I liked your nose picture between the Commander & Jack Smith -- would have recognized you w/o the caption. :) Keep up the good work. Just as we knew, Pat, not only are you a great 'Insider' but a reader of details!!! And thanks for the comps.

POMO MAIL

Richard Preston-Luttrell, TN

07.31

In your June PoMo there is an article about SEO numbers on page 21 concerning whether to list numbers by rank or SSAN. I would suggest chronologically from the beginning or by the number of flying hours flown in direct support of our mission (I have 5400 plus such hours). Seriously, do it however you like. Thanks for your many hours of service, your 'Sage Shop' order, membership, readership and taking the time to write. As I understand from what was written, they did go with the SSAN.

Mike Higgins-email

09.22

Please put me on the list for receiving the LRD newsletter by email. I think that you all are doing an outstanding job with the newsletter and want to help the financial status of the association. Thanks. Thanks, Mike, your first ePoMo has been sent.

Curt Anderholm-email

09.22

Hi. Just read the latest PoMo and enjoyed it as usual. Sign me up for the email edition. Curt
Thanks, as soon as we figured out which 'Curt' you were we had it made ... thanks for 'signin' up.' Curt later replied, "Sorry to cause you such consternation! I got the ePoMo downloaded and read again with as much pleasure as (before) w better pic's. Thanks."

John Bradford (80-94)-email

09.25

Please send Post Monitor via email to help reduce costs. Thanks, and appreciate the mission service dates ... wish everyone would add those!

Donald Marcus-email

09.27

Sounds like a good idea. Please sign me up to receive PoMo via the internet. Don, thanks. It's great to hear from you and be reminded of 'our times.'

Pat Short-email

09.29

Would you put me on the list to receive the POST-MONITOR via email? Thanks for such a convenient option. You are welcome, and 'Thank You.'

Mike Higgins-email

09.23

1. Yes, this responds to the newsletter-have tried before but guess I sent my request to the wrong address. You made it much easier this time!

2. I flew B-727's ... Mike went on to write a great 'Boldly Stated' tale-readers will find that in the 'Feature Article' section. Thanks, Mike.

Ken Stanford-email 09.30

Please sign me up for the e-mail edition of the PoMo. Thanks. You are very welcome.

Michael Ondrasek-email 10.02

Love reading every article in each issue of the Post-Monitor. Thanks so much for all of your efforts to keep the alumni organization alive and documenting its existence in the Post-Monitor. Many articles bring back memories of the good old days...when AFTAC first moved the headquarters to Florida. Miss the warm waters, wet sand and the fishing with Joe **Marshall**. Do the blues still run close to shore at certain times of the year (early spring)? May come for a visit this next holiday season to escape the Ohio cold and the XMas madness.

But I am wandering off of the point of this email. Your plea to get the electronic version of the newsletter hit home, especially after hearing the cost savings. Send me the electronic versions in the future. Thanks for your very kind thoughts ... members like yourself make our 'job a joy.' Hope Joe answers your blues query!

Dennis Smith-email 10.02

Please put me on the e-mail option permanently. Gotcha ... thanks.

OTHER MAIL**Important Notice-Colorado Web Site****Bill Harris-email 09.17**

I think I can now safely say that the Colorado web site is up and running again. For you tech types, it was never really down, but the name server it depended on had failed and we had nowhere to point the domain name. It is now split between two different ones, one of which is operated by Barry, the guy who also hosts the site. As of this afternoon, I tried it from three different computer systems and it came up fine, so I think we're in business again. Thanks, we knew you'd be back.. Now all chapters are back in business, 'web-wise.'

Important Notice-SEO Reunion Proposed**Charlie Penn-email 09.17**

Butch **Kemna** and myself are trying to find out if there would be interest in an Airborne Reunion next year. Please include the attached notice on your website and newsletter. Thanks and a great job on the newsletter! Thanks, Charlie, for your compliment and being an active Sage. Guys like you and Butch make our job easy. The notice follows and we have posted it at the alumni website, NTKN link. Hope you have great success.

Attention Airborne Personnel

We are polling all past and present airborne folks (SEO's, F Troop, and Lab) to find out if there is

interest for a reunion in Las Vegas around 08/08/08. If there are a sufficient number of players for this tentative event we would make further queries about exact location, prices and ancillary events. If you are interested please contact either Butch **Kemna** (SEO#22), 916-722-8509 or jklk@mindsync.com, or Charlie Penn (SEO #2), 916-624-1067 or chaspenn@sbcglobal.net. We are hoping you will respond soon so the planning can commence. Let's get the "green baggers" reunited to exchange and relive old war stories.

Tom Dunn-email 10.04

Please pass our regrets that we are going to miss the 60th anniversary reunion. Tell everyone we said "HI". We are in Valle, AZ. We are going to the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Albuquerque, NM tomorrow. We'd prefer you over your regrets. Suppose if there were 'horseshoes' involved you'd show up to defend your title!

