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

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

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

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



## SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



**CAROL WARFIELD**  
COORDINATOR, LRD WORLDWIDE  
ALUMNI REUNION, 2009'



As Sages know, a WorldWide Reunion, hosted by one of the alumni association chapters on a rotating basis, traditionally occurs every two years. The Colorado Chapter hosted such an event in 2007 and the California chapter in 2005, so it is the Florida Chapters' honor to plan and host the event in 2009. This is a major event for all Sages and requires a dedicated coordinator to set everything in motion, i.e., registration, hospitality, golf n'getogether, open-house, social, and the grand finale, a banquet. We have been asking for a volunteer in the last several issues.

Carol **Warfield** has stepped forward. We recognize Carol this issue for her taking on this task. She has asked for help with the many facets of this reunion; some have offered but more are needed; See Carol's request for these areas in an initial article about the reunion (page 1 continuing on page 4).

Carol is well-known around AFTAC HQ's having served for 27 years and in several capacities. She came aboard in 1980 serving as Secretary to the DO. She then worked in the 3 "T" directorates and SC for 3 years and twice as the Secretary to the DO. After that, she was the Secretary to the Commander from 1990 until retiring in 2007; in all, Carol served 10 commanders during her tenure!

In Jan 2007 Carol retired. However, she continues to serve AFTAC, and the association, by coordinating this important event. Thank you Carol, for your continuing service to the Air Force, AFTAC, and the Alumni.

## ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

### CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC, MARCH 29

**1100-1730, INSIDE WICKHAM PARK**

Come one ... Come all ... See page 3.

### GOLF N'GETOGETHER, MAY 2, COCOA BEACH GOLF COURSE

Alumni Assn's 18th Annual Spring Golf N'Getogether. See page 3.

### ATTENTION AIRBORNE PERSONNEL, NOV 2008

Charlie Penn posted the following notice on the alumni assn website, [www.aftacalumni.org](http://www.aftacalumni.org), 'Need To Know Now' link. See page 3.

### WORLDWIDE REUNION, MAY 2009

The Florida Chapter will host this biannual event. Plan now, this is a 'Sage eSSential!' See page 3.

## ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

### CENTER WINTER SOCIAL, DECEMBER

Our President, Bob Wiley, reports. See page 4.

### SNOWBALL X-FEB 02, THEME, 'AUSTRALIA'

Patrick AFB, FL, Tides Club-see page 4 for pictures and reporting on the 'Alumni Of The Year' presentation and the SnowBall itself.

### CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET-FEB 28,

Patrick AFB, FL, Tides Club-Our Alumni Of The Year, William 'Bill' **Schmied** was recognized. Pictures and a report begin on page 4.

## 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; 'Chapter News' has member numbers.

**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, Mbshp 99-04

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

**3. West Coast (California)**-Formed in 1999, **\$5 year/\$50 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com or AFTAC Alumni Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org.' There are 158 members-128 lifetime.

### Sage Communicators

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

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**Web: Master,** Mike Black, 'NTKN' Link, Editors

## "A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



## EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Gene **Melchior** called in mid-Feb and really gave us a time about spelling his last name 'oh before eye' on page 14 of the Dec issue. This was ironic because in the same line with the misspelling was a teaser to Don **Mosley** about the spelling of Don's last name. I apologize Jean, and it will never happen again!!!

We pause here for an important bulletin that just arrived our desk ... our coin will fly and is circling the earth as this is published!. See information within the 'Chapter News!' It is our understanding our 50th Anniversary Coin is on the current mission, STS 123. This has been a project spanning several years, many emails and letters, and finally it comes to pass. The coin that flies will be installed in the 'Hall of Heritage' and the remaining nine we have issued to deserving personnel.

Recently we ran into a Sage we had not seen for a very, very long time, 'Andy **Anderson (AA)**.' We served with several AA's in our career and it always great to bump into one of them. This was 'Daniel' and we reminisced about the other AA's, and old memories from the past to the extent he almost made me late for a very important date.

Mid-December Gary **Warfield** emailed us about the words to a ceremony held each evening at the Returned and Services League (RSL) he experienced at the RSL club in Alice Springs, Australia. He asked if we could perform a 'miracle' and find all the words. We called on two 'Saussies' (Sages expert in things Aussie), Jack **Dornedan** and Cliff **York**. In short order, these 'Miracle Men' replied knowing the name, and some of the words, to this daily ceremony. They gave us enough to 'Google.' Sure enough, the RSL has a website, <http://www.rsl.org.au/>. So, for all you Saussies out there, and aspirants, have a look and reminisce. The bugle call is even there!

At the February meeting the board decided to move the 'Annual Membership Meeting/Elections' to the scheduled second Monday in September. This meeting will be held in a social environment (e.g., Tides Club) to encourage attendance by membership. Normally we have held this meeting in conjunction with the October Golf N'Gettogether but membership attendance was exceedingly low. Perhaps a 'Sociable September' meeting will better meet the needs of membership.

We end with a fond farewell to our 'Activities Chair,' but more importantly, AFTAC's Superintendent, Chief **Herrick**. We had a great relationship with Steve and look forward to that continuing as he himself finally makes 'Sage' status. Steve has helped the alumni association in numerous ways and most notably during

the 60th Anniversary Events. Thank you for your support then and now. Steve bids farewell in his column within the Active-Duty section, and introduces us to his replacement. We have met Chief **Nederhoed** and look forward to our association with him.

Finally, we end on a note of sadness; Honorary Sage, Don **Kirkpatrick**, died on 3/9. Don was a grand supporter of alumni, and alumni events, and he and **Trudee** were with us at numerous alumni events; we often mentioned, and pictured, them in 'Scene Sages' pages and will miss his presence in many ways. We look forward to Trudee continuing this practice and Sages enjoying her friendship.

#### **ALERT: ANNUAL PICNIC, CONTINUED FROM PG 1.**

The three large pavilions inside the park toward the back have been reserved. There's volleyball, baseball, and swimming. And, a 'carnival like' venue where kids can go from booth to booth to play games & such. Some of the food booths are: a Brazilian plate, hot wings, chopped fried turkey sandwich, hotdogs/hamburgers.

Ticket cost is \$7.00 per person or \$30.00 max for a family of 5 or more -- children under 2 are free. Pets are not allowed in the picnic area but there is a fenced dog park nearby.

#### **ALERT: GOLF, CONTINUED FROM PG 1**

The Association's 18th Annual Spring Golf N' Getogether will get underway on 2 May at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. As always, our corporate sponsors have come through with excellent grand prizes as well as a great assortment of door prizes.

The price for this afternoon of fun will be \$40.00 for association members and \$45.00 for non-members, which includes a great BBQ dinner by 'Smokin' Joe's' BBQ.

You may signup by calling: Pat **Snyder** 494-6867 Or Carol **Snyder** 321-494-2822 Deliver your payment to Pat or Carol in person, or mail to: Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc, PO Box 254892 Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892. Checks should be received no later than 25 Apr 2008.

Check-in begins at 1130 and shotgun start at 1300. There will be plenty of water and soda on the course, and a beverage cart will be available.

The BBQ dinner will be served in the Clubhouse following the golf tournament. We will also award the prizes during/after dinner This tournament fills up quickly, so sign up early to ensure a spot in the tourney. There will be a limit of 144 players. If you are not interested in golfing, but would like to attend the BBQ dinner, the cost for the meal is \$10.00 and reservations for dinner-only are requested. We look forward to seeing you on 2 May!

#### **ALERT: AIRBORNE CONTINUED FROM PG 1**

"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. Polling about holding the reunion in **November, 2008**, to coincide with the Aviation Nation Air Show was overwhelming in favor.

