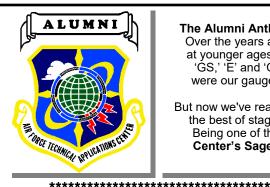
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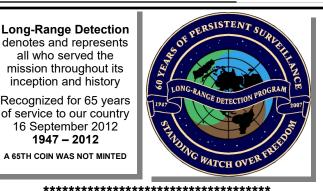
Over the years and at younger ages ... 'GS,' 'E' and 'O' were our gauges

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

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Recognized for 65 years of service to our country 16 September 2012 1947 - 2012

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SPOTLIGHT

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



CMSgt Joseph/CCMS, MSgt Aaron Trudel Gayle Gafney and Pat Chadwick

WE HAVE FOUR PEOPLE TO SPOTLIGHT THIS ISSUE. COM-MAND CMSGT JOSEPH, NEW 'ACTIVITES' CHAIR ON THE BOARD, AND MSGT AARON TRUDEL, NEW 'SAGE SHOP' CHAIR, WILL INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AT THE ACTIVE-DUTY SEC-TION, THE OTHERS FOLLOW:

Dayle Gaffney and Pat Chadwick

WE SALUTE THESE TWO CRITICAL PEOPLE TOGETHER BE-CAUSE THE DUTIES OF PRINTING/MAILING THE POMO IS A TRUE PARTNERSHIP.

Our Membership Chair, Clark Creery, who works very closely with both people, recently presented Dayle and Pat certificates of appreciation from the AFTACAA. We thought that occasion was a perfect time to recognize them in these pages. Clark 'Saluted' Dayle, and 'Indian River Printing,' in a report in the previous issue. We asked him to do the same for Pat Chadwick, our Bulk Mailer. That follows: "As for Pat Chadwick, I cannot say thanks enough for the job that she has done for this association We would send her listings of names and addresses for Postal mailings and like magic she and her crew would turn these into mailing labels.

Always on time and always professional, these are just a couple of the reasons I created a "Certificate of Appreciation" to convey our thanks for a job well done. One email with the data sent to Pat resulted in her working directly with the Indian River Printing group and taking care of the bulk mailing for us.

That is not an easy job and she handled it with the finesse of a seasoned businesswoman. Pat would ring my doorbell and she would present me with the overflow (extras) prepared for the headquarters. It was my pleasure to present her with a certificate telling her that we appreciated her going over the top to support us. NOTE: The newsletter release did not end with Pat because she also presented me with the final copies to be distributed to Carol Snyder at the HQ. It took one phone call to Carol and I would deliver those (Pg 3)

Sage Alerts-What's Comin' Up

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

Sep 09, 1130-IX annual 'Sociable September' Membership/Elections Meeting - Manatee Cove Golf Course, Putter Room

The election meeting is held on a Friday at lunch time to encourage attendance by active-duty, assn (Pg 3)

********* AFTACAA XXIX annual Fall Golf-n'Get-Together

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Snowball XIX, Saturday, 21 February 2017

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Active-duty alerts

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

Active duty events, sages welcome 'Winter Social' and 'Toilet Bowl' TBD. See 'Active-Duty' section for more, if any, information. Sage Contact for tickets, and questions, Carol Snyder, carol.snyder@us.af.mil. And, see 'Calendar' information below.

NOTE: Alert updates are posted at our website: URL above, Pg 5, 'Calendar,' has a listing of alumni/active-duty events. You can also 'Auto-Receive' 'eALLerts' (deaths, breaking news, etc) editors, chrisjohn2@gmail.com

*********** *sage/active-duty Events-What's Gone Off* IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

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

ASSOCIATION Information <u>Deceased. (D)</u>
Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (21)
Frank Calenda/2015-Sean Ryan/14-Lonnie Gibbons/13
Gene & Dee Melchior/12-Dale Klug/11-Jack Smith (D)/10
Jack Jackson/09 (D)-Bob Wiley/08-Bill Schmied/07
Deborah Carson/06-Mike Black/05-Joe Goldian/04
Pat Snyder/03-Joe Johnson/02-Jim Payne/01
Ben Vlassick (D)/2000-John & Christel (D) Horsch/99
Frank Hall/98-Judy Milam/97-Carl Gailey (D)/96

AFTAC/Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium Several ongoing projects represent and honor Center people and history. Two, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts), the '20-Year Wall of Service' (alumni who served the Center for 20+years and have mailed in their photos/bios) and the Wall of Honor, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Grand Encampment, WY, Museum.

Clark Creery/1995

Association History A group of retired/active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col Clapper, met at Patrick AFB, FL, on March 12, 1985, and formed the AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) (chartered, 1986). (from 2001-2014, we were renamed 'Long Range Detection' (LRD). --The Association provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to all who serve/served our mission in any organization associated with LRD (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any field detachment. Of note, there are several Sages who recall an earlier effort to form an association in 1978.

There is this Association and two Chapters

1. Florida 'AFTAC Alumni Association': (application-back page)-Dues, \$10/FY (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Most monthly meetings are at 1600, second Monday of a month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 10989), or other venue, at Patrick AFB, FL-details, see 'Sage Schedule' at back of issue. Contacts: Clark Creery, ccreery@cfl.rr.com, mailing address is: PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892. The Association has several communications resources, this triannual newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a multi-page Website, see banner on previous page, with assn/ alumni news and photos-we provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification, what we 'eALLert,' for time sensitive data at http:// groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd.

"PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01/10-Current; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas, since 2003; Randy Vlassick, Mbrship 04-09; Sean Ryan-Sec, 09-15; Steve Revels, Sage Shop, 2010-2016 (Vacant)

- **2.** Colorado Chapter: Formed Nov 1986, \$5/year, they publish a newsletter, 'Echoes', have several meetings and social events a year. See website at http://www.aftacco.org for additional information and email contacts.
- 3. California Chapter: Formed 1999, \$10/year/\$75 lifetime. For more, email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. The Chapter meets several times a year, publishs a newsletter,





1985 BYLINE BY COL CIAMBRONE (D). LEFT AND RIGHT, AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION COIN, DEVELOPED BY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND SMSGT TAGUBA. 2015...

I must start this issue thanking Clark **Creery**, Membership Chair and Right-Hand Partner, for getting the last two issues out to you in a timely manner. He finished the Dec issue as I started my time in the hospital and edited the April issue from scratch as I was still recovering. Thank you, Clark, no one does it better.

As a aside, I was admitted to the hospital with serious respitory problems; I continue in my recovery to 'be what I was!!'

