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Golf and General Membership - 14 October 1994 followed four days of torrential rains and just generally bad weather in Florida. Someone was looking out for the AFTAC Alumni Association because Friday morning CNN reported that it should be wonderful and it was!

Carl Gailey and Ron Ellingsworth started setting up about 10:30 AM and folks started arriving at 11. The first part of the week showed that we only had about 30 duffers for the whole tournament, but by Thursday night we were well over one hundred. After all had signed in and all the money was collected we had a count of 122 folks out there on the greens. Shotgun start at 1 PM and things back at the clubhouse settled down a bit so we could get things arranged for the evening festivities. We also found, with much trial and error, that the best way to keep score throughout the day was to flag down the carts as they made the crossover at the clubhouse.

Each time a group would pass, we would collect their scores and post them on the large scorecards. This is a trick that we learned way back, because it eliminates all those teams trying to tally their scores at the same time. Handicap this year was set by adding the handicaps of all, averaging those and dividing by 2. We rounded down and it was really surprising just how competitive this really made all the 4 somes. At 5:30 the first teams were finishing and the club had set up the sandwich line. Food was served and drinks were flowing!

Throughout the day, as usual, we had tremendous help from the



Alumni, from the Club personnel, and from everyone. Carl Gailey was in charge of one refreshment vehicle and Ron Ellingsworth took charge of the other. Rusty Ridens volunteered to help on hole 5 selling closest to the pin tickets, but something died out there and the stench was beyond belief. We relieved him and he spent the remainder doing odds and ends and helping Ron and Carl. Ron had shirts for sale and we actually sold shirts, hats, pins, etc. Mary Welch was on hand and she was collecting dues for the new year. The membership drive is going well and it is gratifying to see the interest in the association. Frank Hall spent most of Thursday night with the help of his family getting things ready for the tee-off. He was still going strong way past midnite, so I hear. Without his guidance, this thing just would never have occurred. Jim Heinbaugh took care of the purchase of golf balls for awards and that was really a tremendous help. It was a team effort, and I do believe that all the golfers had a super day. At least they did not say anything to the contrary to me!

As the last person went through the food line, we managed to start the award give away and the number one team scored a 50 with their

handicap. The second place awards went to a score of 52, and the third place went to a 53. The main awards consisted of gift certificates to the club pro-shop. The Alumni Association (us) added hats and T-shirts to the giveaway pile and we had a slew of golf balls for awards.

When players purchased Mulligan Tickets, the ticket also enabled them to participate in the drawing. We did manage to give away all the goodies by about 6:45 PM and folks were done for the day.

We had just started! The General Membership meeting was called to order at 7 PM with approximately 28 members in attendance. Clark Creery introduced the guest speaker, Colonel Shaffer who recently assumed command of AFTAC. Colonel Shaffer did make note that he has had numerous firsts since coming to AFTAC and playing golf was one of them. He told us that he was happy to be in Florida and that we could count on his advice and assistance.

Following the remarks of Colonel Shaffer, Clark went on to discuss the accomplishments of the last year and the hope for the years to come. Those items that were mentioned included:

- * A financial report
 - * The revision of the Constitution/ By-Laws as of 16 Feb 1994
 - * The scheduled mailing of 4 formal newsletters during the year
 - * The purchase of clothing for sale by the Association
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- * The historical items that

President's Corner

First things first! My personal appreciation for the faith you put into my leadership to re-elect me as your president for FY 95. I only hope I can live up to your expectations.

We did not get all the things done in 1994 that I had hoped, but I have good feelings about 1995. My personal goals were to get California into full Alumni status with a real, dynamic, group out there working hard to foster our growth. We thank them for having such a wonderful reunion and it is still being discussed by all whom attended. Now, folks, let's get you organized, I keep hearing that you are going to, but no action!

The Alexandria area also needs to think about formal organization, how about it folks? There are so many of you that live in the Va and DC area that a formal AFTAC Alumni Chapter seems like a very good idea.

Not to forget the San Antonio area, nor Phoenix, Az. I looked at the membership roles on the computer, sorted by location and was totally astounded just how many TAC'ers are located in these areas. Getting organized is not really as hard as it appears, and we are here to help you, just ask!

The General Membership meeting went well and we are now going to raise the lifetime membership rate to \$75.00 starting on 1 January 1995. The membership also agreed to raise the yearly dues to \$10.00 starting in January 1995. We are sorry, but we continue to plan for the future and we just want to ensure that you get quality service.

Clark Creery

had been given to the headquarters

- * The membership increase and the worldwide directory

- * The California reunion

- * Personal thanks to a very attentive staff

- * Carter Cobb our Chairman of the Board

- * Rich Krebs and his progress

A discussion of the increase of the membership dues and the Lifetime Membership ensued and the group decided that with rising administrative costs and a proposed postal increase, effective 1 January 1995 the Association Dues will be raised to \$10.00 per year and the Lifetime Dues will be raised to \$75.00.

A discussion and acceptance by the general membership that personnel who had served a year on the staff could be re-elected for another term.

The elections followed and the membership re-elected last year's staff to the following positions:

Clark Creery - President
Frank Hall - Vice President
Carl Gailey - Treasurer
Judy Milam - Secretary

Clark made the following appointments with the consensus of the general membership:

Mary Welch - Membership
Swede Swanson - Publicity
Open Position - Activities

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM local with all business conducted effectively.

A personal thanks from the staff for your continued faith and support in our efforts. We are dedicated to making the AFTAC Alumni

Association stronger and more informative for you, our membership!

DID YOU KNOW?

Folks at the Technical Operations Division in McClellan AFB, Ca., got word last year that their base was being considered for closing in the near future.

McClellan was one of several military installations throughout the United States and overseas targeted by the government's defense base closure and realignment commission.

March 15, 1993, Defense Secretary Les Aspin recommended not closing McClellan, but when the base closure commission met in Washington last year, a tentative decision was made to look at ending operations at the California base.