Pete Wigington-email 10.18

Pete follows up his email, 07.30, in last issue:

Had CT/PET scan on Oct 12th to check for Cancer progress. Met with my Oncologist Dr on Oct 16th for results. **Great news**, the scan showed no, (zero) remaining **¶ Mantle Cell Lymphoma Cancer**. This does not mean the Cancer is cured, but rather in remission. In any case, it is **Great news** for Mat and I. The Doctor wants me to take two more chemo treatments. I took my 5th Chemo treatment Oct 16 and will take my last on Nov 5th. And am looking forward for a feel good and thankful THANKSGIVING.

Thank you for your concern, but most of all, thank you for your Prayers, they worked. Pete, thanks for this follow-up-it is great news!

Geno Wagner-email 10.21

This article might be interesting to some of you guys. It was forwarded to me:

<http://www.damninteresting.com/?p=922> Geno, thanks for passing this on this interesting story mentioning AFTAC.

Dale Klug-email 10.31

Are either the AFTAC Family or the MONITOR newsletters still published?? If so, how can I get copies, preferably an e-copy??

Last "AFTAC Family" I saw was Jan 2007 on the Alumni website.

EDITORS: We have learned 'Family' published their last issue in the June/July timeframe (fiscal constraints). The AFTAC PA, MSgt Murphy, sent us, and Dale, up-to-date copies. Our Webmaster, Mike Black, will post them on the alumni. The Monitor has not been published for several years for the same reason.

We just returned from a 2-month trip in our motor home. We contacted a few alumni on the way. We spent two days with Al & Joyce



Koscheski in Arlington, TX. We had lunch with Mario & Connie **Perusquia** in San Antonio, TX and phoned Wenzel & Mary **Smejkal** while in Eau Claire, WI, Wenzel is working for Univ of Wisconsin there. Do you imagine he is a professor? I remember Wenzel trying to train me when we were on the IG team. Tried to call George Cronin when we went through Iowa, but I must have dialed the wrong phone number or he was lost on his tractor in the cornfield. We think maybe George is still at the reunion!!! Called & stopped by Dennis & Vicky Ramey's home in Wellington, KS, but they must have been at the NASCAR race in Kansas City that weekend. My original hometown was Wellington, we will have to visit them; Denny's pipe and laugh were always a hit with Chris!

Jim Payne-email 11.06

Regardless of your personal status, consider passing this along to all veterans, families of veterans or individuals with veterans in their family. "Aid and Attendance" is an underutilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live in nursing homes.

To qualify, a veteran (includes the surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. The veteran's benefit is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and increases to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent. The surviving spouse alone is \$11,715 annually.

For more information, call 1-800-827-1000, visit <http://www.va.gov> (type "Aid and Attendance" in the search block), or contact your local VA office. You can also apply on-line at <http://vabenfits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>. Important Sage information!

Richard Eggers-email 11.27

(Richard had updated his info at the alumni website and mentioned my name; our webmaster, Mike Black sent it forward to us)

Got your msg. You're right, there are a lot of memories involved here. I believe I could still analyze data. I remember the "looks" we used to get. The forms of equipment have changed drastically since we were in Turkey. I see a lot of the old sites are closed now. Most of the old enlisted types are not listed with AFTAC. I'll go for membership after I finish this msg. I've had a good life, worked in the communications industry and retired from there (ATT). Your mail always welcome, keep in touch. PKKP always. Glad to have you as a member; now we'll know, when we publish, you are 'out there.'

Like that signoff also, a 'PCP' back at'cha.

Jim 'Red' Davis-email 11.30

I got the Top Three coin....it's beautiful....each side is very well done. Thank you for being a help in obtaining it. Didn't get the 60th Anniversary coin as you know...the wrong date and its my understanding it is or has been re-ordered and I will be wanting that coin as well. I've been in touch with Pat **Snyder** and hopefully she will let me know when they arrive and I can re-order it. Just in case Pat forgets to let me know I would appreciate it if you would keep me informed.

Winter has finally arrived up heresqualls off and on all day with a lot of wind....ho ho to everyone down there. It's always great to hear from our member in Canada. With Pat 'on the job' you are in the best of hands, and, by the way, a ho ho back to you.

Note: With this issue we move '...Looking for' to this section:

"Where ... Is ... >looking for"

The Alumni Website link, 'Where In The World Is' provides Sages a method to locate each other. Realizing that some do not access the internet, we post searches here also:

1. Happ **Chandler**, for Dave **Johnson** (Det 329), paulcchandler@msn.com
2. E **Shafer**, for Marty V. From Det 452, 1975 to 1980 time frame eshafer@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL MAIL

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR

'Serial Sages'

New Lifetime Memberships,

Ray **Brust**, Bella Vista, AR, **wrote**: Would you tell John Horsch that I give up. Here is my check for \$75 for life membership. Also, try to teach him that it is Ar-Kan-Saw, not Ar-Kan-sas. Gotcha, Ray. And appreciate you signing up for life; now I will have to learn Arkie! Jack **Rosiello**, Tampa FL-Willard **Barber**, Dunn, NC-

'Sustaining Sages'

Annual Memberships, new and renewals

Claude **Ciuper**, Palm Bay, FL,-Glenn **Legge**, Melbourne, FL-Ron **Kane**, Sat Bch, FL-James **Lyon**, Magnolia, TX-D. **Santo**, Melbourne, FL-Joseph **Florentine**, Dayton, OH-Margaret **Braukman**, Denver, CO-Charles **Derosier**, Orange Park, FL-Robert **Kridle**, Biloxi, MS-Larry **Teynor**, Mims, FL-Jacqueline **Might**, Bridgeton, NJ-Tim **Heenan** (2-years), IHB, FL-Richard **Gullett**, Palestine, IL-Robert **Morton**, Sat Bch, FL-Thomas **Gehman**, Colorado Springs, CO-Charlie **McGehee** (2-years), Del City, OK-Curtis **Anderholm**, Merrit Is, FL

PREZ

FROM
THE TOP

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I'd like to start by wishing all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2008. 2007 has been quite a year.