Next up on the 'Important Category' is the help Pete **Gilbert** is bringing to this Post-Monitor. Formatting is the major part of getting this newsletter out to you in this fashion. I had been doing this since 1996, with Clark and Judy **Henderson** filling in on several occasions. When asked to help, Pete jumped right out there and agreed. You met Pete in PM2015.08, our World-Wide Reunion Issue where you learned about the expertise, and time, he brought to the area of registration. We are very fortunate to have Pete offer to continue this format for the PoMo.

Late in our preparation cycle, AFTAC had a 'Change of Command' ceremony whereby command was transferred from Col **Dyball** to Col **Gorski**. Welcome aboard sir, we look forward to your membership and your support; please see the active-duty section for more information. We have the change of command there and more.

This is an information packed issue from the 'Mail-Call' section to the very last page. There are big things going on with the 'Sage Shop' as MSgt **Trudel** begins his stint as our chair. He is planning pictures of individual items with the price included and more.

Speaking of MSgt Trudel, on the last page you will see AFTAC's Hockey schedule, yes Hockey ... there's no end to the talents of those who serve!!

Very late in our schedule a new 'Membership Chair' stepped up to fill Clarks shoes when he tendered his resignation, Mike **Steskel**. We'll have more on him next issue as we spotlight Mike as a new member of our appointed board. Welcome aboard, Mike, we look forward to a long tenure with you.



Sage Communicators-Post-Monitor Editor John Horsch, Formatting Pete Gilbert-Information/Proofing: Judy Henderson, Susan A Romano/GG12/AFTAC PA; Executive Review: Frank Hall; 'Rovin' Cameras/Reporters: Judy Henderson, Bob Wiley, and Lou Seiler-Printing/Mailing: Editors, Mike Steskal, Terry Hammond, Curt & Eunice Harris; Web/Media: Editor/Clark Creery

to the HQ and she would do her magic within the building and to our outlying locations.

I cannot say enough about these folks and how they support my responsibilities as far as the 'hard copy' Post Monitor was concerned.

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Membership and Election Meeting



members and alumni. Attendance is always up for this important meeting so be there! **NOMINEES:** A Nominating Committee appointed by the President-Chair, ELECTION Past President, Terry Hammond, attendees, Past President's Frank Hall and

Bob Wiley, convened, solicited and received agreement for the following individuals to run for office for FY2015: President, Ed Lindsay; Vice, CMSgt John Howorth & Sean Ryan; Secretary, Arlin Massey (continuing); and Treasurer, Joe Goldian (continuing). In addition, nomination of willing individuals will be taken from the floor during the elections. Lunch (pay as you go optional) 11-1300. (Note: Lunch Service Hours for Fairway Snack bar are 1030 - 1400, for your dining pleasure, before and after meeting). Arrangements, Sean Ryan

2017 AFTAC Alumni Association Snowball XIX Saturday, 21 January 2017 Holiday Inn Viera-Melbourne, 8298 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL (I-95 Exit 191)

Since 1999, the AFTAC Alumni Association, Florida Chapter, has 'thrown a themed Snowball' at the start of the new year. We like to have an event when our 'Sage Snowbirds' are in town. We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the newly elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a festive get-together, and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year.

As in past years, a highlight will be the recognition of our 'Alumni of The Year (AOY)'.

It is also tradition where we welcome the AFTAC Commander, Vice Commander, Chief Scientist, Director of Staff, Command Chief, Directors, all active-duty military and civilian, and the outlying area commanders that may be TDY here for a conference.

This year's theme will be "Hawaiian Luau," joining previous themes honoring Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, Korea, Nebraska and Colorado ... locations where AFTAC had or has a presence.

Pertinent Info: Location: Holiday Inn Viera-Melbourne and Conference Center, (8298 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32940, I-95 Exit 191)).

Theme: Hawaiian Luau. Date: Saturday, 21 January 2017. Dress: Hawaiian. Cost: TBD (All inclusive dinner, with tip included.)

Menu: TBD. Vegetable Pasta Primavera (Only Offered as a Special Vegetarian Meal), with Dessert. (All meals served with Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water).

Social Hour (Pay-as-you go Cash Bar)/Check-In: 5:30 - 6:40 in the lobby; Chimes/Introductions/ National Anthem/Invocation: 6:40; Dinner: 7:00, in the ballroom; **Break/Dessert:** 7:50; **Program:**

To make reservations: Please call/email: Alumni Association RSVP's/Reservations will begin Thursday, 14 December - 1200, 12 January 2017. RSVP form and updates, will be sent to members via email the third week of December. We have a cutoff date of RSVP's for 1200 PM, Thursday, 12 January 2017. No refunds after 12 January (Exceptions apply; member requests it).

Please call/send an email to: POC for Snowball XVIX (Email Preferred Method), Sean Ryan, Florida AF-TAC Alumni Association, 321-591 9053 (Unlisted)/ oceanblueview@yahoo.com.

2016 AFTACAA Annual Fall Golf-n'Get-Together

ED LINDSAY, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'>>

Friday, 30 September 2016

2016 AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) **Annual Fall Golf-n'Get-Together**

Venue: Manatee Cove Golf Course, PAFB. Checkin:1130; Shotgun Start: 1300. (Format: 4-Person Scramble).

Cost: \$40 (Alumni Members); \$45 (Non-Alumni Members).

Fee includes: Golf, Cart, Range Balls, and BBQ

from Tides Club served for Dinner

Open to: AD Military, Retirees, Civilians, and Contractors

Mulligans will be on sale: \$5 for a pkg which includes 1 mulligan, Red Bomb, & Nolan

Team Mulligan ball: available for \$10

POCs: Mr. Ed Lindsav --

piston horse@hotmail.com -- 321-610-7548 (Unlisted)

Mr. Bruce Snelgrove -- robert.snelgrove@us.af.mil --321-494-6166 (Unlisted)

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XXIX Annual Spring Golf N'Getogether ED LINDSAY, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'

On Saturday, May 21, 2016, Ed Lindsay wrote:

Long story...I am still alive and was not drawn and quartered by the angry mob. It all worked itself out in the end and did not hear any negative feedback (probably whispered in hushed voices). Thank you so much for all of you that came out to help and make this a successful event.



Frank Hall, Frank and Edna Calenda, Gene and Dee Melchior for putting the goodie bags together. Frank Hall, Frank and Edna Calenda, Gene and Dee Melchior, John Horsch, and Carol Snyder for ensuring that the registration and sign up process went smoothly.