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@mindsyn.com](mailto:jklk@mindsyn.com), or Charlie **Penn** (SEO #2), 916-624-1067 or [chaspenn@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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."

This tentative schedule is posted at the reunion website, which is linked from the alumni website, 'Need To Know Now' link:

- Nov 6th - Early bird registration/hospitality suite
- Nov 7th - Registration, golf & casual no-host bar
- Nov 8th - Air Show, tour(s), and banquet
- Nov 9th - Recovery breakfast, final good-byes

#### **ALERT: REUNION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

CAROL WARFIELD, COORDINATOR

Initial planning has begun for our upcoming 2009 Worldwide LRD Alumni Reunion. We will provide updates as we publish the Post- Monitor to keep you informed of the plans.

If you are interested in serving on a committee please contact Carol Warfield at 254-4011. We still **need a registration and program committee chairperson**. Start looking at your schedules as we hope to see all of you in Florida in late April or early May 2009. Thanks, Carol; we are sure Sages will come forward!

#### **EVENT: WINTER SOCIAL, CONTINUED FROM PG 1**

The Holiday Inn completed renovation of the ballroom before the social so we had a very pleasant atmosphere to enjoy friends and good food. This year's 'games' included the opening of presents which had been placed on each table. A simple concept that wound up requiring the effort of most people sitting at the table to go through the multiple layers of wrappings (only one layer per person allowed) and locating sufficiently sharp tools to do all the cutting required. The person opening the last layer got to keep the 'present.' Variations of a treasure hunt and musical chairs completed the 'games.'

There were a couple of tables of Sages, but contrary to previous years, we didn't get to lead the buffet line. Among those present were the **Marshalls, Hammonds, Mirdas, Loftis's, Dobrins, Vlassicks, O'Briens, Emerys, Deys, Winchesters, Wileys, Pat Snyder**, and Carol Warfield.



**EVENT: SNOWBALL X, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

The AOY is recognized at the SnowBall and the Center Annual Banquet. Bill replied to our invitation to these events:

Thank you for this invitation! It was very difficult to finally decide we could not make it at this time because Sue and I really wanted to attend at least one of the events. (As I left for work this morning and the temperature was only five degrees above zero, the thought of spending a few days in Florida really sounded good!) In fact we were definitely planning on attending the Snow Ball but had to decide to defer any travel until Sue has fully recovered from lung surgery.

As you know, I have asked Frank **Calenda** to represent me at the SnowBall. What you may not



Bob Wiley, Alumni Association President, presents an 'Alumni Of The Year' Certificate. Accepting, and representing the recipient, William 'Bill' Schmied, is Frank Calenda. Photo by Judy Milam.

know is that when I was a very young Staff Sergeant and left Denver for my first AFTAC assignment at Det 418, Frank was a Tech Sergeant (Master selectee) and my supervisor. With a Filipino driver he picked up Sue and I and our one-year old son at Clark AB in a base staff car and we rode the hundred miles or so to the detachment with no A/C.

For the next 18 months or so I really tested Frank's patience and determination to keep things running smoothly. At my request I was released from AFTAC and returned to my AFSC at the end of that assignment. A couple years later Frank recruited me to return to AFTAC for an assignment to Det 422 with him and Bill **Mudd**. Frank was going as the "I" chief, Bill as the "Q" chief, and me as the "Q" maintenance tech. After a year there we shut down the "I" system so Frank left, then a year after that we shut down the "Q" system, closed the det, and I was released back to the AF joining several other ex-99s at Shaw AFB in avionics maintenance on RF-4C airplanes of all things.

Frank would not leave me alone! He recruited me again a year later to come to Florida to the T-terminal. The personnel shop decided they could not bring me there at that time but they would like to send me to the schoolhouse in Denver, so we did. A few years later we reactivated Det 422 as a "J" det, then back to Denver, then to McClellan for a short tour, then back to Denver again where we have remained since then. Since Frank has had such an impact on my AFTAC career and our lives, I thought it would be most appropriate for him to represent me.

I've never been to a Snow Ball so I really don't know the 'protocol' regarding this award.

However, I do know that this is a tremendous honor considering the vast number of deserving AFTAC alumni in the three chapters. Being recognized with this award at the reunion here in June was really an overwhelming surprise and honor and I thank you and the alumni association for the award. However, I would like to make one important stipulation regarding the presentation of the award and that is I do not consider it to be a personal award, but rather an award recognizing the entire Colorado chapter and members who have worked so hard over the years putting together the many events and reunions that have kept the chapter going.

It's a great feeling to know that we have so many dedicated alumni in the three chapters who are keeping the association alive and well. We may not make it to Florida this year, but we definitely have our sights set on the next reunion.

And indeed Frank did 'stand-in' for Bill the evening of the SnowBall. Frank's acceptance of the honor was done in an amusing and abusing manner, but, in the end, one knew that Frank had great respect, and a deep friendship, with both Bill and Sue. He ended his representation by noting there was no one he would select ahead of Bill for getting 'the job done.'

**EVENT: AWARDS BANQUET, CONTINUED FROM PG 1**

Bill wrote thanking Bob for representing him at this event:

Hello Bob, John Horsch told me that you would be attending the banquet and accepting the alumni award, and I just want you to know that I think this is the way it should be.

You are the president of our alumni association, and I really look at this award as recognition for the association as a whole and not just an individual who happens to be named for the award. We have so many alumni who have contributed so much, both individually and collectively to AFTAC's history, that it's a tremendous honor for the alumni association to be recognized alongside the current AFTAC history makers. We are

the proud alumni and AFTAC is our alma mater and it's a wonderful feeling to still be part of this great organization after all these years. Please convey our greetings to all and my sincere regrets that I cannot be there. Best Regards, Bill.

After the ceremony, Bob replied to Bill: Bill, It was an honor to accept the award tonight in your stead. I con-



Col Westergren, AFTAC CC, and CMS Herrick, AFTAC CCS, present the trophy recognizing William 'Bill' Schmied at the banquet. Bob Wiley, Assn President, represented Bill. Photos by Pat Snyder



veyed your regrets to Col **Westergren** while accepting your trophy. We will get these items to you ASAP. Bob also sent additional information about the banquet: In a reversal of the past presentations, Col **Westergren** elevated the Alumni of the Year trophy to the second award and paid tribute to the continuing con-

tributions that the alumni make to maintaining AFTAC's heritage and esprit d'corps as a prelude to his presentation to Bill **Schmied** in absentia. Bob Wiley accepted the award on Bill's behalf. Col. Westergren had surprised Bill with the announcement of his selection at the Denver Reunion in 2007.

Addison "Mitch" **Mitchell**, our association Vice President, was a winner at higher headquarters for Comm & Info Outstanding Civilian Manager of the Year. Another of our Sages, George **Mirda**, did an outstanding job as one of the Emcees for the formal ceremony. Our intrepid 'Insider,' Pat **Snyder** got to play 'digital photographer' for the evening since Bob was in front of the camera for a change. A good night for all alumni in attendance.

Deborah Carson, SnowBall 'Major Arranger,' gives us this report on the other happenings for at the SnowBall:

## "WE THREW A SNOWBALL"

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 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. It is also tradition that the AFTAC Commander and Vice, Chief Scientist, Superintendent, Directors, past Detachment (Det) Chiefs, and other interested active-duty personnel attend. A highlight for this year was to recognize our "Alumni of The Year 2007," Mr. William (Bill) **Schmied** (he was also honored at the Center's 'Annual Award Banquet' 28 February 2008). (covered in previous articles)

This was "SnowBall's" 10th Anniversary; imagine that! The SnowBall always has a theme honoring locations where AFTAC has or had a presence. In the past, themes have been Hawaii (Det 419), Germany (Det 319), Florida (HQ), Wyoming (Det 489), and Thailand (Det 415). This year we honored Det 421, Alice Springs, Australia, with a 'Down Under' theme. What a fun crowd of people we had, some 65 Sages all gathered in the same spot at the same time.