If you didn't participate in the 60th Anniversary Open House or Banquet, you missed out on a well planned and executed program. As some of you know, the LRDA, and other donors, helped by funding some of the dinners for active enlisted and equivalent civil service members of AFTAC.

We had a very successful golf tournament in October. The details are covered in other articles, but I want to add my Thanks to all those who helped make it possible, including our generous sponsors. Plan now on participating in the spring golf tournament.

Depending on publication dates, by the time you read this the AFTAC Winter Social will be happening or just past. Once again it was held at the Holiday Inn (old Imperial Hotel). Ticket sales were good and there were several 'Alumni' tables. I'm sure a good time is in store for all who attend.

Deborah **Carson** has another outstanding SnowBall planned for us in 2008. Details are in other articles, but get your tickets early in case we have a sellout like last year. The theme will be Australia.

We have a few volunteers to help with planning the Worldwide **Reunion for 2009**. We could use more and **we need a Chairperson** to start organizing the effort. Contact anyone on the Board if you are interested.

The annual general membership meeting was held in conjunction with the golf tournament. Current officers were all re-elected for another term. To be honest, the participation for this important function was miserable. We had many members present for the golf and BBQ dinner, but **95% failed to stay** for the meeting which only took about 5 minutes. None of you should consider this an acceptable way to run the organization. I'd like to hear suggestions on improving attendance at the annual meeting.



BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

ElectedPresident-**Bob Wiley**Vice-**Addison Mitchell**Secretary-**Judy Milam**Treasurer-**Joe Goldian****Appointed**Activities-**CMSgt Steve Herrick** Hall of Heritage-**David Merker**Hospitality-**Judy Milam**Internet-**Mike Black**Membership-**Randy Vlassick** Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**'Off-Line' Worldwide Database-**Clark Creery**Publicity-**Need a Volunteer**Sage Shop-**Pat/Carol Snyder**Coordinator, 2009 Worldwide Alumni Reunion-**Need a Volunteer**

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A Minute with the Minutes**New Business/Items**

10.22-Bob talked about, and encouraged, Alumni participation in the 'AFTAC Cares program.' (see info about program in the Active-Duty section and on the alumni website, NTKN link)

mentioned that we sponsored 50 Active-Duty members (up to \$500) for the 60th Anniversary Banquet. (see CC Thank you letter at 'Active-Duty Doins')

noted the Alumni Worldwide Reunion will be coming up in 2009 and **we need a chairperson**.

FY2008 'Officer Elections' were held with no nominations from the floor; FY2007 officers had agreed to being nominated and were reelected to serve. (listing on Page One)

Continuing Business/Items

Membership: Chair, Randy Vlassick reports membership is 659-567 lifetime.

Post-Monitor: On schedule-publish in 2nd Week of December.

Hall of Heritage: Thanks to the work of the Chair, Dave Merker, and other active-duty personnel, the completed upgrades were much appreciated by attendees of the 60th Anniversary 'Open House.' This was indeed a highlight of the tour as we saw pictures of sages, and artifacts, from 'long long ago.' The front lobby has changed dramatically in appearance to reflect the worldwide mission. Plans are underway to approve space for a Hall of Heritage in the new building, if and when one is approved for AFTAC. The timeline of the mission will be reflected in the Hall of Heritage. Plans are underway to display a WB-50 at the USAF Museum at Dayton, OH

LRD 60-Year Commemorative Coins: We continue this project of trying to associate a commemorative coin with the space program, as was done with in the past. This coin will be displayed in the 'Hall of Heritage.'

SnowBall: SnowBall X has been scheduled for

2008.02.02 at the Tides, details of this annual event begin on page one of this issue.

Golf: see 'Alerts' and 'Events' articles, page one

WorldWide Reunion, 2009: Traditionally the worldwide reunion rotates between the three alumni assn chapters on a biannual basis. CA hosted in 2005 and CO the recent festivities. We have started discussions for 'our turn' for 2009.

Activities: The 60th Anniversary of Long Range Detection was a big success. Details of this are reported on in this newsletter beginning on page one. The HQ held an open house at the building, and the banquet was held at the Imperial Hotel. The Alumni golf tournament included many anniversary attendees. Funds provided by the Civ-Mil organization and the LRDA were used to encourage attendance by lower rank

Coordinator, 2009 WorldWide Alumni Reunion and Publicity Chair: We are in need of Sages to fill these positions. Please step forward if you'd like to help your association in an important area.