Bob Wiley for taking all the photos...even on the course with rain looming. Can't wait to see those. All of you that helped pick the door prize tickets and



place them out for the players to collect. Frank C. for keeping the cash box safe and Joe Goldian for settling up the bill.

You all made my part so much easier and there is no way we could have pulled it off without everyone chipping in (pun intended.

The Winners Are



1st place---Joe Hauser, Bob Callahan, Sonny Ziegler, Don Capps (not pictured)

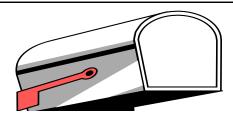


2nd place---Aaron DeGraaf, Alice Chan, Darcy Cannon, Evan Carlson



3rd place----Brian Stillwell, Bruce Snelgrove, Brad Neihart, Don Gilbert





Personals ...

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

In Memoriam Rest in Peace



Laurie Kemna

CONTACTED BY BOB FITZGERALD

Laurie Kemna, of Citrus Heights, California, passed



away peacefully at home on Monday, April 11, 2016 with her husband, John, by her side. She was born July 31, 1942, in Redlands, CA. She taught Spanish for 37 years at Rio Americana and Oakmont High School. Her love for teaching and her students was evident and resulted in many friendships lasting long after her

retirement. She was married to John Kemna in 1972 and they were married for 45 years. During her life, she was an avid reader, fitness enthusiast and gardener. Her favorite place to spend time was at their second home in Nevada City situated on property left to her by her beloved father. She is survived by her husband, John, her brother, Steve, and her cousins. Published in The Sacramento Bee on Apr. 17, 2016 - See more at: http://www.legacv.com/obituaries/sacbee/

obituary.aspx?

page=lifestory&pid=179651429#sthash.fDoelga5.FYBD 0WTo.dpuf

Dr. Leonard R. Howell, Jr.

CONTACTED BY DAUGHTER, ELIZABETH NORDON

February 19.2016. Leonard "Rudy" Howell passed after an extended illness.

Born May, 19, 1925, Rudy was 90 years old. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Myrtis A. Howell, his beloved daughter Elizabeth H. Nordan (Robert G.), son Paul M. Howell, and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Preceding in death were his





sons David Howell and Leonard R Howell III. "Rudy" lived a long and complete life, touching many in his walk. He joined the Army Air Force in 1944, and served as Navigator in the 389th Bomb Group based in Hethel England. His service extended a total of 29 years in the USAF, and he retired as Lt Col in 1972.

While in service, he received his PhD in Mathematics from Florida State University in 1964.

Upon retiring from the USAF, he settled in Brooks County, Georgia, on a farm that he had bought in 1963. He loved his time on the farm, but could not remain retired. He joined the University of Georgia system as Mathematics and Computer Science Instructor at Valdosta State College where he taught an additional 10 years. After leaving Valdosta State, he taught at a local private school (Valwood) for a brief time and then ultimately retired.

Rudy and Myrtis loved to travel, and their retirement years saw them visit not only all 50 states, but all 7 continents.

Finally, Rudy was the most devout student and servant of God. His entire life was focused on his faith and service to God, and God's church, and many will remember him as a Sunday School teacher and active member in his church at the time. This defined the man. As his family mourns the loss of our Patriarch, we are assured we will see him in the presence of God.

If so desired, memorials may be made to The Heritage League at www.heritageleague.org

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Dr. Leonard Rudolph "Rudy" Howell, J. please visit our Sympathy Store.

http://www.starling-evans.com/obituaries/Leonard-Howell-3/



Edith Marie Kuntz

CONTACTED BY BOB FITZGERALD WHO WAS NOTICIFIED BY LAURA HORNE. SHE WAS NOTIFIED BY DAUGHETER EDITH KUNTZ.

Edith Marie Kuntz will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She married a man of German descent, but remained very tied to her Danish heritage. Edith passionately loved her family and was deeply loved by them. While



Jennifer, Mike, Terry, Sierra, Dawn and Shelly call her "Grandmother," the eleven great-grand children affectionately refer to her as "Bedstemor" (Danish for grandmother). Edith was extremely proud of each one, prayerfully giving thanks for their love and goodness. Her support of husband Col. "Barney" Kuntz during his military service was commendable and could well serve as a model for all Air Force spouses. Thirty years as a military wife rewarded her with many dear friends who will always remember her as a loving and especially caring person.

Edith was very active in her church and enjoyed teaching sunday school. She also studied lkebana flower arranging, serving for a time as President of the local club. Fresh floral arrangements complemented the gallery quality works of art created by the family and proudly displayed in their home.

Edith Kuntz is survived by her three children: Elaine, Steve, and Sharon Kuntz who were all near to ease her peaceful passing on Friday afternoon, April 29, 2016. She was 96 years young and would have turned 97 in May



John Michael Davidson

CONTACTED BY BILL ALEXANDER Published in Ocala Star-Banner from May 22 to May 23, 2016

John Michael Davidson, born September 9, 1936, son of the late Doran and Esther Davidson, passed away peacefully in Ocala, Florida, on May 17, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Connie; a daughter, Kristen Brush and her husband, Samuel, of Eagle River; Alaska; two grandchildren, Michael Brush of Fairbanks, Alaska, and Amanda Geddis of Belfast, Northern Ireland; a brother, Gerald Davidson of Red Lodge, Montana; a brother, Kris Davidson and his wife, Roberta, of Mendota Heights, Minnesota; and a sister, Karen Woodruff and her husband, Michael, of Accrington, Lancashire, UK.

John's first years were spent in the isolated northwest corner of North Dakota during the depths of the Great Depression. The family moved about to

various locations in North Dakota before finally settling in Harlem, Montana, in 1947.

John acquired an interest in making and flying model airplanes - a hobby that he followed through all the years in Harlem. He also found a strong interest in music, performing in the high school band and dance band. After graduation from high school, early in 1955, John enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, which provided the basis of a long career in technical fields. In 1966, he married Connie Regina, originally from the state of Maine. They had one child, their daughter Kristen, born in 1967.

After John's retirement in 1990, he and Connie returned to Montana where they spent several years living at Seeley Lake, Montana. In 1995, they moved back to Florida, where John had been located in the last years of his career. They remained in Ocala, Florida until the present day.

During the past five years, John found fulfillment in many hours of reconstructing the family genealogy. His ancestry research has meant much to all the relations and members of the broader family.