The Center's Chief, Enterprise Information Management Branch, Deborah Carson, made arrangements with the Patrick AFB All Ranks Club (The Tides) to host us again this year and with help from other members (Judy **Milam**, Pat **Snyder**, Jack and Florence **Jackson**, Eileen **Best**), had the place looking very "Aussie." Table decorations included boomerangs, bush hats, hurricane globes with Australia scenes, "authentic licorice packs" and miniatures representation of bush wild life. The food was, once again, excellent and everyone really enjoyed the Kicking Kangaroo & Rocking Crock, with all the usual bush trimmings. (Actually it was Tenderloin Beef Medallions w/Béarnaise Sauce and Broiled Tilapia w/Mustard Caper Sauce.)

Having been assigned to Australia, the AFTAC



Commander, Col **Westergren**, and his wife Haywon **Kim**, loaned us many of their personal authentic items to decorate and add to the displays. The items exhibited a splendid array of tribal art and color. The Det members also provided boxes of memorabilia and photo albums to display for our guests and the slide show provided the Vice Commander a wonderful pictorial preparing her for the visit next month.

All were complemented with the background music from 'Men at Work' singing 'Land Down Under.' As an added attraction this year, members (both active duty and retired) participated in a Camel Race to the finish. We got some great pictures! The winners were awarded a bottle of authentic Aussie-grown wine. Even Mrs. **O'Brien** came home with an original Det bush hat with the Det patch. It was a great evening with a lot of camaraderie and "catching up." Go to the Alumni website to look at some great pictures taken of previous SnowBalls, and we have included some below for your enjoyment. We are sure you'll recognize many of the faces—check out the Camels provided by Mrs. Westergren and Mrs. O'Brien.



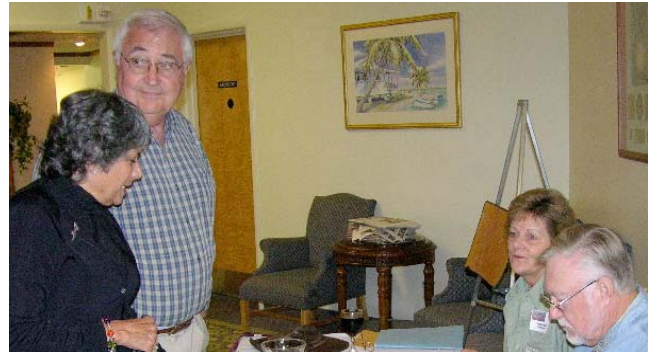
So you don't miss out on this wonderful evening, start planning now. Mark your calendar for next year, 31 January 2009, at the Tides. We could be wearing mukluks or eating Kim chi. Make sure you don't get left out ... join us next year!!

### SCENE SAGES-MEMORIES MADE, AND RECORDED!!!



(Winter Social picture by Joe Marshall)

Our Association President, Bob Wiley, with help from Natalie Yacoub, Mistress of Ceremonies, try to talk Dr. O'Brien (back facing us) into posing for the 'best dressed' award. Bob was successful and the Doctor won!!! He sure looks like a winner from this angle!



SnowBall (pictures above and below, Bob Wiley) Don and Jan Whitney 'sign-in' with Deborah Carson, 'Major Arranger,' and Jack Jackson. Don can be seen looking around because the last time he did something 'Aussie' he had an encounter with a camel ... he is alert for a reoccurrence!!



Later, the Commander, Col Westergren, riding one of his wife's, and Mrs. O'Brien's, creations (seen in the forefront) brings to life Don's fear in this 'camel race.' CC can be seen here taking on some nourishment, which, by the way, was snatched along the way from an innocent bystander, yours truly.



(Picture, above and below, Judy Milam) Here losers of the 'camel race' act as if they were the winners. Dr. O'Brien, Terry Hammond, and Col Westergren, try to convince the crowd of their performance!



In this picture, the actual survivors, er, winners of the 'camel race' accept the honor. Don Whitney, Randy Vlassick and Steve Revels accept accolades. And, perhaps this moment will go far in helping Don deal with his 'camel fear!'



### ***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.

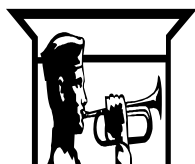
### ***Transitions***

Important Events in our Sage's lives (marriages, children, etc..  
None Provided

### ***In Memoriam***

Florence McCall Monken  
Cheryl Lee Britton  
Verna Mosley  
Patsy McCloskey  
George McKeel

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



### **TAPS**

**In Memory of Those We  
Knew Well Now Gone  
But Never To Be Forgotten**

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, 1862

**Day** is done; gone the sun,  
From the lakes, from the hills,  
From the sky.  
All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh,

**Fading** light dims the sight,  
And a star light the sky, gleaming bright;  
From afar, drawing nigh,  
Falls the night.

**Thanks** and praise for our days,  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;

As we go, this we know:  
God is' nigh.

### **FLORENCE McCALL MONKEN**

JUDY MILAM, EMAIL, 01.07



Melbourne Florence McCall Monken, 80, a secretary for AFTAC at Patrick Air Force Base, died Friday, January 4, 2008. She was born in Athens, WI. She came to Brevard County in 1972 from Alexandria, VA. She was a member and past president of AARP Chapter 219 and a member of Ascension Catholic Church. Florence

made thousands of people laugh with her impersonations of Phyllis Diller and Minnie Pearl. She is survived by son, Jim McCall; daughters, Patricia Doll, Nancy Sauter and Jackie Brown; brothers, David Switlick and Patrick Switlick; sister, Kathy Caruso; eleven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by son, William McCall; brothers, Reuben and Al Switlick; and sister, Margaret Ferebee. Services were at Ascension Catholic Church. Burial at Florida Memorial Gardens. Donations may be made to Wuesthoff Brevard Hospice, 8060 Spyglass Hill Rd. Melbourne, FL 32940. Obituary, Florida Today, 01.07

### **Cheryl Lee Britton**

PAT SNYDER, EMAIL 01.08; OBITUARY FROM SAN ANTOIO EXPRESS NEWS

Cheryl Lee Britton, age 44, passed away on January 3, 2008 in San Antonio, Texas. She joined the Air Force after high school. While stationed in Germany she met the love of her life, Rick, to whom she was married for 23 years. Cheryl and her family moved to San Antonio in 1993. She was very supportive as a Boy Scout mom and was most proud when her son received his Eagle Scout. Cheryl loved her pets, motorcycle riding, reading, and all her friends. She was a great friend and the best mom that a husband and son could hope for. There are no words for their loss. She was preceded in death by her father, David Callahan and step-father, David Forbes, Sr., and mother-in-law, Geneva Britton. She is survived by her husband, Rick Britton; son, Sean David Britton; mother, Nancy Forbes;

step-mother, Donna Callahan; sister, Sheila Callahan; brother-in-law, Ronnie Britton; and numerous other relatives both near and far. Memorial was January 5, Northwest Hills United Methodist church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the animal shelter of your choice. You may sign the Guestbook at [www.porterloring.com](http://www.porterloring.com) Arrangements with Porter Loring Mortuary North.