SagE-News

ePoMo Update

YOUR EDITORS

Our electronic subscribers continue a march to reach 200 from a little more than 100 just 6-months ago. Thanks to those of you who have 'tried this and liked it.'

Importantly, to those of you who have not 'jumped in,' association member or not, we will provide a 'complimentary' electronic copy for you to see the advantages of this method (more timely, color, when used, flexibility, etc.). Once you see the simplicity, we feel confident you will stay ... and those Sages not members yet, will quickly join our association.



"Ok, Ok, I know I saved that December issue somewhere on this machine. Sometimes this is as difficult as working with seismic data when you are a "Q" troop!!

OTHER CHAPTERS

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2007.09

ECHOES

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

Events, Plans and Schedules

RSVP to Jack Smith 303 428-1812

or email COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM

See the CO Website for updates. We have learned, Bill **Harris**, CO chapter Webmaster, is arranging for their website to get 'back on the air.' We look forward to this happening.

Summary of the 2007 Worldwide Reunion

JACK SMITH AND CHUCK TONER, CHAIRMAN AND CO CHAIRMAN, AFTAC ALUMNI REUNION 2007

It's hard to believe that three months have elapsed since our very successful worldwide reunion on June 7 - 11 June 2007. The efforts of so many who took part in the planning and preparation, and who worked the various committees is the very essence of what made this reunion a very special, enjoyable, and rewarding event. We want to extend a very special thanks to those who attended and to those who helped make this a very great and special reunion that will long be remembered. We know that without your attendance, the efforts of so many would be for naught. Your presence and the assistance of many made it all happen!!! Many may not be aware that planning started in late August 2006--just one year ago. This was necessary to obtain a reunion site of our choosing to lock in the desired dates of 7 - 11 June 2007.

There were over 170 in attendance and they represented 23 different states---a tribute to the strength and understanding as to what AFTAC is all about. The reunion actually started a little early!! On Wednesday evening while the committee was prepping the 'Hospitality Room', some early arrivals came to visit, to register, and have an early toast to the coming four days. It was a work evening for some, but a fun evening for all, for it was well after midnight when the doors were closed. A great beginning for a great reunion.

Thursday began where Wednesday left off. Registration and welcome started early in the day and extended into the evening. Thursday was also the scheduled golf outing (see article following). For those who participated, it will be

an outing long remembered. The temperature at the hotel at departure time (12:30 PM) was a balmy 70 degrees. But that pleasantness was not to be as the day turned windy and very cool (49 degrees). Who knows what happened, isn't this supposed to be Colorado in June? Bottom line, there were some great sports who participated in the golf event. The golf outing terminated in the 'Hospitality Room' on Thursday evening with a great BBQ feed (thanks to Ginny Gibbons). This was open to all, so it was a great mixer and the evening moved on with a lot of food, drink, conversation and laughter in living the present and reliving the past.

During the day on both Friday and Saturday, scheduled bus tours were assembled for those interested in reliving some of the old 'haunts' they were familiar with during those days they were stationed at Lowry AFB. The tours encompassed: (1) Rocky Mountain Arsenal (now a wildlife refuge), (2) Fitzsimons Army Hospital (now the new University Hospital Campus), and (3) Lowry AFB (now a rather large housing development called Lowry Campus). Feedback from those who took one or all three tours was very positive and a very rewarding tribute to those who put the tours together.

The finale of this great reunion was the Friday night social and the Saturday night banquet. I don't think one can put into words the beauty of the two evenings. The setting was superb and the participants were elegant. A great reward to those who were able to attend and to those who put the 'show' together. The 'Memorial Table' was a focal point in recognition of those who couldn't attend this reunion and in fond memory to those who are no longer with us (photo upper right).

Thanks once again to all of you who participated in this great and memorable AFTAC reunion. Special thank you to Colonel **Westergren** Commander AFTAC our Keynote Speaker and Deacon Ray **Brust** our Master of Ceremonies Saturday night.



Col Westergren speaks

Ray and Marva Brust smile!



Golf Tournament

The tournament was played at Antelope Hills Golf Course in Bennett, Colorado, on an extremely blustery Thursday afternoon on June 7, 2007. There were 20 plus hardy souls there to try their skills in some of the worst weather (wind and cold) you can imagine. This was a scramble, best ball tournament. Golf carts, box lunches, and water were provided to all golfers.

Some golfers could not tolerate the windy (40 to 50 MPH) conditions and retired early to the club bar. Among the brave souls who played the entire 18 holes, the winners were: Team of Earl Pierce, SSgt Gapinski (Det 45), and Ken Kurziel won the tournament with a one under par. Longest drive - Lonnie Gibbons, Closest to the pin - Lonnie Gibbons, Earl Pierce, SSgt Gapinski and Frank Hall.

After the tournament completion, everyone proceeded to the bar for beer, coffee, etc and good conversation, before heading back to the Doubletree Hotel in Denver where a great barbecue dinner was waiting in the Hospitality Suite. Thanks to Ginny Gibbons for preparing such a tasty meal. Golf towels and sleeves of golf balls from Antelope Hills were presented to the winners. PoMo Editors Note: There is much more information, pictures and letters in this issue of the CO newsletter, ECHOES.