"Ultimately, our decision must ensure that America's national security prevails," said Jim Courter, commission chairman. "I can't guarantee any particular base will remain open, but I do promise everybody a fair hearing."

California has been hardest hit, based on the latest list of closures and reconfiguration of bases. Pentagon officials said the state could lose 10 bases and almost 32,000 military and civilian jobs.

What will happen to the Tech Ops Div if McClellan closes? Officials say it's possible it could remain where it is, or it could be moved to a undetermined location. Studies are being made now to determine the best possible alternatives. Who knows? Photo of Russell Bldg. on rear page of this newsletter.

LETTERS

Editor's Note: The response by our readers has been astounding. We get letters in our mailbox each and every day and this publication is dedicated to our readers. We appreciate your comments and continue to publish almost everything that we receive. Thank you again and may your holiday season be wonderful.

Dear Staff,

Received your revised directory today and I think its time I passed on my thanks for the fine job you are doing.

Thanks to the directory, my wife and I were able to locate some very good friends from back in the 50's and 60's whom we had lost contact with and had not seen in over 20 years. In April of this year we had a very pleasant lunch with Mr. & Mrs. Henry Serynek in Scottsdale, Az.

I have checked the directory and I believe I have the name of an individual that is among the missing. Capt. Jane E. McCullough. Capt. McCullough was the Chief Programs Analysis Office, WFO in the 50's. If I am not mistaken she was the first and at that time the only WAF assigned to the 1009th SWS. I have a very good picture of her if you would be interested in same.

Also, if they would serve any purpose I have some official Air Force Photos (8x10) of the WFO buildings back in the early 50's. [S-39, S-34, and T-740] some pictures of the ground breaking for the new building showing Lt. Col Koerscher, Lt. Col Long, Major Davidson, Capt. William C. Hutchinson and others on the road grader.

I also have some AF Photos of Palmyra Island back in the 50's.

If there is any interest in any of the above just drop me a line and let me know. I will be only happy to send them.

Again, thanks for all your efforts. They are appreciated.

Paul B. Miller, Jr.
Dauphin, Pa.

Paul: Yes - emphatically yes to your offer for photo's. Please see the last page of this newsletter for an update concerning Paul's photos.

Dear Staff,

Enclosed is my FY95 dues, and I would like a copy of the AFTAC Worldwide Directory with the picture of the new Russell Building at McClellan AFB.

I would like to say thank you, to the entire staff of the association for all the hard work you have contributed to this project. Keep up the good work.

Joseph Cole
Albertville, Al.

AFTAC Alumni Assoc.

I know how much work is involved in preparation and mailing of this newsletter and you are to be commended - you deserve the highest praise possible.

I look forward to each issue and almost always find news of an old acquaintance from Team 155, Team 327, and 1009th SWS.

Keep up the excellent work. Please accept my dues for the coming year along with my gratitude.

Earl 'ED' Foster
Moreno Valley, Ca.

Dear Sir:

Please enroll me in the AFTAC Alumni Association. I was at the Western Field Office from Feb 58 until Sep 59 at which time I went to OCS. I would appreciate any past newsletters.

Elias (ED) Schwartz
Anaheim Hills, Ca.

Dear Staff,

Enclosed is my check for \$63.00 for a lifetime membership in the AFTAC Alumni Association and a subscription to the Worldwide Directory. I believe this is the correct amount to cover both costs but should I be wrong, please advise.

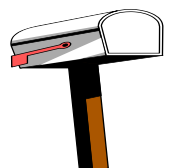
It was a real pleasure to finally get to meet and talk with you at the California reunion last June. I hope some of the information and memorabilia we were able to provide will help you and the historical group fill in some of the blanks about the very early days of AFOAT-1/AFTAC. If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

And-we'll see you at the 50th anniversary reunion in 1997.

Bob Smith
Granite Bay, Ca.

Ed Note: Bob, the info provided was most valuable and helped us tie up 'loose ends' in our historical records. The items donated to our memorabilia collection were most welcome and will be on display shortly in our 'Hall of Heritage'.

**Contact us, we
certainly
appreciate your
mail.....**



Hi,

Some people are slower than others but here is my application for membership. I had put your letter up to do later and had misplaced it and thought since I had found it again I would get it in the mail.

I was stationed with AFTAC in the Virginia location for five years and three months, went overseas to a detachment which closed in May 73. My total period spent with AFTAC was from Sep 65 to May 73.

While in Virginia, both my sons were born at Ft. Belvoir. My oldest is now stationed at Andrews AFB in DC. We visited him in 93 and took him to see the hospital where he was born and to the Southern Manor apartments where we lived. Of course I had to do a drive by of the old AFTAC while I was there. The old place is still pretty much like it was. My first Grandchild is due to be born in Sept and I thought it a great coincidence that my son will have a child close to where he was born. He and his wife were married on my 30th and will have been married almost 7 years when their child is born - my wife and I were married 9-1/2 years when my son was born.

I had another coincidence. I was stationed with Gil Chance in Virginia. Last fall I scraped my leg and developed an infection. Since I am a diabetic, they put me in the hospital on base here. One of my nurses happened to be a Lt. Chance. After I got settled in, I asked him if he was any kin to Gilbert Chance. He said he was his son. I then explained how I knew Gil and he told me he was also born in Virginia. Small world!

William Dee Pollan
Jacksonville, Ar.

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Dear Staff,

Attached please find a check to renew my dues for 1995.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to express how much I enjoy reading the AFTAC Alumni newsletter, and learning about some of the people I knew and worked with.

My association with AFTAC started in Oct 65, when I was assigned as a Security Policeman to the Headquarters at 6801 Telegraph Rd., Alex., Va. I remained at the Hqs. until December 1969, when I was reassigned to Southeast Asia. Twelve months later I returned to the Hqs. for what I thought would be another 4-year tour of duty. However, in 1972 we all packed up and moved to Patrick AFB, FL.