Paul Douglas "Red" Goforth

CONTACTED BY: JOHN REINDERS

Paul Douglas "Red" Goforth, 84, passed away on



Monday, Nov. 23, 2015. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Laird Funeral home with the Rev. Gary Davis officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015, at Laird Funeral Home. Paul was born on Feb. 4, 1931, in Overton, Texas, to John Newton and Lou Emma

Beasley Goforth. He was a graduate of Overton High School. He attended Kilgore Junior College where he was a member of the Kilgore Ranger Band before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of senior master sergeant and serving for over 20 years. Following his military retirement, he attended SFA earning a degree in history and a master's degree in education counseling and guidance. Following graduation from SFA, he worked for the State Board of Pardons and Paroles as a parole officer and later taught history at Wells ISD before retiring to play golf full time. He served on the board of directors for Piney Woods Country Club and was a member of the Alamo Masonic Lodge No. 44. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Elaine Drahem Goforth; brother, John Goforth and wife, Dolores, of Mabank; daughters, Paula Hand and husband, Jack, of Nacogdoches, and Carla Post and husband, Bob, of Lucas; grandchildren, John Hull of Austin, Emily Devlin and husband, Mike, of Austin, and Parker Post of Lucas. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Ralph Goforth and Richard Goforth. Pallbearers will be fellow "Noon Group" golfers, Bob Stevens, Jimmy Socia, Sammy Duncan, Charles Grimland, Joe Butters and Jerry Alexander. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to Hospice of East Texas; Nacogdoches Senior Citizen Center; or the charity of your choice.

I spent time on Memorial Day reminiscing about my early AF days and all the great people I served with over the years. I decided to Google my first AFTAC boss, MSgt Paul Goforth, and unfortunately the search turned up his obituary. In 1966 he was the lead admin guy in the Alert Operations Center on Telegraph Road, where I helped cover night shifts with the likes of Jim Salus (deceased), George Plunkard (deceased) and Lowell Aten. I have such great memories of time spent with Paul and his crew. He was a great leader with a great Texas sense of humor.



Contacted by Bryce Dunn, CO Chapter, reported,

"Steve McDonald just called from Texas with information that Bob Schley passed away on June 5th with a fatal heart attack." Bryce later reported, "I just (verified) Bob passed away on the 5th and they have already cremated him. No obituary was published and they are not sure if the family is going to have a service or not."

NOTE: More info as known.



Joseph (Joe) Harold Renier

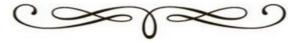
CONTACTED BY: Van Renier

Joseph (Joe) Harold Renier, 86, of Merritt Island, FL,



peacefully passed away in his home surrounded by his family on November 25th at 7:11pm. Born in Green Bay, WI, on May 30, 1929, and at 16 he joined the US Army Air Corps and subsequently received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from NC

State College. Joe worked at the Kennedy Space Center for 25 years, primarily for Rockwell International, and hobbies included travel, computers, and amateur (HAM) radio. Joe is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nina, and his sons Mark and wife Gitte, Hans and wife Toni, Van and fiancée Adrienne. He was also the proud grandfather to Alex and Carla. The Renier family held a memorial service to receive friends on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 2:00pm at the Cocoa Beach Community Church at 126 S Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Brevard Alzheiof Foundation Hospice mer's or Brevard (Vitas). "Cope, cope, cope" -JHR



Dr. Marcel John Kniedler

Contacted by Bob Wiley



Marc, 92, of Merritt Island, FL, passed into the arms of his Lord Jesus Christ on Monday, July 25, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. Born to Marcel and Rosalia Kniedler in Carrick, Pittsburgh, PA, Marc served in the <u>U.S. Navy</u> and earned his undergraduate and Master's degrees in the sci-

ences. He went on to earn a PhD in Nuclear Physics from the University of Maryland in 1968. He spent his career as a renowned nuclear physicist, retiring after 32 years from the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base. Marc was predeceased by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Evelyn, with whom he had 11 children: Armella Norcio (Anthony), Nadine Preftakes (James), Mark Kniedler (Linda), the late Christina Takemoto (Ken), Greg Kniedler (Leslie), Eric Kniedler (Jeanne), Heidi Keaton (Ken), the late Maria Kniedler, Annie Kniedler (Patrick) and two late infants. He and Evie had 21 grandchildren and 19 greatgrandchildren. Marc is survived by his beloved wife of nearly 20 years, the former Jeanne Cournoyer, adding four children -- Mark (Deb), Holly (Mike), Guy (Kris) and Jody -- and 8 grandchildren, to the happy, blended family. A devout Christian, Marc read the Bible daily and was known for his integrity, his wisdom, and his commitment to family. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, July 29, 2016 at 3:30 pm at Georgianna Methodist Church, 3925 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, with the Rev. Corky Calhoun presiding. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the church for "Tabatha's House," its Haiti-based orphanage. Wylie-Baxley Funeral Home on Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, handled arrangements.

Published in FLORIDA TODAY on July 27, 2016, picture and condolences here, http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?nmarcel-john-kniedler&pid=180792738&fhid=10213

AFTAC enters into research agreement with FIT By Susan A. Romano, Air Force Technical Applications Center / Published August 04, 2016

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- At a signing ceremony held at Florida Institute of Technology's campus in Melbourne, Fla., Aug. 3, the Air Force Technical Applications Center entered into a cooperative agreement with the university to explore high performance cloud computing, modeling and simulation.



The cooperative research and development agreement, also known as a CRADA, tasks AFTAC with providing subject matter expertise in nuclear monitoring analysis and nuclear event detec-

tion, and tasks FIT with performing research in pattern recognition, machine learning, high-performance computing, information assurance and geophysical modeling and simulation – all in a secure environment.

A CRADA is a government contract allowing for R&D collaboration between federal laboratories and non-federal entities to provide quick, unique access to extensive government-funded research that can be leveraged by both parties to yield powerful, scientific results.

"Florida Tech is the only independent technological university in the southeast," said Dr. Glenn Sjoden, AFTAC's chief scientist, "so it stands to reason that we would reach out to them to collaborate on cloud computing. By engaging in the CRADA process, we hope to enable 'best value' solutions for the Air Force."

Cloud computing and big data analytics are becoming a key offering in government practices because they enhance the mission and reduce costs. As the Air Force continues to seek out ways to modernize its information technology infrastructure, it must also evaluate its efficiencies, effectiveness and overall compatibility of existing data processing techniques.

"AFTAC is the Department of Defense's sole organization responsible for nuclear treaty monitoring," said Dr. William Junek, a geophysicist with AFTAC's Treaty Monitoring Directorate. "Because of our critical role, the center has a cadre of highly-skilled scientists and engineers in the fields of geophysics, nuclear physics, chemistry and electro-optical engineering. Add that up, and the Florida Tech team will have access to equipment and resources valued at nearly \$100 million."