Detachment 45 Change of Command

Col Mark **Westergren**, AFTAC commander, officiated at the Det 45 Change of Command Ceremony on 11 July passing the flag from Maj Gerald **Robertson** to the new detachment commander, Capt Brian **Chellgren**. Jack **Smith** and Bill **Schmied** attended the ceremony representing our alumni association and welcoming Capt **Chellgren**, a Major selectee. We invited him to continue the relationship and detachment participation with the alumni during his tenure. We also thanked Maj Robertson for his support while he was the commander and look forward to keeping him in the loop since he is remaining at Buckley as the base IG.

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2007.07

DEPOT FALLOUT

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

Events Calendar

-Officers elected and appointed at the December 4th Quarterly meeting are posted above.

-Quarterly Membership meetings are held the 1st Tuesdays at the Lions Gate restaurant on McClellan Park.

(Call ahead to our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at <www.AFTACwest.org>.)

PoMo editors NOTE: We did not receive a later 'FallOut' to include in this issue.

What follows are some Florida chapter pictures from the 60th Anniversary festivities.

Thanks to our DigiCam man and President, Bob Wiley.



Here our president, Bob **Wiley** (far right [picture position, not politically]) has browbeat several Sages and spouses to pose with him as a sign of his leadership. He found them easily enough as they awaited the 'pre-building tour dining' at the 'OutBack.' They quickly dispersed following this picture.

Back left we have the **Melchoir's**, beside them are the **Bright's**, and, lucky enough to have already found a seat, the **Mosley's**. Don, don't chew me out too hard if its spelled, 'Mosely!' ... actually, I know its spelled correctly; we checked the directory. But, Don likes to talk about how often his name is misspelled and we oblige..



Continuing the 'dining' theme we see the **Calenda's** sitting with our 'Honorary Alumni' the **Kirkpatrick's** (closest); honorary because they have attended more alumni association events than most association members!!



Above, we see our supportive golfers signing in with our intrepid volunteers. Thanks to both!!

Below, two of our most supportive 'Insider's,' Pat **Snyder** and Deborah **Carson**, share a grin over some event at the banquet. Knowing these two it could be just about anything.



MONITOR *ing Active* **Duty Doings'** from around the AFTAC world **Command Section**



Col. Mark W
Westergren

Commander, 2006.08 Previously, Director of Joint Operations (J-3), National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) Hawaii, Kunia City, HI. Education includes: 1984 B.S. in Chemical Engineering, cum laude; 1989 M.B.A. in Finance, Webster University; 1994, Masters in International Public Policy. His professional education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, USAF Intelligence School, and Joint Forces Staff College.



CMSgt Steven
Herrick

Superintendent, 2006.12 AF: 1978-83/AFTAC: 1983 to current. Previously, Superintendent, Materials Technology Directorate, AFTAC, PAFB, FL. Education includes all NCO schools and academies, Distinguished Graduate each time; BS, University of Maryland. The Chief has served at numerous AFTAC locations and in many positions.



Col Westergren, Letter of Appreciation

CC's letter to the Association, for its leadership and involvement in the 60th Anniversary follows. "A hearty 'Thank You' to you and the alumni for taking part in the Long Range Detection Program's 60th Anniversary celebration! Assuming a

lead role and donating funds to offset ticket costs demonstrates your consistently strong support of our AFTA man and women. LRDAAs members are an integral part of the AFTAC team and our successful celebration was due in large part to your leadership and generosity. Thanks again, Signed Mark W. Westergren, Col USAF." He also presented the assn with the coin you see on the left. Thanks to all Sages that supported this effort.



Conversation with The Chief

Fellow Sages, I was proud to represent the many past and present Special Equipment Operators and ARE technicians last month (11/27) as we formally cut the ribbon on our newest detachment. While I stood by, the AFTAC commander presided at the activation ceremony of Det 1 AFTAC, Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

Ever since the closure of McClellan AFB in the late 1990s, the crews flying the WC-135 as well as the aircraft themselves were located separately from the SEOs handling the collection mission and the ARE techs keeping the equipment operational. That separation posed numerous logistical and timeliness challenges. The solution for enhancing mission effectiveness lay in rejoining the SEOs and maintenance personnel with the aircraft and crew.

Our first commander for Det 1 is Major Bryan **Rogers**, who came to us from the 55th Operations Group at Offutt. He along with his new superintendent, MSgt Matt **Brown**, our former Det Chief of Det 415, have worked hard to transform a dirty, unused corner of a former B-29 assembly facility into a fine detachment. Most of the new SEOs and maintenance folks are on-site and more are inbound. Once all the Airmen are assigned, Det 1 is destined to become our largest detachment. Congratulations to Maj Rogers and his new command. I'm confident that our superb Airmen will continue the record of success operating America's only nuclear treaty monitoring aircraft. Thanks for passing this on ... this type of update keeps the Sages informed and is the kind of info only someone in your position can provide.



See program details, and needed items, at the alumni website, 'Need To Know Now' link.