It was quite a challenge to maintain security during the move at both sites (Alexandria and Patrick), and then to establish new security procedures, and to coordinate setting up all the alarms, etc. However, I can honestly say it was the best time of my military career (although at the time you couldn't convince me that I was having fun!). I remained with AFTAC as the NCOIC of Security Police until June 1977, when I transferred to Alconbury RAFB, UK.

In 1980, I retired with 20 years of service at the rank of SMSgt. I live in Tucson, Az, and would invite any of my old friends and acquaintances, who may be passing this way, to look me up (I'm in the book).

John F. Coffey
Tucson, Az.

Ed Note: John, I too started my career as an Air Policeman and know the feeling well. You did not invite me, but I will most certainly look you up if I get to Tucson, thanks for a wonderful letter.

Alumni Staff,

Enclosed is a check for \$44.00 to cover 5 years of dues and a subscription to the Worldwide Directory and \$3.00 for shipping. I couldn't find an amount for shipping costs in the last newsletter, hope it's enough? Let me know if it is not.

It is great hearing and reading about all the old AFTAC'ers.

William (Willie) Osteen
Aurora, Co.

Ed Note: Willie - I resemble the old statement! 3 Bucks is just fine!

Dear AFTAC'ers,

Enclosed is a check for '95 dues. Please let me know if they go up and I'll send the balance. If it costs more than we pay for dues, for postage, etc., I guess we'd better raise the dues. You volunteers do a good enough job that it's probably the best money I spend. It would also be the best \$7.50 or \$10.00. Keep up the good work!

George H. Howard
Auburn, Wa.

Hi Dere Staff,

Please find my 1995 dues enclosed. Thanks for the reminder!

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Sept 94 issue of the AFTAC Alumni. Especially the article regarding Charlie Heckman. I was assigned to AFTAC from 1952 until 1965 and was stationed at Det 407 and McClellan. Charlie was assigned to both places while I was there and I knew him quite well. My wife and I played cards with the Heckmans often. We also knew the LaBarres.

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<p>Continued from previous page.</p> <p>We have lost track of Patty Heckman who we last knew was living in California. I retired in 1981 as a CMSgt. at Scott AFB/MAC.</p> <p>Keep up the good work.</p> <p>H. A. Dickinson Trenton, IL.</p>	<p>Dear Group,</p> <p>Sorry I'm a little late with my dues. I do enjoy the newsletters.</p> <p>Phil Randon Midlothian, Va.</p> <p>Note: Phil, that is ok, the main thing is that you sort of remembered. Thanks, we sure remember you....</p>	<p>in his return telephone call after receiving the sympathy card we had sent to Marge. He is very alive, and we were very embarrassed.</p> <p>Thanks again for the dedicated work that all of you are doing. We look forward to seeing many of you in Denver in 1996.</p> <p>Stewart Earl Henderson, Nv.</p>
<p>Staff,</p> <p>Enclosed is a check to cover the FY 95 annual dues for the Association. I have really enjoyed receiving the newsletter and occasionally seeing the names of folks that I have been associated with years ago.</p> <p>I also have begun to renew acquaintances with those people that I was stationed with while assigned to AFTAC. I was assigned to Det 460 at Eielson AFB, from 63 to 66. I was also assigned to the 1155th from 66 to 69.</p> <p>Thank you for the effort expended in locating me last year and for the up to date address book of all assigned personnel.</p> <p>Keep up the good work and I would like to try and get to one of the Annual get togethers in the next few years.</p> <p>Delbert T. Letter Freemont, Mi.</p> <p>Ed Note: I remember hearing Mary at one meeting express the concern that AFTAC'ers moved more than anyone she had ever seen. Believe you me, keeping track of folks and trying to maintain an accurate address listing is almost a full time job and we so appreciate the work that Mary Welch performs. Thanks Del, we will pass it on!</p>	<p>Dear Folks,</p> <p>I am enclosing \$50.00 for lifetime membership dues. It's worth it just to see the names of friends and acquaintances whose names grace issue after issue of 'our' paper. Keep up the great work! I have so many fond memories of WFO. Moses Lake, Shemya, Eielson, 1035th Hq at Alexandria, and Wiesbaden. The quality of the people I served with never ceases to amaze me.</p> <p>Here are the names and address of some ex AFTAC'ers my wife LaVonna and I still contact on a somewhat irregular basis. I don't have a membership list with me right now, so many of these may be on your rolls.</p> <p>Charlie Butler Richard Brence Jim Charters Karel deLaet Richard Dalton Ed Farmer Tom Graffam Earl Inks Leonard Jones Jerry Langerman Frank Mann Charles Obrien Al Owsiani James Robinson Jerry Sandage Benny Savana (Deceased 93) Ralph Simonton</p> <p>We had received word that Tom Graffam had passed away in 1992; however, he seemed quite put out -></p>	<p>Ed Note: Who says AFTAC'ers do not have nine lives, Stew? Tom, forgive Stew, he is getting older!</p> <p>Hi Staffers,</p> <p>Enclosed is a check for my 1995 dues and I would like a copy of the AFTAC Worldwide Directory with the front entry shot of the AFTAC Hq building on Telegraph Road, with the tulips in bloom.</p> <p>I was assigned to AFTAC for 11 of my 20 years in the Air Force (Hq and Det 407). I retired from the Air Force (Hq) on 1 Feb 1974, and 1 Aug 94 I retired from Michelin Tire Corporation, Greenville, SC after 19 years.</p> <p>Thanks to the Alumni personnel listing, I have made phone contact with two of my wonderful AFTAC friends (Bill Dickenson, Washer, Ok. and Bill Fiala, Foley Al.).</p> <p>Mary, thanks for the good work and I hope to be in Florida soon and visit with you.</p> <p>Ollie Prater South Carolina</p> <p>NOTE - This is the <u>LAST</u> issue that you will receive if you have not paid your association dues for the coming year. Please notify us of any address changes. In order to keep you informed we really need to know just where you are.....</p>

DONATIONS

A special 'thanks' to the members of the Florida Chapter that have made separate monetary donations to our treasury. We appreciate your generosity!