### Verna Mosley

GENE MELCHIOR, 02.12, FROM THE JOPLIN (GLOBE)



Verna Amanda Theresa (Duer) Mosley, age 84, passed away Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, in Joplin, Mo. Verna was born Sept. 25, 1923, on their homestead in rural Staplehurst, Neb., to the union of Bernhard "Ben" Julius Duer and Wilhelmine "Minnie" Sophia Louisa (Scheuman) Duer. Verna left school in the eighth

grade to help care for her four brothers and four sisters when her mother became ill. She and her siblings often went the five miles to school by horse and buggy. She got her GED later in life. She worked as a maid and factory worker in Seward, Neb.; as a bank employee in Lincoln, Neb.; electronic factory worker in New Hampshire, Va., and Missouri; and for Servicemaster in Kansas. She married Donald "Don" Ray Mosley on Jan. 17, 1960, in Staplehurst. He survives at the home. Additional survivors include brothers, Edwin Duer and wife, Lavonne, and Fredrick "Fritz" Duer and wife, Norma; sisters, Dorothy Parks, Evangeline Barth and husband, Harold, and Cynthia "Cindy" Ludwig and husband, Jim; brother-in-law, DeVerne Orth; sister-in-law, Norma Duer, all of Nebraska; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Verna was preceded in death by brothers, Henry and Kenneth Duer; sister, Darleen Orth; sister-in-law, Annabelle Duer; brothers-in-law, Delmar Ahrens and Charles Parks; nephew, Clint Duer; and nieces, Dottie and

Minnie Ahrens. Interment was at Seward, Neb. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

### Patsy McCloskey

JUDY MILAM EMAIL, 02.20

What follows is the Obituary from the FLORIDA TODAY paper (02.19). Her husband, Stu McCloskey, worked at AFTAC in TDM (Technical Director's office) in the 1970's. Stu is a lifetime Alumni member.

**PATSY McCLOSKEY SATELLITE BEACH**  
Patsy H. McCloskey beloved wife of Charles S. McCloskey, Jr. passed away at her residence in Satellite Beach on Saturday, February, 16, 2008. She was born in Houma, Louisiana, on September 13, 1935. Pat was the daughter of Chelsea and Lizzie Hebert and attended Holy Apostles Episcopal Church in Satellite Beach. Pat was also an avid bridge player, huge sports fan and a wonderful wife and mother. Survivors include her loving husband of 50 years, Charles Stuart McCloskey, Jr.; daughter Karen Lynn McCloskey; son, Charles Stuart McCloskey III and his wife Sandra Lynn. Pat is also survived by two grandchildren, Shawn Gregory and Christopher Scott; brother, Chelsea Joseph Hebert and sister, Louise Fortson. Funeral services were held at Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Entombment will be at Florida Memorial Gardens. In lieu of Flowers, the family requests donations be made in Patsy's name to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

### George McKeel

DALE KLUG, EMAIL 03.07

I'm forwarding Jan McKeel's message for your info. George lived in Magalia CA and was in Yuma AZ for the winter. He was planning to return April 8th.

George was in AFTAC from the early 60s until he retired. I worked with him in the "C" and "U" systems. Jan McKell wrote:

This is going to be tuff for me, but I must inform you that George died this morning (3/7/08) at 2:31 a.m. in Yuma. (There was) a Memorial in Paradise at the Moose Lodge and the VFW in North Highlands.

If you could spread the unfortunate news to people that knew George - and I have no way of contacting - it would be greatly appreciated. He was cantankerous, but loveable. I'll miss him!





# MAIL - CALL

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

**Patrick AFB, FI 32925-0892**

Missives requesting no action may be mailed/emailed to the editors, [chrisjohn2@earthlink.net](mailto:chrisjohn2@earthlink.net). They may be edited for clarity and space but not normally for punctuation, wording, etc; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

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

**Failed Address(es), Hard-Copy sent**  
**Please Send Correction:**

[keri.robinson@pnl.gov](mailto:keri.robinson@pnl.gov) (2nd time), [aldavis26@houston.rr.com](mailto:aldavis26@houston.rr.com), [wtracy@att.com](mailto:wtracy@att.com), Edward Conley@MWAA.com, [johninkyts@comcast.com](mailto:johninkyts@comcast.com)

## First Sage to 'Report In'

**Jack (Mac) McGettigan** **2007.12.11**

Hi, Really enjoy early version via EMail. Great job. Thanks. Back at'ya Jack, and you beat the 'RedHead,' Jim Davis, with this reply-Jim's been first the last two issues. Congratulations. We'll see if he sits still for this!

**Jim Davis** **12.11**

Dang!!!!!! It's not fair!!!!!! I read my copy immediately after printing it so I was a little late, will try to do better next time. I had a little problem printing it on 10 pages instead of 20 and keeping it in the right order....I'll figure it out...and BEST WISHES TO ALL AFTACER'S FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS. Good try, Jim ... you cannot always be first!!

**Clark Creery** **12.11**

Exceptional newsletter - congrats. Thanks, Clark

**Frank.Edna Calenda** **12.14**

Good reading as usual....thanks. You guys always do a great job. FrEd, Sages like you make it easy!

## POMO MAIL

**Jim Davis-email** **12.12**

Hey John, I just got an excellent explanation regarding the SEO's numbers from Jerry LaBarre. Jerry and I were among some of the original SEO's, go all the way back to the early 50s....We

didn't need numbers back then, we just did our job, eat our cold box lunch sandwiches with dirty grubby contaminated hands and hoped we had contributed something to the success of the mission.

It sure would be interesting to see how things are done today with all the sophisticated equipment they have today to figure everything out for them (Jim, come to the 2009 WorldWide in Florida and get caught up!!). Back then we would just scratch our head and make decisions as best we could and hope it was the right one...guess we did the job well enough to know pretty much what was going on. I don't think there was too much wool pulled over our eyes....don't think we missed too much.....

Didn't intend to get on to this subject but you know how old people are sometimes, they like to think back many, many years just to prove we haven't lost too much of our memory....Thanks for your effort in getting my curiosity straightened out....You betcha, Jim ... and thanks for the article written by Tony Ballentine (SEO20). We have that article in our 'Feature' area as an 'I Remember ...' And, a great tale it is. Maybe you guys can get this straightened out at the Airborne Reunion.

## OTHER MAIL

**Jack Wagley-Ann Arbor, MI** **01.08**

(NOTE: Jack sent an enclosure from the VA concerning 'Agent Orange.' That enclosure is at this website: <http://www1.va.gov/agentorange/docs/AONewsletterOct07.pdf>)

Happy New Year. I am sending along some information that I am receiving long after I should have received it. I think the info might be of value to some retired alumni and some active duty members I am what you might call a PRE-Alumni.

I do not remember how we made it for 4 years living in Arlington, Fairfax, etc, working in Temporary Bldg 'T' 14 and Constitution with only \$45 per month extra for living quarters. After 4 years I had asked for reassignment.

I had to take my chances on overseas assignment-I asked for a long tour in Germany but thought for sure (I'd get) a poor short tour. I wanted to find out about it so I stopped in Pentagon Personnel Div one day just to try and find out. Pentagon personnel were busy when the Chief of Personnel called out from his office, 'Does anyone know where we can find Sgt Wagley. I have an assignment of choice for him at USAFE Germany in Wiesbaden (Golt Sie Dank [Thank God]).

I do not know if you can read my scribbling and I'm not sure you could edit if you wanted to print

it. I am sending (the agent orange info). I wish I would have had it when I returned from 10 months in Thailand in 1966 where and when I had all kinds of Heart Problems including heart attack and mellitus (type II diabetes, service connected). I do not think the VA would mind if you copied it and sent it out to the personnel whom it might help. Jack, we did the best we could with your writing and the information you sent. We did find the document you enclosed on the internet and have provided that link at the start of your letter.