FIT has six academic divisions offering undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs with emphasis in science, nuclear engineering, aeronautics, mathematics, cybersecurity and other fields of study to a student population of more than 9,000. Ninety percent of FIT's teaching faculty have Ph.Ds or terminal degrees appropriate to their respective fields.

At the agreement signing ceremony, Florida Tech's president and chief executive officer had nothing but praise for his faculty.

"I am so incredibly proud of the effort that has gone into this partnership," said Dr. T. Dwayne McCay. "When I first learned about the project, I was a bit skeptical, especially knowing what I know about AFTAC's very sensitive mission. But seeing this room filled with AFTAC personnel makes me glad I was wrong! We're thrilled to be undertaking this partnership and so glad to have AFTAC on our Florida Tech team.

The Air Force Technology Transfer (T2) Program, headquartered at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, serves as the intermediary agency that provides assistance and guidance to participating partners. The program was created to ensure Air Force science and engineering activities are transferred or intentionally shared with state and local governments, academia and industry. The exchange of that knowledge leverages the Department of Defense's research and development investment.

"These agreements are mutually beneficial to the Air Force and our partners," said Keith Quinn, T2 program manager. "The Air Force benefits from the knowledge and skill sets of our partners while experiencing a cost savings in the cloud computing effort and the FIT team has access to Air Force expertise and state-of-the-art facilities and equipment."

According to the agreement, it is estimated the Air Force will save more than \$500,000 from the collaborative efforts on cloud computing.



MAIL - CALL



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Thanks to all who contact us! 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).



04.12-CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, SENDS THE EPOMO LINK TO ESUBSCRIBERS.

first esage(s) to 'report in'-first 24-hours

Frank Calenda email, How many times can one person write in with glowing remarks about the Po-Mo? Each time I read one, it just seems to get better. I am painfully aware of the time and effort that goes into this publication but, truly if one isn't closely involved, that dedication can never really be appreciated. I've mentioned before that this publication is the core of our association and the glue that holds us all together. It's the platform that gives us a way of staying in touch with all old friends and some new ones too. A demise of this effort would definitely be the start of a decline in our activities. I would personally like to thank all of you that "step up to the plate" to write articles and letters, proofread the raw not once but several times, the efforts of our friends the printers and mailers, and mostly one that takes all this input and puts it together in a readable and enjoyable format. It's no easy job. Your efforts just go to prove that AFTAC people are top notch. Kind regards, Frank Calenda Thank you, Frank, it's great to hear this from one of busiest alumni members and our latest AOY!!

Tony DeMarco email, Just read through the latest POMO. Another excellent issue for sure. Also, a Special "Atta Boy" is due Clark for filling in and supporting you John while you were under the weather. I do have one comment and one request for info.

-Comment - On Frank's career on Page 3, bottom left, you note a reunion out in Colorado for Det 412. Believe that should have been 418? Good catch, Tony

-Request - On Page 7, bottom left, there is a reference to the "address" for the 20+ Wall of Service being in the POMO but couldn't find it. Can you please send me the name of the new Historian and his/her E-Mail address. I've recently updated my 23 history with AF-TAC and want to provide the Historian with the latest. I'll also provide you two with a copy if you want it. We learned last night from Dr Mike Young the 20-Year Wall will be part of the history available via kiosks in the lobby. That is a project that will take several years. Thanks guys... and again Great Job Tony, thank you, it is Clark and my pleasure to provide the PoMo for guys like you!!

Bruce Clendenen email, Great Post Monitor issue. Many thanks to you and everyone else that makes this publication happen. I know this takes a lot of time and energy. Thanks, (old B trooper). Our pleasure.

Sean Ryan, email Once again, another awesome issue of Po-Mo to the mass. Well done, under circumstances at hand. Thank you, Sean, for this and the many things you do for our assn.

Mail-Call

Jim Closs, email—04.13 As usual, another quality POMO. It is a shame to see so many AFTACers passing on to the big monitoring station in the sky. Best to all. Jim you are always so quick to show your appreciation ... thank you for that!!!

Bob Chadwick, email—04.18 Pat is presently packing the PoMo for shipment; she very kindly let me have a look at it. Quite up to the usual high standard; you and John do a fine job gathering intelligence and dissemination it to us old fat retired AFTAC'ers. Thanks, Bob, and Pat always does a bang-up job for us getting the issues bulk-mailed out in timely manner.

George Lorton, email—04.25

Just wanted to let you know I received the coins today and they are AWESOME!! Thanks again for all you guys have done to get me these mementos. I gave one of them to my golfing buddy the retired Navy Senior Chief and he was duly impressed and grateful, as he should be! Skip

Sage Report(s)

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ITEMS OF INTEREST SHARED BY SAGES. HYPERLINKS WERE ACTIVE WHEN CHECKED. IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE, RECOMMEND A WEB 'SEARCH.'

John Horsch, email, 05.04, there is a very good VA Resource you might want to have a look at, 'eBenefits,' https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/ homepage <a href="https://w

Lou FROM Seiler THE TOP

This will be my last column for the PoMo, as the annual elections will be held in September. I have been honored to serve as the President of our association for the past three years, but it is time to transfer that honor to another alumni member. Under the current elected board members, the Alumni Association continues on its goal to foster communication, friendship, and good times among all alumni and active duty AFTACers. We can continue to meet these goals but only if the membership continues to be involved and dedicated to making it happen. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to my fellow board members and permanent committee chairs for their support over the past year. Without Ed Lindsay, Arlin Massey, Joe Goldian, John Horsch and Clark Creery, and a host of additional contributors, the association would not be where it is today. I am sure that the newly elected officers at the September Annual Meeting will provide the best leadership and guidance in moving the association forward for another year. Again, thank you to all of the members that entrusted me with the position of President for the past three years. I sincerely wish maximum success to those that will be elected at the September meeting.



Attend the Sept 9th meeting and vote.



AFTAC Alumni Association Coin, developed and first minted in 2015.02.