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS

Tired of sending annual dues each October? Consider a lifetime membership. Lifetime dues are \$50.00 until 1 January 1995 when they will increase to \$75.00. Remember....Members joining will receive our complimentary AFTAC pin and a special membership card. This way you will not miss a single newsletter or notification about special events.

WANTED

Activities Chairperson - Immediate employment! Exceptional benefits, no salary, no vacation days, no 401K program, just good honest dedication needed to assist the association. **Help us out!**

ALUMNI of the QUARTER

It gives us great pleasure to recognize an alumni that works behind the scenes to ensure that functions are properly arranged and those last minute items are taken care of. Jim Heinbaugh can be counted on whenever there is need. Jim can be counted on for anything asked and he never sits still long enough to receive the credit due him. Jim, we of the Aftac Alumni appreciate all the assistance that you give and certainly enjoy your friendship and guidance.

Thanks for a Job Well Done!



Dear Folks,

We just got back from a one week vacation in San Antonio, and amongst all of our mail were those ever present 'bills' and the most welcomed AFTAC Alumni newsletter.

Inclosed is my lifetime membership dues check. If I owe more, please let me know.

In July, we had a 3-week vacation in 'Wonderful Wyoming' and Colorado. We went to Encampment and renewed old friendships. Visited the Encampment Museum and what an excellent addition to that historic town. Helped set up some additional 'B' equipment in the Museum. We had a good Saturday night reunion at the Saratoga Inn with Marge and Bill Braukman and some of their family, (of which we became very fond of), Ski Nargoski, Ed Gardiner and Son, Glen and Joncee Feakes, Frank and Nola Desmond, Ginger and Ben Vlassick and their family and a host of others. We ate steak and like the old days sipped cool-aid. Had a wonderful time! We went to Pinedale, Wyo. and had a one night record setting of 35 degrees for the state. This brought back lots of good memories. Visited the old Detachment site, was greeted by a fine group of Air Force representatives, taken through on a tour and could not believe it. Those boys live 'high on the hog'. Things sure have changed.

If you'all ever get to big and beautiful TEXAS, stop by. We'll be glad to have you.

You all are doing a fine job, keep up the good work. We actually look forward to the Newsletters.

Jack Kimball
Greenville, Tx.

Ed Note: The Colorado group has done such a wonderful job at Encampment we know what you mean. Newsletter's and bills eh?

Hello Staff,

It's that time of year again, so I'm paying my dues.

Also, in reviewing the last Alumni Newsletter, I enjoyed the discussion about the planned Bahamas cruise next year. Hope everyone who sails enjoys it. But a word of advice/forwarning may be welcomed by some: It may be different in Nassau and other parts of the Bahamas, but the natives were NOT friendly when we visited Freeport a few years ago! And anyone who plans to spend a night ashore there and get any sleep should bring along a good set of ear plugs. Their hotel bands are absolutely deafening (Worse than some rock concerts!) and play all night long! Right through the walls!!

We have some property there which we'd like to sell. Anyone interested?

To conclude a statement I made in a previous letter, "Leo's Lions" WON the state men's bowling tournament this year! It was a long sweat from when we bowled in April until the end of the tournament in July, and another team came to within about 40 pins of our 3563 series-with-handicap score during the very last squad! Wish I had a clipping about it to send (That would make this seem more authentic...?), but there weren't any media people - not even a photographer, at the awards banquet. October 8th at the Jacksonville, Marriott.....

Is there any publicity yet available about the Winter Social for this year? I'd be interested in any information you or someone could send me. In closing, I just heard a rumor that the Patrick Hospital had abruptly closed recently? Any truth to it?

Leo Orr
Orlando, Fl

LETTERS

Dear Membership,

Enclosed are my dues. I am among those believing the dues should be raised. It would be a shame that a shortage of funds would compromise publication of the newsletter or hinder research for the directory. Both publications are essential to the growth of the association.

As to research, the enclosed list of AFTAC'ers was compiled from orders, memo's, etc., in my personal files. Many of the list were close friends and associates. Others, I met and remember from extensive travel as an operations type. I hope the list is of some help?

Note: The list was super and Al even put them in alphabetical order, we appreciate your research.

This past 30 September was a special date for me. On that date in 1964, General Rodenhauser conducted a retirement ceremony at the Alexandria, Va, Headquarters for Lt. Col Donald Granahan, Lt. Col William Loost, and Major A. J. Downing. Each was decorated with the USAF Commendation Medal as shown in the attached photograph. The ceremony ended a combined total of 70 plus years of military service for the 3 of us. 30 plus years of which we spent in AFTAC and preceding units.

Keep up the good work. Believe me, your hardwork as evidenced by the bulletin and directory are appreciated by all.

A.J. Downing
Mabank, Tx.

Ed Note: Thanks to your hard work also, we appreciate your assistance and what you provided.

Dear Group,

I receive and read with much interest each AFTAC Alumni Newsletter and I especially enjoy the letters from former members. Many who I know and are special friends. Old timers such as John and Georgia Magnes, Delbi Solari, Hank Raymond, Jerry LaBarre, Don Clemons, Lou Milligan, Frank Winter, Joe Johnson, John Lanigan, Bobbie Ferris, Bob Janis, Kelly Driscoll, Don Humphries...there are so many it's impossible to name them all. It's good to know that these special people are still around. I, like a few, spent most of my career in AFTAC.

Having spent 20 years in AFTAC was an experience that I will always remember and cherish. It is especially nice that we have the reunion and I look forward to the 50th anniversary reunion in 1997.

Jim Davis

P.S. For all you Country Music fans who know 'Little Jimmy Dickens' and his famous song 'I've been everywhere' - That's just what I felt after spending 20 years in AFTAC.

Ed Note: Jim gave us so many places that he was either assigned or visited, it would take a whole newsletter to post all of those, so I performed my editorial duties.