Haywon **Kim**, and other AFTAC Active-Duty spouses, collect items needed by deployed AFTACers and mail them out. You can contact Haywon @ hey1k@yahoo.com. We asked Haywon for an update and she replies: "Thanks for the continued support. The latest info: sent out 10 boxes in November, with 9 AFTACers deployed and/or on the ships. I have included two thank you notes we received after this last batch of care packages. Our next packages are due to go out mid-January.

The next big project for the AFTAC family is the

Annual Cookie Drive to provide cookies for our younger and single folk - O3 and below, E6 and below, GS11 and below. We collected cookies on Tuesday 11 Dec, plated them that evening, and distributed the prepared plates of goodies to the lucky ones the following day at the 'Outback.' Last year, we distributed over 90 plates of cookies and hope to do many more this year. It is always a fun and festive time!" Thank you notes follow.

Lisa **Woffinden** writes: "All, Thanks so much for the latest care package! The bubbles are so much fun. I finally have another woman in my office - between the two of us, we have fun lightening the mood in the office and bubbles work wonderfully for that! Being silly cuts the tension and stress that we all feel - military and contractors alike. Since I have very little free time, I end up sharing most of the books, magazines, and other entertaining items -- not everyone is as fortunate as I am to get care packages, so it all goes towards the greater good! I get my mid-tour leave in a few days -- 15-days stateside. It will be too short -- something is better than nothing though, and I have lots of plans to see as much of my family as possible! I'll be back in time for Christmas with my troops and to serve Christmas dinner in the dining facility. I served on the food line for Thanksgiving dinner -- it was a lot of fun! The dining facility was decorated to the hilt -- like a cruise ship with carved melons and ice sculptures! Happy holidays! Lisa"

Fred **Garcia** writes: "Hello AFTAC Spouses, So far I haven't been able to get my emails to make it to you. Hopefully this one will. I got another care package from you and I wanted to thank you! My group here at the US Embassy in Baghdad is a small group compared to the other folks around Iraq. We all usually share what other people send to us. Your packages have always included a little something for everyone! It's always a nice break when mail arrives and everyone hovers around the table. Care packages usually don't last very long and everyone has walked away with something they could use. Just a little note of thanks and gratitude from all of us here at the Embassy! VR, Fred" And thank you AFTAC spouse for providing this avenue for Sages, and others, to help our deployed.

Booster's Club Update-Officers: SrA **Moosman**, Pres; TSgt **Halliburton**, Vice; TSgt **Jones**, Sec; TSgt **Grace**, Treas; TSgt **Thur**, Hot Dog Sales; SrA **Lineberry**, Public Affairs; Ms. Pat **Snyder**, Clothing Sales.

AFTAC Family Magazine

Your editors have learned the July issue is the last. Financial constraints dictate this decision. We thank MSgt **Murphy** for always thinking of us with the latest 'news'-we often included information and articles gleaned from this publication. At some point, perhaps it will rise from the ashes!

Det 415 Conquers a Mountain

MASTER SGT. MATTHEW BROWN CHIEF, DETACHMENT 415 FROM JULY 'FAMILY'

As the sun set in the far north of Thailand, in a small place called Chiang Mai, many were relaxing as the day wound down. Not so for the four people from Det 415 and two family members (see pic below) who were set to join the thousands of Buddhist followers ready to observe the eve of Visakha Bucha day May 30. Visakha Bucha day, one of the most important days in Buddhism, signifies three important events in the life of the Buddha -- birth, enlightenment and passing -- all of which happened on the same date.

Each year, Buddhists in the area gather at the Kru Ba Sri Wichai monument, just a few hundred meters down the hill from Det 415 and the Royal Thai Navy Seismic Research Station. From there, just after sunset, people climb the more than 11 kilometers up to the top of Suthep Mountain (Doi Suthep) to meet at the temple on the peak. At the temple, followers worshiped and recalled the wisdom, purity and compassion of the Buddha. Detachment members joined the huge crowds after just over two hours of walking up the sometimes steep inclines, and most were quite relieved to reach the summit. "It was tiring, enlightening and I feel a sense of accomplishment for having done it," said Staff Sgt. Michael Booth, a new member to the unit. When asked if he would do it again next year, he replied, "probably, but give me a few days to rest and think about it first!" Overall, it is just one more in the long list of incredible experiences that people can only experience at remote overseas locations. Come and join us next year, but be ready for a small walk!



SSgt Booth, SSgt Bouchard, Lee Brown, Marion Novobilski, TSgt Novobilski, and MSgt Brown pose with a Buddhist Monk.

NOTE: SOME AVAILABLE 'FEATURE ARTICLES' CATEGORIES LISTED ON OUR CONTENTS PAGE **DO NOT** HAVE INPUTS.

We list them there anyway 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!!

Forward inputs to 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or mail to the Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column).