Florida Membership/Sages WorldWide (WW) Directories: WW is an expanded listing of all who serve(d) and we have recorded. See at 'https://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/'-'Pg 07.'
Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members (elected positions)

President-**Lou Seiler** Secretary & Publicity-**Arlin Massey** *Appointed*

Vice-Ed Lindsay Treasurer-Joe Goldian

Activities-CMSgt Joseph, CCMS, Hall of Heritage-Mike Young/CC HO
Hospitality-Judy Henderson, Web/Electronic-Pete Gilbert, John Horsch,
Membership/Master Data Base-Mike Steskal Post-Monitor Editor/Alumni of
the Year Coordinator-John Horsch, Post-Monitor Formatting, Pete Gilbert,
Sage Shop-MSgt Aaron Trudel

A Minute with the Minutes

AFTAC Cares: Program supports deployed AFTAC members. Sages are thanked for their support. (see active-duty section/Assn website for more information)

Golf: Ed Lindsay: See Page 1

Hall of Heritage: Dr Mike Young (Historian)/CC HO, Dr. Mike Young discussed starting the Wall of Honor nominee selection process earlier this year. Lou Seiler asked Bob Wiley to be the point person on the selection process for the alumni and he accepted.

Membership: See Following 'Musings.'

Post-Monitor: John **Horsch**. Almost 300+ eSubscribers 'clicked' the issue at 'Box.com' for 'Previews/ Downloads,' - meaning, try ePoMo, you'll like it., you 'see/do more' with ePoMo!!

--Website report, Visitors/Average 3-pages/Avg Time spent 3:22/From USA 328/1-several from other countries, eg, Australia, Canada, Iran and Italy

CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, 10.26

Data: Master file contains 4671 entries; Deceased, 526; FL, AFTACAA, 619; Lifetime, 558

New Members: <u>Lifetime</u>, Don Tate, Lt Gen William Welser III; <u>Annual</u>, Command CMS, Michael Joseph, Anthony M. McCarthy, Tyrel Kvasager, Robert Tills, Chris Hasegawa, Aaron DeGraaf, Bill Wagner, Ehren Carl, Evan Carlson, Chevis Stanley. Gregory Helms, Jonathan VanNoord, Nicholas Creighton, Jaime Benites, and Dustin Hoffman

EDITORS

Clark decided to render his resignation as 'Membership Chair' effective October 1st. #1, Clark did so much above and beyond in this position, he manually verified the 'Master Database' several times a year in his detailed and meticulous manner. He was relentless in finding Sages who were missing for various reasons giving us errors in that database. Clark created new categories making personnel easier to locate, and, even more important, to locate by duty title.

I could go on and on here but you get the idea, if it could be done, Clark was there to do it ... and

he was innovative, ahead of the question and with ideas ahead of his time. #2, Clarks support for this editor, and this newsletter, will never be equaled and his support will be missed, he was always the first person I called whatever the problem or just to discuss an idea. #3, Clark is a good friend, I will miss he and Ruth at a personal level when they are not on the other end of that phone line or available to turn to for help.

So, adios, good friend, we'll do the best we can without your help on a daily basis and miss you being on the other end of the line to make it right.





COLORADO NEWSLETTER, 2015.09 EXTRACTS



President, Steve **Clark**-Vice, Darrel **Kline**-Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley**/Publisher, Ken **Behrens**-Webmaster, Bill **Harris**-Website @ http://www.aftacco.org/. **Membership**: 87



FL Editor Note: Jerry Moxley (Moxi), ECHOES Editor, advises Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' issue via email, mox@wispertel.net, on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter.

Events Calendar

FL EDITORS:: CHECK WEBISTE, URL ABOVE, FOR EVENTS. THE COLORADO CHAP-TER HAS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFASTS, PICNICS AND SOCIALS, THAT CAN SCHEDULED AT A DATE WHEN THE POMO PUBLICATON SCHEDULE CANNOT PUB-LISH THE INFORMAITON. ALL AFTACERS, OLD AND NEW, ARE INVITED.

General Membership Breakfast 17 Sep 2016 09:00 2016 09:00 2016 09:00 2016 09:00 cost \$12.00 — Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee.

Please RSVP RSVP RSVP RSVP to Darrel Kline vicepres@aftacco.org Bill Schmied at treasurer@aftacco.org or home phone 303-367-0625. NLT 10 Sep NLT 10 Sep NLT 10 Sep 2016. 2016. 2016. We will collect your money at the breakfast.

"NOTE: Hold off on your RSVPs until we send out a reminder email in late August to make your RSVP for the breakfast and update any other info."

History Lesson

"The history of failure in war can be summed up in two words: Too Late. Too late in comprehending the deadly purpose of a potential enemy; too late in realizing the mortal danger; too late in preparedness; too late in uniting all possible forces for resistance; too late in standing with one's friends."

General Douglas MacArthur

February Alumni Breakfast











All the photographs can be seen at: https://www.flickr.com/photos/138903266@N06/?



CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2015.10 EXTRACTS

DEPOT FALLOUT

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2015.10 EXTRACTS
2014-15 Board: Dave Tarquino, President; Joe Johnson, Vice; Ken Denbleyker, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George Thompson, Asst. COB; Bob Fitzgerard (D), Director At Large; John 'Butch' Kemna, Treasurer; Dennis Nolan, Asst. Treasurer; Bob Baker, Secretary; Ken Breitwieser, Asst. Sec; Dave Price, Membership; Don King, Newsletter Editor; Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster - Website @ http://www.aftacwcc.org. Florida Editor's Note: The 1st Page of this 'Fallout' is available at the website - full earlier issues are also available. This editor can personally attest to the value of reviewing CA's posted issues. There are articles of high interest for Sages not available elsewhere, better yet, become a member..





Events Calendar

Just a reminder business meetings are the 2nd Monday of March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel on McClellan Park. The meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome.

(Always check our 'Events' page, http://www.aftacwcc.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)

ATTENTION WCC ALUMNI

2017 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion 15 June – 17 June 2017

By Dave Tarquino

It is time to make reservations for the 2017 AFTAC worldwide reunion that is being hosted by the West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association. This will be the last reunion held by this chapter so let's go out with a whoop and a bang!

The reunion will be again held at the Lions Gate Hotel (formerly the "O" Club) at McClellan Park in Sacramento. Those attending six years ago will recall this as a perfect and nostalgic site for our reunion.

The General's Quarters will serve as the focus for reunion activities. It is a four bedroom home with multiple areas for large and small conversations. The patio and lawn areas are expansive and well shaded. The hospitality suite will be located there as well as serving as the venue for the Friday night social and the Saturday banquet.

Thursday, 15 June, 2017: Early sign-in and the hospitality suite activates at the General's Quarters.

Friday, 16 June, 2017: Sign-in continues at the hospitality suite. Starting at 1700 there will be a no host reception on the patio at the General's house. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be offered. **Casual dress is the preferred attire the entire weekend.** Men can forget the suit jackets and women can forget the heels and cocktail dresses.