It is with sadness that I relay to you the passing of Allen "Al" Swan. Al was last assigned to Det 460 at Eielson AFB around 1980 as a 'B' troop. Al is survived by his wife Sylvia and their children who reside in Palmer Alaska.

Ken C. Brauchle
North Pole, Ak.

Alumni,

I just received your membership application, which pleases me to know that there is such an association.

However, you also state that there is, at least, a Colorado Chapter as well. This would be closer to me, but not warmer.

What is the extent of the association? Is there an overall reunion, periodically?

Thanks
Eugene W. Killey
Minnetonka, MN

Ed Note: Mary has answered Mr. Killey and we are proud to have him on our roles. He's Lifetime!

Alumni,

Enclosed is my check for lifetime membership in the Alumni Association. I was 'drafted' into AFTAC in 1964 and went through B-System training at Lowry AFB, Co. I went to McClellan and retrained into A-System in 1967. I left AFTAC in 1974 and retired in 1976.

Keep the news coming and hopefully I can make it to one of the reunions.

Bill Ivan
New Philadelphia, OH

Dear Staff...

Many thanks for all your outstanding work! Juanita and I really enjoy your newsletters. I've included an extra \$5.00 with '95 dues for your expenses on postage, etc.

Many Thanks

Ed Pickel

<p>Dear Alumni,</p> <p>Inclosed is my FY 95 dues, and I would like a copy of the AFTAC Worldwide Directory with the front entry of the Headquarters building at 6801 Telegraph Road.</p> <p>Sorry I am late with my dues, but I have been through a very rough time in my life. August 2, 1994 my wife of 43 years passed away after a pretty extended illness. Elizabeth was with me through my 10 years at AFTAC, so I am sure many of the AFTAC Alumni remember her.</p> <p>Also note the change of address. Please keep up the good work you are doing. It means very much to me.</p> <p>Glynn F. Stokes Warner Robins, GA</p> <p>Ed Note: Glynn, we pass to you our deepest sympathies in the passing of Elizabeth. God be with you!</p>	<p>Dear Mary and Alumnus,</p> <p>Enclosed are lifetime dues and payment for Worldwide Directory. (Patrick AFB Building) Also enclosed is a small memento from my first tour with AFTAC (Det 422).</p> <p>Although 'unofficial' these were presented to newly assigned personnel on a cigarette lighter. I have been carrying this for over 30 years. Perhaps it will fit in the historical section? Really enjoy the newsletters! Keep up the good work. Also please change the phone number for me on the listing.</p> <p>Thank You</p> <p>Leo DeVille Westlake, La.</p> <p>Ed Note: Leo sent us an emblem that was on his lighter. We passed it around the meeting for all to see and now it has a home in the Hall of Heritage, thank you so much Leo.</p>	<p>Dear Ron,</p> <p>Have enclosed a check for the Worldwide Directory. Am really looking forward to receiving it. Have often wondered what ever happened to Larry Warne, Mike Sepelyak, Glen Odom, Buck Delosier, Jim West, Nick Nicholson, and many others. I'm sure the directory will help. Last I heard, Hank Sernyak had found Marie a good job and he was laying on the beach on Maui.</p> <p>I met an ex-1009th member here in a computer store some time ago. His name is Doug Wilson and being from Arkansas, his nickname was Abner. He was a member of Team 407. I have mailed him the September issue of AFTAC Alumni and will be surprised if you do not hear from him. Dick Grim</p>
<p>Staff:</p> <p>Keep up the good work! Hope to see you sometime in the future.....</p> <p>Bert R. Miller</p>	<p>From the Desk of Al Pavik</p> <p>Dear Membership,</p> <p>Enclosed is a check to cover our lifetime membership to AFTAC Alumni Association.</p>	<p><i>TSgt Johnny Bradford</i> (Retired) - Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB, Tx</p>
<p>Hi,</p> <p>Having not heard from you, I am mailing you my membership dues for the next year so mine runs out this month. Please send new membership card.</p> <p>Sure enjoy all the newsletters from the Association. Hello to Ron Ellingsworth, and OLD Det 207 friends.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Marvin W. Weber Evansville, IN</p> <p>Ed Note: Marv, when you referred to OLD, I certainly hope you were talking about Ron? What you mean you have not heard from us?</p>	<p>Al and I enjoyed visiting with you last year and seeing so many AFTAC friends. We are looking forward to the next reunion and hope we will be there.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Ann Pavik</p> <p>Ed Note: Ann, I see Al still does not cut you any slack and he has you doing his letter writing. Just in fun, Al, get off your duff and send us a long letter about your impressions during your AFTAC career. We would love to have some of those stories. Like when I dumped an 18 cup coffee maker full of water outside your office and it flooded the floor.....!!!! Remember that?</p>	<div data-bbox="1024 1247 1474 1402" data-label="Section-Header"> <h2 style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">IN MEMORY OF</h2> </div> <p><i>In Memory of:</i></p> <p>Al Swan - Palmer, Ak.</p> <p>Mrs. Frederick Campbell (Shirley) - Oct 1994</p> <p>Dr. Donald I. Chamberlain - 1991</p> <p>Eugene C. Reid - March 1994</p> <p>Mrs. Glynn F. Stokes (Elizabeth) - August 1994</p> <p>May each and everyone of them Rest in Eternal Peace!</p>

ACTIVITIES '94-95

DECEMBER 1994

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 12 DEC 94
NEWSLETTER MAILED - 1 DEC 94
WINTER SOCIAL - 22 December 1994

JANUARY 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 9 JAN 95

FEBRUARY 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 13 FEB 95

MARCH 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 13 MAR 95
NEWSLETTER MAILED - 20 MAR 95

APRIL 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 10 APR 95
AFTAC PICNIC -

MAY 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 9 MAY 95
ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT-



JUNE 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 12 JUN 95

JULY 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 10 JUL 95
NEWSLETTER MAILED - 20 JUL 95
APPOINT ELECTION STAFF - 10 JUL 95

AUGUST 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 14 AUG 95
CALL FOR OFFICERS - 14 AUG 95

SEPTEMBER 1995

MEMBERSHIP MTG.
AFTAC HQ 5:30 PM - 11 SEP 95
NEWSLETTER MAILED - 20 SEP 95

OCTOBER 1995

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG. -
20 OCTOBER 1995

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Unlined Coaches Jacket:

Maroon, Navy, Royal Blue

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XXX-Large - \$18.00

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Red, Maroon, Teal Royal Blue in XX-Large
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Blue

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P.O. Box 4892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892
Attn: Sales Staff

Good Holiday Gifts!!!!