#### Jim Payne-email

01.28

This is pertinent info that might be appropriate for the PO-MO. I received it from my friend (Bill Bussey)... we went into AFTAC together via the "R" system and after a few years he left for the Army warrant program. His son is the "James Bussey" that is also on the e/m and I think he is also an Army warrant..... anyway, some good info.... Cheers. Thanks Jim, and we pass the info along below. "The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online:<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>"

#### Barry Seegraves-email

03.07

Good evening, Chief, I just found your address and the alumni site and updated my e-mail address. How great to hear from you and it is always exciting for us for another 'Sage' to find the website and all the info that is available there. Thanks for taking the time to update your info and to write. Chris and I are editors of the Post-Monitor. I am sending you the link where you can go out and pick up a complimentary Dec issue for perusal. Hope you enjoy that and look forward to your consideration for membership. And, if you sign up, consideration of receiving the newsletter via email ... you get it quicker, in color where used, and save the assn over a \$1.50 an issue.

#### "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. Anyone that was in Sgt **Cucuzza** or "**Mac's**" 99125-Q class in 1974 at Lowry (including Sgt Cucuzza!). Contact dave Congour - 970-901-8757 (Colorado) [ccenergy@montrose.net](mailto:ccenergy@montrose.net).

2. **Marty V.** from Det 452, 1975 to 1980 time frame. Contact, [eshafer@gmail.com](mailto:eshafer@gmail.com)

**FOUND:** Dave **Johnson**; **LOOKER:** Paul **Chandler**; **FINDER:** Geno **Wagner** with an assist from a different Dave **Johnson**. This started when I saw Paul's note at the website. Thinking he might mean the Melbourne Dave Johnson (MDJ) I sent an email to MDJ. He informed me it was not he but another DJ that Geno Wagner knew the whereabouts of-I did not ask how Dave did not know the other DJ but knew that Geno knew. I then emailed Geno and sure enough, he knew how to contact this DJ, he was in Tampa! Geno ended the episode with this email: (12.20) I deduced (is that a word?) that the person with the need was Paul Chandler. I don't

know him but found his correct email address in [aftacalumni.org](http://aftacalumni.org). I sent him an email with the Tampa Dave Johnson's address and phone number. He responded with a thank you and will take it from here. And yes, he did open an email from 'wchickendealer!!! ;-)' Great story with a holiday ending.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL MAIL

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

##### 'Serial Sages'

New Lifetime Memberships

Tommy **Badley**-Warrenton, OR; ; T **Airhart**-Driftwood, TX; Allan **Derickson**-Olympia, WA;

##### 'Sustaining Sages'

Annual Memberships, new and renewals

**VIA EMAIL::** John J. **Frias**, Robert W. **Morton**, Harvey **Shaw**, Carol **Warfield**

**VIA USPS:** Howard **Dibble**-Melbourne, FL; J **Chastain**-Indialantic, FL;W **Wigington**-Blue Springs, MS; Sam **Newman**-Satellite Beach, FL;Allison **Carter**-Jacksonville, AR; Robert **Haller**; Clifford **Ferris**-Redding CA; Richard **Tate**-Woodbrige, VA.

#### SCENE SAGES-MEMORIES MADE, AND RECORDED!!!



We finally got a picture of the picture taker!!! Here Judy and Mike Milam take a moment to be 'shot' - but note Mike closes his eyes so it will not count.



And here we catch the SnowBall 'Major Arranger,' Deborah Carson (standing) with Inez and John.

PREZ

FROM  
THE TOP

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One of the duties of this office that gives me personal satisfaction is attending the annual AFTAC Awards Ceremony and watching the outstanding active duty personnel receive the honors they so richly deserve. As a bonus this year, I got to receive the Alumni of the Year Award for Bill **Schmeid** who couldn't be here to accept in person. Congratulations again, Bill.

The next activity you should plan to attend is the AFTAC picnic 29 March which will be within Wickham Park this year. The Alumni will not need to 'man' the beer wagon this year as the picnic organizers have instituted an ID system, but, the Sages will probably be hovering nearby anyway.

We also have to defend our horseshoe champs position, so start practicing. The Spring Golf Tournament is 2 May at the Cocoa Beach Country Club course. Details of all these activities are provided in other stories.

Thanks go to Carol **Warfield** for volunteering to Chair, and Pat **Snyder** to Co-Chair, our 'Reunion 2009' committee. We are negotiating with hotels and hope to be able to establish the date and place of the reunion at the March board meeting. Details will be announced in the PoMo and on the website as they become available. Carol has some volunteers for subcommittee work, but this is one of those situations where it's hard to have too much help so if you have interest in helping her out, please contact her as soon as possible.

As Always, Bob Wiley



## BOARD MEETINGS

## Board Members

**Elected**President-**Bob Wiley**Vice-**Addison Mitchell**Secretary-**Judy Milam**Treasurer-**Joe Goldian****Appointed**2009 WorldWide Alumni Reunion Coordinator-**Carol Warfield**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**

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### A Minute with the Minutes January-February-March

**New Business/Items**

**WorldWide Reunion, 2009:** Carol **Warfield** has volunteered to be the 'Major Arranger,' Pat **Snyder** to Co-Chair. More information as it is available—see page one and the association website, [www.aftacalumni.org](http://www.aftacalumni.org), 'Need To Know Now' link.

**Golf:** We need to set a date and get a volunteer to run the spring golf tournament

**Continuing Business/Items**

**Membership:** Chair, Randy Vlassick reports membership is 638, 572 lifetime, 25 delinquents.

**Post-Monitor:** The 'Electronic Post-Monitor' (ePoMo) subscriptions now exceed 200.

**LRD 50-Year Commemorative Coins:** We continue the project of associating the remaining 10 coins with the space program, as was done in 1997. This coin will be displayed in the 'Hall of Heritage.' Bob Wiley update follows:

"Attention Members and interested parties: This just in from NASA, JSC-IS4: **The medallion arrived safe and sound and is locked up awaiting manifesting for the STS-123 mission.**"

NOTE: The mission liftoff occurred on time on 3/11 @ 230AM!!! **Our Coin Flies!!!!!!**

**Hall of Heritage:** Plans are underway to approve space for a 'Hall of Heritage' in the new building, if and when one is approved. The timeline of the mission will be reflected in the Hall of Heritage.

**SnowBall:** SnowBall X was a success with a good time had by all attendees, some 70 in all



**Publicity Chair:** We are in need of a Sage to fill this position. Please step forward if you'd like to help your association in an important area.



## SagE-News

POMO EDITORS

The CO Chapter has instituted a policy of sending their newsletter (extract below) via email as a default choice. Members who wish to continue receiving by USPS must notify them.

Printing and mailing costs drive this cost effective policy, and, due to the technical nature of most Sages, this should prove to be an acceptable policy.

## OTHER CHAPTERS

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2008.03

# ECHOES

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

### Colorado Chapter Events 2008

RSVP to Jack Smith, 303 428-1812 or email  
[COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM](mailto:COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM)

**General Membership Breakfast** 13 Sep 2008 08:30  
Aurora Hills Golf Club

**Summer Picnic** TBA Sat in June

**Club Dinner/Dance** 15 Nov 2008 17:30 Aurora Hills  
Golf Club

There are (WorldWide 2007) souvenir cups available for purchase on a first come basis. Send your request to Bill **Schmied**. (see contact info on page 2, 'Colorado'). He has a limited number of these insulated coffee cups. The price for the cup is \$10.00 with a \$5 shipping cost.