Saturday, 17 June 2017: Hospitality suite is open and registration sign-in continues. The Banquet (casual dress) starts at 1700 on the patio. The banquet will include a no host bar and plated dinner. Dinner entrees offered will be your choice of beef, chicken, fish or pasta. This may be your last opportunity to mingle with friends and attendees. After the dinner the hospitality suite will be open.

Sunday, 18 June 2017: Time to say goodbye.

More information for the day's offerings will be provided as it is available.

Lions Gate Hotel offers registered guests complementary continental breakfast and will arrange transportation to and from the Sacramento International Airport for a modest fee. The rooms are \$109/night with upgrades available. For reservations you must contact the hotel directly at 916-643-6222 and indicate that you are with the AFTAC reunion group. Reservations can be made now and we must have all reservations conformed by 15 February. 2017. For a multitude of reasons we are limited to 200. Attached please find the list of those that have indicated a desire attend. Not all AFTAC alumni are in our database, so spread the word.

Hotel Information:

Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center

3410 Westover Street Sacramento (McClellan), California 95652

> Phone: 916-643-6222 Website: http://

www.lionsgatehotel.com/

****Be sure to mention you are attending the AF-TAC Reunion****

Attendees Expected at Convention

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Labarge, Randy Land, Bob Lebermann, Art Lindsay, Ed Loebach, Tom Lubin, Mike Massey, Arlin Messenbrink, Gary Nolan, Dennis O'Connor, Jack Payne, Jim Penn, Charlie Phelps, Jim Price, David Richardson, Bobby Riggs, Curt Rubertino, Tony Scheffler, Terrence Seits. Ed Siemiller, Walt Simonton, Ralph Tarquino, Dave Tassan, Bob Ware, Tom Werner, Pat Welander, Jim Zahm, Wayne

MEMORIES

By Harry Monroe (SEO)

I was at Lowry from March 1955 until October 1955. I studied basic electronics from March until July and then nuclear from July until the first part of October. As I remember, the electronics was taught in an old building on Lowry 1 and the nuclear in a new building down the street from the entrance of Lowry 2. If I remember right, we were the first or second class after the school was transferred from Biloxi, MS. I was at Manzano AFB, Albuquerque, NM, from October 1955 until Feb, 1957 when I, along with Hank Hermes, Jim Seed, Bob Wille and Chuck Robb transferred to McClellan, Jim Seed and Hank Hermes were pulled off being SEO's because Jim was close to a degree in chemistry and Hank had a Masters Degree in mathematics. Chuck, Bob and I went to Team 202 the first of May 1957. I left in June 1958 and was discharged. Orville Pritchard, Bobby Jones and I were together at T-202. Capt. Coppage was OIC and Maj. Charles Hewitt was commander.

Bob Wille, whom I met when we were sworn in at Indianapolis and went through 5 different

air force bases, had this amazing experience! Bob had never taken the controls of any type of aircraft. On a T-33 mission in 1957-1958, the pilot told him he was having trouble with his oxygen and told Bob to see if he could fly the plane



while he worked on his equipment. Bob said he was terrified and didn't know what to do. He thought about bailing out but said he didn't

know how. He is a pretty sharp guy and managed to keep it in the air by watching the turn and bank indicator, the altimeter, and the compass. Bob is the only guy I know who learned instruments before he soloed!

Most of the guys didn't like the T-33, but Oliver Pritchard and I almost fought to go on these missions. Oliver had been a pilot cadet and I had soloed when I was 16. The two of us flew most of them. I had over 55 hours in the T-33 during the year I was at Team 202. I also had 1100 hours of B-50 time.

There were five of us who transferred from nuclear technicians at Albuquerque to the 1009th in February of 1957. In addition to Bob and me, there were Chuck Robb, Jim Seed, and Hank Hermes.

Bob Wille got an EE degree and had a career as a radio station broadcaster. He constructed a station and became the General Manager when it went on the air. It was one of the first stereo stations.

Chuck Robb got a PHD in Finance and became the CFO of a Fortune 500 Company in

Hank Hermes, who had a Masters Degree in mathematics by the time he arrived at the WFO, went on to get a PHD, and worked for NASA during the Apollo Program, I understand he was the one that advised the loop around the moon for the return of Apollo 13 rather than reversing mid-way. He retired as a Professor of Mathematics at the University of Boulder a few years back.

Jim Seed went on to get a PHD in Chemistry and a Masters in Business Administration. He was the Resident Chemist at Los Alamos and Rocky Flats. He was later appointed by President Nixon to be Director of Research and Development with the National Bureau of Standards. He was founder and President of Lancer Laboratories, a division of Sherwood and Dow

Chemical in St. Louis. He founded his own medical laboratory after leaving Lancer and invented an instrument that could do 36 analyses from a blood sample using spectrum and micro technology. Sound familiar? Jim died 2 or 3 years ago.

I had a career in television broadcasting. I got a First Class Radiotelephone license by attending night school and worked in Louisville at WLKY TV 32. I was also the chief engineer at other stations which included Dayton-Richmond in Ohio, Indiana, Nashville TN, West Palm Beach and Miami FI, and WBNA-TV 21 in Louisville. While I was at channel 32 in Louisville I worked with Diane Sawyer, who was the weather girl before she moved up to being a reporter.

All of us only attained Airmen 1st Class in the Air Force. Jim and Hank were offered direct commissions but turned them down. My OIC offered me OCS if I would re-enlist, but I turned it down.



"Your father is a technology geek."
So this is about as relaxed as he gets."



We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!

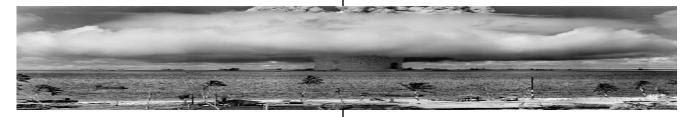
That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

Who Said That??

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

- >> It has always been easy to hate and destroy. To build and to cherish is much more difficult.
- >> Worry about the unintended consequences before you do something.
- >> If everything is equally important to you; nothing is important to you.
- >> One who gains strength by overcoming obstacles possesses the only strength which can overcome adversity.
- >> The only way any of us can change anything outside ourselves is to make changes inside.
- >> Challenge and purge your biases in all areas and value others who do the same.
- >> When I lost my rifle, the Army charged me \$85. That's why in the Navy, the captain goes down with the ship.
- >> America is the only country founded on a good idea.

April 2016's quotes were from Groucho Marx, Martin Luther King Jr, Plato, John Q Adams, William E Simon. Thomas Sowell and Robert Orben.