AFTAC WINTER SOCIAL

WHEN: Thursday, 22 December 1994

WHERE: Melbourne Hilton at Rialto Place, Melbourne, Florida

TIME: 1800 Cocktails with Sit-down dinner starting at 1900

DRESS: Semi-Formal Preferred

PRICES: 0-4 and above, GS-12 and above \$23.00
E7 - E9, O1-O3, GS-7 - GS-11 \$17.00
E5 - E6, GS-6 and Below \$12.00
E1 - E4, \$ 6.00

MENU: * Chicken Key Largo
* Roasted Pork Loin
* Vegetarian Plate

Call Sherry (494-2336); Judy (494-4587); or Mary (494-6867) for
details..... Music by DJ, Prizes, Fun 4 All.....Reserve early!!!!!!!

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**CONSTITUTION****ARTICLE 1****NAME AND PURPOSE**

The name of this organization is AFTAC Alumni Association, hereinafter referred to as the Association. It shall be a private, non-profit organization, pursuant to the provisions of AFI 34-123 dated 25 July 1994.

The Association as defined shall include all organizational titles since its inception.

The purposes of the Association are to foster continued awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the United States Air Force, in general, and of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, in particular; and to provide its membership a forum for desirable social, educational, and humanitarian services.

ARTICLE 2**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

I. AFTAC Alumni Association operates on Patrick Air Force Base only with the consent of the installation commander. Operation is contingent on compliance with the requirements and conditions of all applicable Air Force regulations.

II. The principle location of the Association will be Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, and its environs. Other locations to serve as chapter focal points may be authorized at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The AFTAC Commander shall provide appropriate board meeting space, if required.

III. The membership shall be liable under the laws of the State of Florida for organizational debts in the event the organization assets are insufficient to discharge liabilities.

ARTICLE 3**OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY**

The governing body of the Association will be the Board of Directors. The board will be comprised of four elected executive officers and three members appointed by the president. The three appointed members will also serve as committee chairpersons for the following standing committees: Membership, Activities, and Publicity.

ARTICLE 4**MEMBERSHIP OR PATRONAGE**

I. All members will be members of the DOD family. The regular membership of the Association will be open to all current and former military and civilian members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center and its associated subordinate units. Other membership categories may be established.

II. Associate membership will include widows and widowers.

III. Distinguished Members - Former Commanders of AFTAC will be identified as Distinguished Members.

IV. Honorary Members - All other military or civilian personnel, not otherwise eligible for membership into the Association, but whose contribution to the USAF or to AFTAC is so significant as to warrant special consideration and recognition by the Association. Honorary members will be identified by the Board of Directors and membership will be offered at the discretion of the board.

ARTICLE 5**METHOD OF FINANCING**

The source of financing the Association will be entirely membership dues, fund raising, and voluntary contributions.

ARTICLE 6**ACTIVITIES**

The activities of the Association shall be such as to provide the membership a forum for desired social, educational, and humanitarian service.

ARTICLE 7**MEETINGS AND QUORUM**

I. The Association shall meet annually. A 'membership year' shall run from 1 October through 30 September. During the first meeting of the membership year, the election of the executive officers shall be conducted. Special meetings will be called as required by the Board of Directors.

II. At any meeting, a quorum shall consist of the majority of the regular members in attendance. Dates, times, and places of meetings will be published in the newsletter and all Association members may attend.

ARTICLE 8**ADOPTION AND AMENDMENTS**

I. This constitution and its attendant by-laws will be adopted by a simple majority of the regular members present and voting at the first meeting of the fiscal year and subject to the review of the installation commander.

II. The constitution and its attendant by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at a scheduled general membership meeting, providing a notice of said amendment has been provided to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the said scheduled general membership meeting.

ARTICLE 9**DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of this Association, all funds and properties, in excess of liabilities and expenses of dissolution, will be distributed as recommended by a majority of the regular membership.

**ARTICLE 10
INSURANCE**

The Association will be an extremely low-exposure organization for liability. Insurance will not be required by virtue of waiver from the installation commander.

BY-LAWS**ARTICLE 1****DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

I. The executive officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. All shall be members of the Board of Directors, elected by the membership. Eligibility for election to the executive officer positions will be limited to current and former military or civilian personnel who are otherwise eligible for membership into the Association.

II. The President will preside at all meetings of the members and at all meetings of the board. The President shall perform those duties as customarily pertain to the office of the President, or as may be directed to perform by resolution of the Board. The President will vote on issues before the Board only in event of a tie. The President is the Executive Officer of the Association and will attend to the day-to-day operation of the Association with the assistance of the Board.

III. The Vice-President shall have and exercise all the powers, authority, and duties of the President during the absence of the latter.

IV. The Treasurer shall manage all association funds and control their disbursement subject to the controls, limitations, and delegations of the Board.

V. The Secretary shall prepare and maintain full records of all meetings of the members and the Board.

ARTICLE 2**ELECTION AND VOTING**

I. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the outgoing President, a minimum of sixty (60) days before the first meeting of the membership year. The committee will:

a. Be composed of no more than five members; a quorum shall consist of three members.

b. Be chaired by the immediate past President who will serve as elections chairman.

c. Review the total membership to identify candidates for the executive officer positions.

d. Notify the general membership of the proposed slate of executive officers at least

thirty (30) days before the first meeting of the year.