The new Det 45 Commander, Capt Brian **Chellgren** attended the last breakfast and the Colorado AFTAC Alumni Association, recognized the Detachment 45 Outstanding NCO and Airman of the Year for 2007 and presented them gift certificates to have a nice dinner on us in appreciation for their service to our alma mater, AFTAC. The Outstanding NCO of the Year is TSgt Randy **Blomstedt** and the Airman of the Year is SrA Rob **Metthe**.

### Letters

John **Macaluso**: I came across this site, which brought back old memories of aircraft. Terry, you may have given this site to me in the past. Anyway, I thought it would be interesting to share with you. John Mac, Denver, 'AFTAC from the past,' <http://www.geocities.com/recce135/>

The **California Chapters' 'latest news'** follows on the next page. Before you turn to that we present several pictures from one of their recent events:

### West Coast Alumni Fall Social - 08 Nov 2007 at the Buggy Whip Restaurant



#361: Darlene & Bob Fitzgerald



#363: Ann & Al Pavik



Charlie Penn



Tommie & Bob Baker



#369: Rose Dunn with Gayle & Joe Johnson

Photos by Bob Fitzgerald

See all of these photos full-sized at  
6"x4" @ 150 dpi resolution and in full color  
on our website:

**[www.AFTACwest.org](http://www.AFTACwest.org)**

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2008.01

# 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

**-Business/Member meetings** are 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays quarterly at the Lion's Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park: **3 Jun, 2 Sep, and 2 Dec 2008**

**-TBA May 2008** Watch our website for information on our annual Spring Fling Picnic to be announced.

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

## Words From The Prez

JOE JOHNSON, PAST PRESIDENT

Thanks to all AFTAC alumni and significant others for your many years of cooperation and support. The association is in good hands with your newly elected President Col. (Ret) Jack **Allison**.

PoMo Editors' NOTE: This picture was in the January 'FallOut' and Dale had added the following caption:

**Detachment 452 – 1990 (Only AFTAC detachment to have 15 handsome men assigned at the same time)**

How many of you think that the fact Dale just happens to be in the picture (bottom front) warps his judgment about this bold statement?



## Who Said That?? (WST)

DALE KLUG, EDITOR

>> A man never knows what a fool he is until he hears himself imitated by one.

>> Not all chemicals are bad. Without hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer.

>> Everybody's got to believe in something. I believe I'll have another beer.

Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: **FallOutEditor@AFTACwest.org** First WCC member to send in all three correct answers gets recognized & the second

gets an honorable mention. (I lost my expense account am not able to give away any more adult beverages.)

July's quotes were from Col Dana **Kelly**, Chili **Davis** & Kevin **Costner**. Ken **Breitwieser** was the first to correctly identify the authors of the second & third quotes and wins 2/3 can of beer. But no one got all three correct.

PoMo Editors second NOTE: We like to run these WST's when we can. Please note that you must be a WCC member to 'win' recognition. (I'm not sure what WCC stands for but it seems like there was a group with similar initials back in President Roosevelt's day!!!)

The ECC editor thinks this is a very selfish way to run a contest and cannot help but wonder if this policy came about when he was the first one to 'win' the first contest of this type!!!!



# **MONITOR** *ing Active*

## **Duty Doing'** from around the AFTAC world

### **Command Section**



Col. Mark W  
Westergren

**Commander (CC)**, 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 (CCS)**, 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.



### **CCS Conversation.Farewell**

CHIEF HERRICK

Det 489, Pinedale, WY, has closed, and additional memorabilia will be received for inclusion in the Hall of Heritage. Pinedale will now be an Equipment Location (EL) with caretaker status.

### **Farewell**

Fellow Sages, It's hard to believe that I've already sat in the AFTAC Superintendent chair for over a year! I'm grateful to have had the opportunity to serve you and AFTAC in this capacity; it's been very rewarding and a solid gold capstone on my career.

30 years seems to have passed by rather quickly, but as I plan and execute my transition to the civilian world, the LRD and AFTAC communities will gain a fine Chief as my replacement.

CMSgt John **Nederhoed** has an impressive resume: He started out as an AF Security Policeman, then saw the light and retrained into the 99106 field. Over the years he's worked as a TOD lab rat (mass-spec), 99 instructor, Det supt (460), Det chief (301), and ops supt (AFTAC and others). He's extremely knowledgeable regarding AFTAC operations and I'm confident that he'll

strive to serve you to the utmost of his ability. You'll appreciate his candor and enjoy his sense of humor. Chief Nederhoed will be an outstanding 12th AFTAC Supt. I plan to stay engaged with AFTAC through the LRD association and look forward to toasting to our good fortune for years to come.

### **13th Annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony**

BY MASTER SGT. PATRICK MURPHY, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS



AFTAC Vice-Commander, LTC Rodgers thanks the guest speaker, Mr. Reyelts.

The Air Force Technical Applications Center held its 13th Annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony Dec. 7 to honor Pearl Harbor survivors

who live in the local area. The ceremony featured AFTAC troops in formation, AFTAC members of the Patrick Air Force Base Honor Guard, and Florida Air Academy's Junior ROTC color guard and saber team.

The guest speaker was Duane **Reyelts**, the Florida State chairman of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, Inc., and a sailor who survived the capsizing of the USS Oklahoma. Of the 2,166 sailors and Marines aboard the battleship, 429 were lost in the attack – second only to the USS Arizona in number of casualties of any ship at Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Reyelts described being awakened by the sound of alarms and an announcement calling all hands to their battle stations. Wearing "only his undershorts," he made his way to his battle station as men yelled and hatches slammed closed. Less than 10 minutes later, the ship was on its side and he was climbing up through a porthole to escape.

Through oily water littered with debris, he swam about 75 feet to the USS Maryland. The effort exhausted him as he was not a strong swimmer. He found a line hanging from the ship and attempted to climb up, however, his hands were oily and wet and he slipped back into the water several times. A sailor on deck eventually noticed him and helped pull him onboard. After a short rest, he joined a line of men passing ammunition to an anti-aircraft gun. He spent the remainder of the war assigned to the destroyer



USS Dewey.

Mr. Reyelts said he enjoys telling his story. He often speaks at schools because it's important the lessons of Pearl Harbor are passed on to younger generations.

"It's so important for me to have everyone remember," he said. "It's so important that they remember Pearl Harbor to keep America alert."

The early morning attack was a complete surprise, killing nearly 2,400 and wounding nearly 1,200 others. Twelve ships were either beached or sunk and nine were damaged. In addition, nearly 165 aircraft were destroyed and 159 were damaged. While the attack decimated the Pacific Fleet, it unified Americans as the United States entered World War II.

"From the ashes of that war, we became a superpower charged with the task of setting the example for all democracies to follow," said AFTAC Vice Commander Lt. Col. Donna **Rogers** in her opening remarks. "We continue to meet this challenge by looking forward to the future and at the same time never forgetting our past."

AFTAC commanders throughout the years have been committed to holding the ceremony, which was first held under Col. Glen **Schaffer** in 1994.



### 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 AFTACer's and mail them out. You can contact Haywon @ hey1k@yahoo.com.

Haywon, and the deployed, thank Sages for consideration, and volume of items, provided.

### Haywon Kim Program Update

Hello! I'm passing on the latest thanks that we've received from our care package recipients (they have given me permission to pass these on). To date, we've mailed over 40 packages. All three of the recipients are deployed on one-year tours -- two in Iraq and one on the AFTAC ship. AFTAC also has quite a few on shorter 120 day tours. Haywon

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> AFTAC Spouses, > > Thank you for sending the most recent care package! > It just arrived yesterday. As always, there is > something for everyone in there.