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** (1 story), John **Horsch** (6), 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** (3), Richard (Alkie) **Summers**, Les **Miller**, Jon **Richardson** Mike **Higgins**, Kenneth **Stanford**,

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE: KEN STANFORD AND MIKE HIGGINS

We start with Mike since we heard from him first. You read Mike's email in the 'Mail-Call' section, now you will read his 'Boldly Stated' tale related as an 'aside' when we asked about his email address. He replied, "I flew B-727's after retiring and when I reached age 60 Congress in its wisdom "fired" me for being too old. I got the email address to express my frustration." As an aside-

When I was first assigned as a Security Police commander I of course went into a career field that was not happy with "rated" officers coming in and taking "non-rated" command positions. One day, I was reading an Air War College paper at my desk in the squadron on the evaluation by one (obviously disgruntled) SP officer who stated that "historically, the rated officers who were assigned to SP commands were either too old or too enfeebled to fly". I yelled and my Chief came in to find out what was wrong. After that, the troops never let me forget that quotation when my head got too big. One of my proudest honors was when I received a plaque when I left that squadron that had that inscription on it with the added words "He may be but a damn fine Security Police Commander".

I think that the training I got from Warren **Millstead** and his crew of SEO'S at McClellan made me a much better officer and certainly a much better commander. I credit them for getting that praise from the NCO's and Airman at Homestead AFB-I will be forever grateful to the AFTAC Mafia. A long tale on an address but you caught me in a pensive moment. sorry. Glad we did!!

Next, we have Ken's great recall told in an equally bold style

KEN STANFORD

Glad to hear from you...its been a while. While I haven't be an attendee at many (any?) events since I left Patrick in 1995, I am a regular reader of the PoMo and try to keep up with things. I, of course, am not a "real" AFTAC'er...I reserve that title for people like you who spent a career (military/civilian) in AFTAC. But, I did have a great time for two tours hanging out with all you guys.

I arrived at the HQs in 1979 from the U-2 squadron at Beale AFB and went to work for Tom **Niquette** and Larry **Burton** in the Airborne Ops office (DOR). Actually, it was George **Rodgers** and the SEOs who taught me what was going on...but they let Tom and Larry think they were in charge to keep them happy. George **Rodgers**, Joe **Borowski**, **Gindy**, Clark **Wilberg**, and several others taught me all about the airborne business. It really was a lot of fun a lot of the time...like when the SEOs dressed up an old grey GI coat rack with yellow tape and bent coat hangers and tossed it out the back of a C-130 next to a ship...they went nuts trying to recover the "device" we "planted". Or filling up empty plastic Sonobouy containers with lewd magazines and booze and dropping them next to ships, generating an equally frantic response but for very different reasons!

Alas, all such fun must come to an end and I moved on in 1983 (about 200 yards) to command the new U-2 det in the hanger behind the HQs building. I stayed with the U-2 program for several more years until I got a call in 1992 while in Korea. It was Jim **Jaeger** calling to inquire if I was interested in returning to Patrick as his Vice Commander. I jumped at the chance and spent another three years (1992-1995) there as the Vice with Jim Jaeger and later Glen **Shaffer**. Much more paper work (**Carol** and **Sherry** in the main office, and and Mary **Welch** in the IG office kept me out of trouble, bless them), and much less time in the field (the boss always sucked up the TDY budget!), but I did get out a little and even had the opportunity to escort the Russians on a tour of the Pinedale seismic R&D site....that was really fun!

I left in 1995 to work at Ft. Meade, and retired in the fall of 1996. Like many of us, I didn't get too far away from the business. I went to work for TASC (now a Northrup Grumman unit) in the D.C. area and continued to do airborne planning support for the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office (DARO), the DoD ISR Office (when DARO "died"), and finally the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) where I work today. I still occasionally rub elbows up here with former AFTACers I worked with at Patrick (Tom **Witherell** and I worked in the same building until this summer when my office moved from Chantilly to Reston).

Barbara and I now live in Ashburn, Virginia (near Dulles Airport). We still think fondly of our years at Patrick, particularly around the January-February time

frame!! Later Ken added, when asked about his email address, 'bcstanford ...' No great story there, just my wife's initials. When they switched cable providers from Adelphia to Comcast up here "klstanford" was not available so we used Barbara's initials.

Glad you liked the input. There are lots of stories, mostly my observations of events actually instigated by the SEOs...what a great bunch of people! I should have added **Zahm** and **Lewis** to my list of early mentors, and it was great to watch the new group of young SEOs develop. People like Kathy **Todd** and Lloyd **French**, who were Airmen when I started and Chief Master Sergeants a few years later.

Actually, its pretty amazing when you think about it. Statistically, its over twice as hard to make Chief Master Sergeant as it is to make Colonel, but the number of enlisted AFTAC SEOs I knew that made it to E-9 is way out of proportion to the average. I think I know one guy from my early days in the U-2 business that made Chief, but a half dozen or more in AFTAC. It isn't hard to figure out why "visitors" like me enjoyed AFTAC...all I ever had to do was turn the SEOs loose on a problem and they fixed it (sometimes with unorthodox measures, but it was always done). I didn't have as much operational contact with the seismic, space, and lab guys, since I was an airborne guy by trade, but they were equally good and I was equally in awe of their technical skills! Thank you, Sir. It's always great to hear 'command level perception' of memories with AFTAC!

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. We now hope those who remember Tom will provide **unclassified** content to continue what he began.