II. The elections will take place at the first meeting of the membership year. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. An open ballot will be used with a simple majority required for election.

III. The new executive officers will assume their responsibilities during the first board meeting after election. The first order of business will be appoint the three Directors.

IV. The term of service for all officers will be one (1) year or as decided by the general membership.

ARTICLE 3 DUES OR FEES

Dues for regular and associate members of the Association will be Ten Dollars (\$10.00) each membership year. Lifetime memberships shall be Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75). Distinguished and honorary members are exempt from paying dues. Adjustment of dues shall be by a majority vote of the general membership.

ARTICLE 4 STANDING COMMITTEES

The three standing committees shall be Membership, Activities, and Publicity. Additional committees, as required, will be established by the executive officers and the Board.

ARTICLE 5 FINANCES AND TAXES

I. The Association is organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other non-profitable purposes, and no part of its earnings shall inure to the benefit of any members.

II. The Association will be financially self-sustaining. There will be no financial assistance from a non-appropriated fund instrumentality (NAFI) in the form of contributions, dividends, or donations of money or other assets.

ARTICLE 6 INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Association is envisioned to have extremely low liability exposure. The installation commander granted the AFTAC Association a waiver of the requirement for such insurance.

ARTICLE 7 AWARDS AND GIFTS

The Board of Directors may elect to purchase gifts or awards to recognize Association members. Special gifts for dignitaries will be determined by the Board of Directors and funds obtained from the Association treasury. (The board shall determine the dollar amount used for gifts and/or awards that will be distributed in the name of the Association.)

ARTICLE 8 ACTIVE DUTY LIAISON

It is understood that AFTAC agrees to provide an active duty liaison representative to assist the Board of Directors in coordinating and supporting the Association activities.

Note: The constitution and the by-laws are presented to you the membership. Please note that the General Membership voted to increase the annual dues from Five to Ten Dollars per membership year beginning 1 October 1995. Likewise, the membership voted to increase the Lifetime membership from \$50 to \$75 becoming effective 1 January 1995. This Constitution and By-laws will be sent to PAFB for their review and approval prior to those dates. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact your Board of Directors or attend any of the monthly meetings held at the AFTAC Hq building on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 PM.

LETTERS

Staff,

I am apologizing for not answering sooner. I do want to join AFTAC Alumni. Someone, somewhere told me what the dues were, I think I just found out while reading through the Newsletter dated March 94.

I sent my money for the Reunion, but was unable to attend. I would appreciate a list of the attendees to see if I know any of them. I think I recognized the name Joe Johnson, but none of the others. I do not remember whether I told you how I came to be assigned to the 1009th SWS. It was very strange. I will try not to make an autobiography out of it, but I can guarantee you if I ever write my autobiography, this will be part of it. I will not go into the 1-1/2 years I spent in the Army (48-49) at the start of my military career. Suffice to say cont ->

I was in the Air Force Reserve, Inactive, at Vance AFB, Ok. when I was called to active duty as a Postal Clerk. They did not have a slot or position for a postal clerk (70251) at Vance. I was told I would be a clerk typist or administrative clerk (70250). I asked 'how can this be'? I did not even take typing in High School! Their answer was something like, "That's OK, we will teach you"! I was sent to West Texas State for 6 weeks to learn admin typing during my stint on active duty at Vance. Sometime during the summer of 1954, a personnel levy came down to Vance for a SSgt, 70250, eligible for overseas. Eligible for a Top Secret clearance, and other qualifications. I think they placed my name on the levy because I met the qualifications (or nearly).

Also, I think I was probably the only admin clerk qualified for the assignment whom they wanted to transfer. I never heard anymore about the assignment until approximately a year later. At this time, I received a phone call and they said they were cutting orders to send me to Wheelas AFB, Tripoli. I do not know which reaction was the worst, anger?, fear?, lack of knowledge? I did bring my wits about me quick enough to ask them whatever happened to the other levy, and if I had been taken off it. Why was I not given the courtesy of a notification?

You probably have already figured out the rest of the story. I was transferred on the first levy, which was to AFOAT-1 or 1009th SWS, and I was really happy.

My knowledge of Africa was terrible, and Khadafy was already starting to make trouble in spite of the fact that our AFB at Tripoli was still open. My TS Clearance had apparently taken all that time plus 3 more months after I transferred to Washington DC.

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The three months during which I did not know what my job would be, nor the mission of the unit. I was not allowed into the Guam Building except to pick up my pay. I did not find out until later why my TS Clearance took so long. My father-in-law was brought to North Dakota from Canada at the age of 4 years by his parents. His parents or grandparents were among the Germans who had immigrated to the Ukraine and later to the New World - South America, Canada, and the U.S. My father-in-law did not know he was not a U.S. citizen until he went to Michigan and tried to get a job in the Bomber plant during the 2nd World War.

Well that is enough of my autobiography for today. I want to get this in today's mail because we have only one dispatch per day, six days a week here in Lawrence.

I am enclosing \$5 check made out to AFTAC Alumni. If your dues are more, please let me know.

Jack D. Wagley
Lawrence, KS

P.S. Do you know anyone who was stationed at DC with me 1955-59?

PPS. Do you live in Orlando? My granddaughter and her husband (Navy) were stationed there until just a few weeks ago.

Ed Note: Not sure Jack, but we will put this to the readers....Anyone out there know Jack? We appreciate your story. Sounds familiar, you know how long those clearances take? Hey, did you ever learn to type? 70250's were the backbone of AFTAC and may still be for all I know. Your letter is very much appreciated. Isn't Trippoli a wonderful place to say you are from? - Far away from! I know, I was close to there for part of my military career.....wonderful places in North Africa.....

Hi,

I was assigned to AFTAC in Sep 1959. Worked in the old Test Section under then Maj Herbert. Went to Det 329 for 3 years. Returned to Hq and was assigned to IG - Inspection Section. Many TDY's and fond memories with Sgts Bob Kicklighter and Hal Freng. Went to Vietnam for 1 year returning to Hq. Was Asst Dir of Administration till after the move to Florida. The crew phased out AFTAC on Telegraph Road and was reassigned to 'our great white father' (Pentagon). Retired on 1 March 1973. Am married and have seven kids and 12 grandchildren!