The Admiral's > office staff will take whatever we don't use in care > packages to the people in the local area who could use it. > > I've been here for over 8 months now, and the security situation has greatly improved. Attack trends are down some 50-60% since the height of the surge of troops in June. I didn't know it would get this cold here in Baghdad. The lows are in the 30s, and I even witnessed the historic Baghdad snowfall! Just 125 more days to go, but who's counting? :) > > Thanks again, and take care! > > VR, > Fred > > \*\*\*\*\*

> > Good morning, all! > > Thanks so much for the latest box of goodies! It's > always such a great surprise to receive mail when > I'm not expecting it. And what a great collection of > snacks and entertainment. My favorite is still the > bubbles! The whole office joins in the fun with > those! > > Only 3 months left. It's been rainy, MUDDY, and > cold. And in a couple months, we'll all be > complaining about the heat again -- ah, the cycle > of life! :) > > Take care and thanks again! > > Lisa > > \*\*\*\*\*

> > AFTAC Spouses, I received your care package a few days ago. Everything is very much appreciated but the letter of appreciation from the 3rd grade student is a special touch. As I was going through the items I was thankful but when I saw the letter a tear welled up inside me, not because I was sad but it very quickly reminded me of why I was here. Definitely keep the letter as it is a special message that can only come from a child. All things in the package are appreciated. The American flag is a great reminder we are fighting for our great nation; the hygiene items are excellent as our port visits can vary and of course when you are only in port for a day it is very easy to forget something like toothpaste, dental floss or Q-tips; the snacks are great because we don't have those on the ship; the calling card is great as it allows us an opportunity to call our loved ones; and the sports drink mixes are excellent as I like to run and workout a lot to keep myself busy when we have downtime. If you are thinking of deleting anything from the package it could be the food items. On the ship we receive 3 meals a day and the food is rather good. Thank you all for your time, efforts, and money used to remind us of why we are here! And that is simply put to continually ensure our countries freedom. V/r Major Gary Benton \*\*\*\*\*

"Hello! I just wanted to send a quick note to thank all of you for my care package. It was a pleasant surprise and really helped to make my day. Thanks again! Sincerely, Kim V. Herd"

**Booster's Club**-Officers: Capt David **Gwilt**, Pres; TSgt Rafael **Nunez**, Vice; TSgt Raphael **Grace**, Treas; SSgt Ronald **Mitchell**, Secretary; TSgt Monica **Robinson**, Clothing Sales; AFTAC/LSLN, Hot Dog Sales; Ms. Rebecca **Lehnerz**, Public Affairs.

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).

## I REMEMBER ...

### LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

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

**HONOR ROLL:** Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch**, Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone** (deceased), Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis**, Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsworth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman** (deceased), George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad**, Joe **Johnson**, John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (3) Jim **Lillethun**, William **Koerschner**, Glenn **Kennedy**, Tom **Dunn**, Bob **Long**, John **Bright**, Vern **Mikkelsen**, Brian **Swan**, Bruce **Deffler**, Les **Miller**, Clark **Wilberg**, Lloyd **French**, John **Bright**, Tony **Balentine**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'I REMEMBER ...' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE WE PRESENT: TONY BALLENTINE:

### "SEO NUMBERING" ... FROM 'THOSE WHO KNOW'

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Several issues ago we wrote of SEO numbering. In that article we included information from two experts, Clark **Wilberg** and Lloyd **French**. Here another expert weighs in.

Here's the way I remember it ... Sometime in the late 70s or maybe as late as 80 or 81, primitive computer terminals started appearing around Tech Ops Div. We had one of them up in air ops, and **Gindy (Gindlesperger)** took a personal interest in it. After awhile, the notion evolved that it would be good to keep data about our operations in the computer. Hard to imagine now, but bytes were precious in those days, so in order to conserve storage, each SEO was assigned a number. If bytes were as plentiful as today, we wouldn't have numbers, just our regular old names.

There were 32 of us at that time, so Gindy assigned numbers 1 through 32 to us based on soc sec number. Rick **Edson** had the lowest soc sec and was assigned SEO number 01. I don't remember if that first database had 2 digits for the SEO number, or if Gindy splurged and went for 3 right away.

The first class to graduate after the initial numbers were assigned included Dan **Gilb**, 34, and Russ **David**, 33. Around that time, it was decided that ops officers should be part of the system, so Col **Niquette** was the first ops officer to be assigned a number, which was the next number,

35. I do remember that Col **Niquette** declared himself to be number 1, and many paper lists sent out by Hq after that showed him to be number 1. As I recall though, the computer database couldn't be easily changed to reassign a different number to Rick, so he remained number 1 in the computer. After Col **Niquette** retired, I remember seeing at least one paper list from AFTAC showing Rick as number 1 and Col **Niquette** as number 35. By that time, I have no idea if the old computer database was still being maintained, or who was keeping it up and where it was kept, probably AFTAC Hq by then ...

The SEO numbers are now more than just a number in a database, they are personally important to us. Several SEOs who predate the number system have expressed an interest in being included somehow ... My suggestion for our elder brethren ... Two digits for the year entering the SEO force followed by an alpha character for sequence in the list. For example, if someone started SEOing in 1958 and was the second 1958 SEO to be registered, he would be SEO 58B ... Obviously, the lowest number with that format would be our tribal elder, and greatly revered .... Hope to see everyone in August. (Editor's

Note: The Airborne Reunion is in August. You guys let us know if you hash out a system for the 'old-timers'.)

## BSTALES

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be '**Barely Substantiated**' and/or '**Boldly Stated (BS)**.' Forward your 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** (3), 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 **Copeland** (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.

Frank **Calenda** checks into this issue with his third BS (he is really full of it, huh?). Actually we are ever so grateful to Frank, and other 'Sharing Sages,' or the PoMo would be pretty empty and hardly worthwhile-he sent this to the CA Chapter for use in their newsletter, 'FallOut,' 'Way Back When' section, and allowed us to 'steal it.' So, as I say so often, Frank, Thank!

I'm SMSgt Frank **Calenda**, Retired. I am a life-

time member and a subscriber to the electronic PoMo (ePoMo). I was stationed at Depot in 1966, working in the Q System Shop. Much of my assignment there involved traveling to exotic places (??) for surveys and installing the Q machines. I worked for Mike **Sepelyac** and Bill **Sears** during that time. This tale may be considered B.S. (barley substantiated) but I can tell you it's true. Cross my heart and hope to die.

This story is really about a young airman by the name of Brad **Golithon**, who began his AFTAC career in the airborne system there at Sacramento. He was a filter changer, but I never knew him, or even knew of him, until one morning when I reported to work. There was Brad, sitting in front of my desk, with a smile that I would see many more times and come to understand that this particular smile usually meant something not very good had happened.

It seems that the previous day, Airman Golithon was called and asked to, "Grab his brief case containing the filter papers, and get to the flight line for an immediate mission". Being the totally clear minded, dedicated AFTAC killer that he was, he did just that, and from what he told me that morning, he arrived at the plane in record time. Off they went and flew for whatever time it took them to get over their area of interest. Once there the flight commander radioed back that Brad could start his work. Upon opening his brief case, one of two identical's he owned, he found that the one he had grabbed contained the remnants of the previous days lunch along with a Playboy magazine or two. Immediately upon realizing that these items wouldn't accomplish his very important mission, he called back to the pilot and said, "Sir, you won't believe this, but....." Evidentially the pilot did believe him because Brad related to me that the aircraft took an immediate banking action and, deep down inside himself, he felt that they might be returning to Sacramento. He also told me that there were no additional conversations between him and the flight commander, or by any of the other crew for that matter.

He continued his story by telling me that once landed, the pilot promptly left the plane and proceeded to the nearest phone where he placed something more than a courtesy call to the base commander. The gist of the conversation was something like, "I never want to see, talk of or know anything more about Airman Golithon

again". I guess the commander realized the validity of the pilot's request because the next day, Brad was assigned to me in the Q shop. Good Lord, did that ever start a series of BS tales.