HONOR ROLL: Tom **Ciambrone** (4 trivia), John **Horsch** (3); Dale **Klug**, Bob **Wiley**, Don **Moore**, Steve **Herrick**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO '...TRIVIA...' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE: An event during the course of the 60th Anniversary was a Thursday evening banquet (October 11th). And, as mentioned earlier in this issue, one of your editors was honored by being asked to Co-MC by the current Command Superintendent, CMSgt Steve **Herrick**.

If you recall, the anniversary theme was 'From Heritage to Horizons.' In keeping with this theme, Steve and I collaborated on a series of questions about the command, past and present. Many of these questions answers were available in the banquet program.

Our intent was to give the 'younger pre-Sages' a

shot of history and a chance to answer. Begrudgingly, we often had to turn to our more 'Seasoned Sages' for the answers. Here we present those questions for your brain cell machinations:

Answers below the inventory section of this newsletter:

1. What year was WFO created (here you must recall what 'WFO' stands for plus the date!)?
2. Name the first US test which successfully exploded a nuclear bomb in New Mexico in 1945?
3. Who was the first Senior Enlisted Advisor for AF-TAC?
4. What is the theme for tonight's celebration?
5. AFTAC had only one director position filled by an enlisted member. Name the directorate and the last to fill the position?
6. Which two countries went tit-for-tat testing nuclear weapons in 1998?
7. Who was our first Technical Director later called Chief Scientist?
8. Name our current Chief Scientist.. .and... the year he was selected for the position?
9. The airborne collection system was the first technique used for long range detection. Which aircraft was initially used and during what year did airborne collections commence?
10. Only two commanders charged with the responsibility for long range detection have served just 8 month tours. Name one of the two?

'Thank you for playing LRD trivia.'

Following are bonus questions, from the program, for 'those who knew it all' (answers to the bonus questions are at the bottom of this page).

1. Who directed 'detect atomic explosions anywhere in the world?' And, when?
2. What date did the Air Force become a separate military service?
3. What was 'SPINSTRAS' and when was it activated?
4. When was the organization redesignated AFTAC? What was it before that?
5. What does CTBT stand for, who and when was it signed.
6. Who signed, and what year, was the Limited Test Ban Treaty enacted.

Bonus Questions Answers

- 1-General Eisenhower, 1947.09.16
- 2-1947.09.18 **NOTE:** LRD is 2-days older than the AF!
- 3-Special Instruments, 1954
- 4-1980.10.01, 1035th Technical Operations Group
- 5-Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, President Clinton, 1996.09.24
6. President Kennedy, 1963.

SAGE SCHEDULE

**-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: 1700 (5:00PM)

WHERE: AFTAC HQ’s Building
HOW: come to rear entrance

January

4, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
14, Annual General Membership Meeting and election
of officers, following golf n’getogether

February

1, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
11, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

March

7, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
10, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

Scheduled Events, Upcoming Quarter’s

EVENT CONTACT (UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED)

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Traditional Annual Events

(some scheduled, as noted-others for planning only)

January—March

-SnowBall X, Feb 2nd, Tides All Ranks Club
-Center Annual Awards Banquet, Feb 28th,

April—June

-Center Annual Picnic
-Assn 18th Annual Spring Golf n’Getogether

July—September

-Summertime, the livin’ is easy, but PAY YOUR DUES

October—December

-Assn 18th Annual Fall Golf n’Getogether. The
“Annual General Membership Meeting/Election of
Officers,” follows-Please stay to support your assn.
-Center Winter Social, December time frame
ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE (DUE 1 OCT)

WorldWide Alumni Reunions

(normally scheduled on a biannual basis)

The **Florida Chapter** is in the process of planning the
next **WorldWide Reunion for mid-2009**. Please add
you name to those helping with this event.

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	MED	LG	XL	XXL
GOLF SHIRTS , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	1	3	2
Jade (medium green)	3	7	3	2
Navy	2	2	0	0
Red	2	2	1	2
White	1	1	1	2
Royal Blue	1	3	0	2
Blue, w/word ‘Alumnus’	0	11	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	2	4	0	1
Black	2	1	1	1

T-SHIRTS, no pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	1	3	3	3
Royal blue	2	2	2	1
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	0
Stone Washed Green	0	0	2	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	3	1	1
Black	4	0	0	3

SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15

NYLON JACKET , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with ‘AFTAC Alumni,’	0	0	0	4
White emblem with ‘Alumni’	0	0	1	0
White emblem with ‘Alumnus’	0	0	1	0

HATS - \$8.00	#	MISCELLANEOUS	Cost/#
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Red	4	Coin	\$3.00/80
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		-WorldWide Directory	\$25/2

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‘Tom’s Trivia’ Answer(s)

AFTER READING ‘trivia’ on preceding page

1-1950 2-Trinity 3-Chief **OBrien**, 1978-81
4-You HAD to know this one 5-DA, Directorate of Ad-
ministration, Chief **Huffaker** 6-Pakistan and India. 7-
Mr. Doyle **Northrup**, 1949 -1973 8-Dr. David
O’Brien, 1988 9-RB-29, 1948. 10-MGen Raymond
Maude, Jan - Sep 1951; Col (now MGen) Paul **Dett-**
mer, Jul 2000 - Feb 2001.

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