Luther H. Stafford
Unionville, VA

WORLDWIDE DIRECTORY

To all subscribers: Change 2 to the directory was dispatched a few months ago. If you did not receive your copy, please let us know.

Change 3 is in the works, and will be ready for mailing after the first of the year. Hundreds of more names and addresses have been added, and a number of address changes.

Subscription rate for the directory is only \$13.00. A 'one-time' charge, updates are at no cost.

Back Cover plates available for the binder are:

Aerial View - Hq at 6801 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Va.

Front Entrance View - Tulips in bloom at the above location.

Aerial View - Hq at Patrick AFB, Florida

Front Entrance View - Russell Building at McClellan AFB, Ca.

Aerial View - Russell Building at McClellan AFB, Ca.

When ordering a directory, be sure to specify which view you would like to have displayed on the rear of the binder.

Send Check to:

**AFTAC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 4892
Patrick AFB, Florida
32925-0892**

PS. Any changes or additions, or suggestions, please let us know.

Mary,

Enclosed is payment to cover the cost of dues and the Worldwide Directory. Congratulations on the "great job" you all do putting out the AFTAC Alumni Newsletter. I was stationed at AFTAC Hq's in Va from 64 to 69, and then I was at Det 423 from 69 to 70. Thanks to you, Marelyn and I have been contacted by numerous ex AFTAC friends. We plan on driving over to Melbourne for the Christmas party. Keep up the good work.

John P. Costello
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mary,

Great work. Sorry I'm late, but you know how things can slip by.

Regards,
C. J. Havlik
Nekoosa, WI

CANCELLATION

Activities reports that due to a lack of interest, the cruise we were thinking about next year is not going to take place. We only had one respondent and the initial fee was refunded.

NOTE: To keep things legal and on the up and up with the IRS, we are going to seek tax exempt status. Darn IRS charges \$150 just for the application....argh!

Dear Mary Welch,

You have still not told me whether you are Mrs., Miss, or Ms, therefore I will continue to call you by your first name. AND it is not necessary to call me Mr. Wagley, although I realize in my case it is probably respectful for the elderly when you call me Mr. instead of Jack.

I am volunteering to help you in your membership search in the manner in which I found my brother after a break of 44 years. The library here in Lawrence has a pretty good supply of city phone directories. If I have some names and locations where these people might be, I can check numerous phone books. About 6 years ago, less I guess, I was trying to find my brother Charles Wagley in this manner. I was looking in all the directories around Clinton, Ok first because that was the last known location. We were or had been semi-estranged from our father for quite sometime. I had finally gotten in touch with our father about two years before this search for Charles. Our father had passed away and left his inheritance to his children, share and share alike. My other two brothers got in touch with me immediately and asked me if I did not want to be excluded from the inheritance. They also asked me if I knew where I could find Charles. It seems the probating of the will and property might not take place for seven years if Charles was not found. I am rambling on again. I should have just said I finally found Charles listed in the Las Vegas phone directory. It was just luck I even looked in the Las Vegas directory. I had just searched one of the largest directories - Los Angeles. I had turned to the larger cities in the Western U.S. when I could not find him in Oklahoma. As a result, I started out getting approximately \$68.00 a month for 17 years or thereabouts. Since that time, I have bought Charlie's share of the inheritance, also one

of the other brothers. As a result, I am receiving \$205.88 per month to remember my father. My father also had changed his name from Lavin Sydney (nickname Jack) Wagley to Eugene Bruns in between the time his first two sons were born and the time his last two sons were born. To this day, I have not been able to find out why he changed his name, but I have not given up completely.

Enough for today! If you would like some assistance in your search for AFTAC, send me some names and last known or presumed general location.

Sincerely
Jack D. Wagley
Lawrence, Ks

P.S. The only name I recognize on the membership list so far is Joe Johnson of Roseville. I think they were already living in Roseville when we left McClellan.

P.P.S. Sorry!! I almost forgot to thank you for all you are doing for all your friends. Your membership chairman (chairperson) job sounds like a fulltime plus job?

P.P.P.S. After 16 years in the Postal Service, I should have been able to figure that out about the Orlando Postmark!

Ed Note: Well Jack, we certainly appreciate the offer of assistance and we will look to Mary for her direction. It sounds to us like you should start another career as a professional 'Gumshoe'! Keep up the good work and thank you for your offer, we are considering it.

Editor P.S. Jack, Mary is a Ms. - wink, wink!!

COOKBOOK UPDATE
We have not forgotten the AFTAC Alumni Cookbook we discussed last year. We are still trying to compile entries and get good pricing on the printing.

OF NOTE

Paul Miller sent us some photographs and they all are great and very memorable. The shots of the first WFO facilities have been copied and sent to Colonel Kniola (TOD Commander) for display at the Russell Building.

Paul, thanks very much. Your originals will be returned shortly. Incidentally, the photos of Palmyra were most interesting, especially the one of the taxi cab. A pictorial display will also be included in the Florida Hall of Heritage before too long! Nice job Paul.

UPDATE

Colonel Rich Krebs was in the Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, but we are happy to report that he is now back home. We are praying for you Rich and also for Carter, your partner in crime. Happy seasons to you both and your wonderful families.

INCREASE

As you are no doubt aware, the lifetime dues will increase to \$75.00 effective 1 Jan 95. The regular dues will also be raised to \$10.00 effective the same date, however, if you sent in additional dues to cover extra years, do not fret, you were lucky and you have been grandfather'd. So, no questions about 'How much do I owe'.....We will let ya know when you need to get out the piggy bank and the hammer and fork over all that cash. Let's hope that the postal service, the printers, and all the stuff that goes with making a newsletter holds solid for awhile. Thanks for your understanding. Happy Holiday and New Year from Us!