Brad worked for me for the rest of my stay at depot. He provided me with at least four more stories that immediately come to mind and I'll more than likely share them with you in the near future. Good old Brad left the military and became a Fremont police officer and a small aircraft pilot himself, but he never messed with filter papers again. Sadly, a sickness did him in a number of years ago and he's no longer with us. I can, on any one day, sit back with a cold beer and think of him and all the happy, funny things he did when he was alive. He was really quite a

guy. Great story, Frank. We look forward to more in this series. And, since Frank had sent the story to the CA editor, Dale Klug, a series of correspondence resulted, also with some more BS.

Dale wrote: Super story!! I believe it, however when I first started reading it I thought it was the one I received a year ago about an airborne type seeing a UFO while flying the far North Pacific. The person who sent me that story would not provide the name of the person claiming to see the UFO. Maybe we will get the name from someone after reading this tale. Frank replied: I don't think Brad ever reported a UFO but there were many times I thought he may have come from one.

## TOM'S TREASURE OF

### TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

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

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

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

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.**

This issue we run 'Trivia' replies. The mail carriers were still looking over their shoulders when Hank **Raymond** and Chuck **Shuster** sent the following

**Hank** got to us first: Reference Bonus Question 4 on Page 18 of the December 2007 Issue, it asks, "When was the organization AFTAC established? What was it before that?"

When I joined the Long Range Detection Program the organization was called AFOAT-1 and the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron. I was assigned to Duty Station, McClellan AFB, Calif, for subsequent overseas assignment. When I later returned to the US, I



moved to Guam Hall, Washington D.C. with the 1035th Field Activities Group, which in July 1959 assimilated the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron and the Long Range Detection mission; at that time the organization became administratively known as the Air Force Technical Applications Center, AFTAC. On 18 Sep 59, the 1035th FAG moved to the Alexandria Annex on Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA, and on 1 May 1960 was redesignated Headquarters 1035th USAF Field Activities Group. In September 1960 I was reassigned to the Western Field Office - later called the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron, McClellan AFB, CA.

Last October my wife and I took the Auto Train to Virginia and drove to Connecticut to see our relatives. We spent some time visiting them in the Alexandria area bringing old memories to mind. We found our first home we ever owned - One-half of a duplex at 108 Jefferson Drive - not far from the Telegraph Road old Headquarters. I know that when AFTAC moved to Florida - DASA was to take over the building. We drove by the old Headquarters which had those old Temporarily Concrete Barriers all around so you couldn't drive in without going through a Security Check Point. When I was there we just drove in - but had to swap badges to get access - not an exterior security check. I didn't see anyone in the Security Hut because of the darkly tinted windows. I got out of the car to take a picture to show all the folks back here in Florida - and as I started to take a picture an Armed Security Guard stopped me and asked what I was doing. I told him I just wanted a picture of the building because I had been stationed there when it was our Headquarters. He said to put the camera down and DO NOT take a photo. I wasn't going to argue with the Armed Guard so I left - never got a picture.

I later left AFTAC and retired and lost track of most of the old troops. I didn't know they had moved to Florida until I moved here to Satellite Beach in 1975. Shortly after moving we were driving down A1A and noticed all the missiles displayed in front of the building where AFTAC moved to. I then started meeting many I knew - both active duty and retired. Met several of the jocks I coached and played with at the Hq, WFO and overseas. We won just about everything we participated in - the best jocks in the USAF at that time.

Thanks for all you do keeping us old folks informed. The Post-Monitor is a great history of AFTAC both past and present. I look forward to hearing about all the guys I spent so much time with - during my best years serving Uncle Sam. When Deborah Carson reviewed these articles, she provided this summation:

14 Nov 47 LRD Program responsibility to Department of Air Force, Special Weapons Group, 1 Jul 48 Special Weapons Group redesignated Office of the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations for Atomic Energy (AFOAT) 28 Aug 48 51st Air Force Base Unit was redesignated the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron with an office unit symbol AFOAT-1

7 Jul 59 AFOAT-1 Disestablish Jul 59 Temp 1035th Field Activities Group established with LRD responsibilities (administratively known as AFTAC) 18 Sep 59 Moved to Alexandria VA 1 May 60 Redesignated Headquarters, 1035th USAF Field Activities Group

**Chuck** emailed soon after. Regarding question # 7 of the Trivia Questions on the first Technical Director (TD) I was pretty certain that the answer was going to be Mr. Doyle **Northrup** but I also feel pretty certain that is not correct. I was assigned to the HQ in VA from 1968-72 as Dr. **Romney's** assistant (TD-1, & TD-7 later NYG and NYV) and later after going to Patrick (72-74) had a similar position with Billy **Brooks** and Dr. Frank **Pilotte**.

In 1969 Mr Northrup gave me an additional duty of developing and giving the HQ Technical Briefing that came to be known as The Blue Plate Special and I worked very closely with him until he retired in 1973. Since he had been at the HQ for a long time the question frequently came up if he was the only Technical Director the HQ ever had. The answer was no, as someone else was the TD for a short time (less than a year) before Mr Northrup came on board. I was told the name but since then have forgotten it but there was someone else. If my memory is correct we even had a viewgraph that addressed the early history of the organization and the first TD's name was on it. Certainly Mr Northrup was the longest serving TD and the one that had the most influence in making AFTAC what it became to be.

Perhaps the AFTAC historian could research this and learn the name of the original TD. I doubt that any viewgraphs have survived in light of the changes in technology. Mr Northrup became involved in 1949 but the mission was directed by President **Eisenhower** on 16 Sept 1947. Allowing some time for getting organized that is still a 2 year gap. Enjoy reading the Monitor. Keep up the good work. Best regards to Judy **Milam** with whom I had the pleasure of working with while at the HQ. Chuck Schuster, Lt Col USAF (Ret), HQ 68-74, Det 333 74-76 Thanks for the compliment and responding to trivia ... I'll bet there's a Sage out there that can help us with 'missing' TD. Also, appreciate that you sent your AFTAC Stats! Sure enough, our outstanding 'Insider,' Pat **Snyder** came up with the name, The answer is Dr. Ellis **Johnson**, 1947-1948. Mr. Northrup was Tech Dir from 1949-1973. Pat.



## 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,**

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**—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**

### April

**4, 1530-WindDown at the Outback**

**14, 1700-Board/Membership**

### May

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

**12, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting**

### June

**6, 1530-WindDown at the Outback**

**9, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting**

**Scheduled Events, Upcoming Quarter's**

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### Traditional Annual Events

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

### January—March

**-SnowBall XI, 2009.01.31**, Tides Club. Details coming.

**-Center Annual Awards Banquet, Feb-Mar**

**-Center Annual Picnic, Mar-Apr**

### April—June

**-Assn 18th Annual Spring Golf n'Gettogether, see pg 1.**

### July—September

**-'Annual General Membership Meeting'**

is in Sept. Elections will be held at this meeting

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

### October—December

**-Assn 18th Annual Fall Golf n'Gettogether**

**-Center Winter Social, December**

**ANNUAL DUES ARE PAST DUE (DUE 1 OCT)**

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(normally scheduled on a biannual basis)

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Maroon	2	4	0	1
Black	2	1	1	1

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Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	0
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Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	3	1	1
Black	4	2	0	3

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### 'Tom's Trivia' Answer(s)

**AFTER READING 'trivia' on preceding page**

No 'Answer' - this issue we published several replies to the previous 'Trivia' in the December 'Post-Monitor.'

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