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Duty Doins' from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



Col. Steven M Gorski

Commander/CC/2016. Colonel Gorski graduated from the USAF Academy in 1996. His operational experience includes assignments as the Intelligence Flight Commander for the 23rd Fighter Group; the Chief of Target Development for the 607th Intelligence Squadron; and the Chief of the Joint Exploitation Cell for the Joint Special Operations Command.

http://www.25af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC.aspx



Bio:

CMS Michael S. Joseph

Command CMS/CCMS/2016. Enlisted in the Air Force in October 1989 where he initially served as an aircrew life support technician. Before assuming his current duties he served as the Superintendent of the 6th Mission Support Group, MacDill AFB, Fl. The

Chief has had multiple combat and contingency deployments.

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Gorski takes command of Nuclear Treaty Monitoring Center

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.

Despite temperatures in the mid-90s and humidity at 80 percent, Airmen with the Air Force Technical Applications Center stood in early morning formation to render a welcoming salute to their new commander, Col. Steven M. Gorski. The nuclear treaty monitoring center held an assumption of command ceremony July 25 in front of the center's state-of-the-art headquarters building, as Gorski accepted the unit's guidon from 25th Air Force commander Maj. Gen. Bradford "BJ" Shwedo. Gorski, a career intelligence officer, graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1996 with a degree in physics. In 2002, he was selected to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology, where he earned a master's degree in engineering physics. "AFTAC has an amazingly gifted team that continually 'wows' senior leadership all the way up to the president of the United States," said Shwedo. "Col. Gorski is equally amazing and is up to the task to lead this center. I am confident you will be totally impressed with the Airmen here at AF-TAC and the work ethic they display each and every day, Steve, and with everything that's going on in the world right now, you definitely will be gainfully employed!" With nearly 300 people in attendance, Gorski greeted his new subordinates, thanked Shwedo for the opportunity to lead them, and briefly touched on his command philosophy. Full report is/will soon be at the 25th AF Website, http://www.25af.af.mil/News.aspx





Maj. Gen. Bradford "BJ" Shwedo, commander of 25th Air Force, passes the unit guidon to Col. Steven M. Gorski (right) during an Assumption of Command ceremony of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla., July 25, 2016. Also pictured are the ceremony's narrator Chief Master Sgt. Matthew Brown (left) and AFTAC's Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph. (U.S. Air Force photo by Matthew Jurgens)

Daughter of AFTAC SNCO named Youth of the YearBy Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.



Her megawatt smile is so genuinely infectious that one can't help but smile back when she flashes it. And when she does, it gains the attention of adults and children alike. Most likely, it also played a contributing role into her recent selection as the 2016 Boys & Girls Club of America Youth of the Year for Patrick AFB. For the past four years, 15-year-old Anjali S. Williams has been volunteering her time at the Pat-

rick AFB Youth Center, working closely with the children and staff who work and play there daily. The BGCA program recognizes the extraordinary achievements of teens who embody the values of leadership, academic excellence and healthy lifestyles. It also recognizes the impact teens have on the lives of other young people. Anjali is the daughter of Master Sgt. Shebon Goldsboro, a Cyberspace Operations flight chief for the Air Force Technical Applications Center here. Leading up to her selection, the teen spent a good deal of her time organizing various events such as beach clean-ups, youth dances and childcare programs, plus she served as a mentor to other teens against suicide. Additionally, she spent her time at a local farm grooming horses and cleaning out stalls. She assisted the base's Hispanic Heritage and Black History Month committees at their respective celebrations, by serving food and refreshing the buffet line. And after all that, she still found time to be a member of the TenTones Top Show Choir, a highly competitive choral group, as well as a member of her school's esteemed book club. Full report is/will soon be available at the 25th AF Website

Getting To Know Chief Joseph

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs

Q: When did you enlist in the Air Force?

A: I was under the delayed enlistment program and went to Basic Training in October 1989.

Q: Why did you enlist, and why did you choose the USAF?

A: I came from a military family, my mother, father and brother were in the Marines and my son is currently serving in the Marines. I was working at a newspaper as a photographer and was going to do that in the Air Force but ended up with a different job while I got to basic.

Q: What jobs have you had during your career?

A: I was an Aircrew Life Support Technician, a Military Training Leader, an Academy Military Training NCO, a Personalist, a Services troop, a Group Superintendent and now Wing Command Chief.

Q: After finding out you were selected as AFTAC's Command Chief, did you even know what AFTAC was?

A: When I got notified that I was under consideration and was going to be interviewed, I had never heard of AFTAC. There was not a lot of information out except for some basic information. But the more time I spend in this organization I see different things we do and it amazes me on a daily basis. The capabilities of this organization is phenomenal.

Q: What is your hometown?

A: I grew up in Carrollton, Ohio

Q: Do you have other family members who are/were military?

A: My mother, father and brother were in the Marines. My son is currently a Marine stationed in New Jersey.

Q: Your achievements are numerous. Is there one that stands out more than another, and if so, why?

A: The one that stood out the most was when I was selected for senior airman below-the-zone. It really set a foundation with me that the Air Force did not care who you were, where you came from, what your religion or race was. It was about if you could do the mission. If you brought something to the fight then there was a place for you in the Air Force. I gravitated to that.

Q: What is your command philosophy and/or leadership style?

A: What has served me well over my career is to treat each member of the organization with dignity and respect. Take care of them as best you can and give them the tools and resources available to get the mission done and then get out of the way. Overall responsibility is maintained by the leaders but push

down as much responsibility as you can to the appropriate level. When you do this, your personnel will not normally let you down. They may fail periodically but I think never intentionally. If your people are treated with dignity and respect and know that you care, they always seem to put forth that extra effort.

Q: Where should today's Airmen be placing their priorities?

A: Be the best you can be at the job you are doing. Be better than you were yesterday both professionally and as a person.

Q: Do you see yourself taking your career for the 30-year long haul?

A: Not really. I was going to serve my enlistment, use the GI Bill and go to school. Every time I was thinking about getting out, I was given a new opportunity or assignment. I enjoy getting up every morning and having the opportunity to serve. When I am no longer having fun or able to take care of our Airmen I will hang the uniform up and call it a career.

Q: Do you still have USAF goals you're pursuing?

A: It goes back to the same answer when we talk about where Airmen should be placing their priorities. I get up and want to be the best I can be both in my profession and as a person. It sounds corny, but each day is started with a simple quote: "Be better than you were yesterday."

Q: Who has been your biggest mentor throughout your career?

A: I have had a few mentors, but my second supervisor was who I tried to emulate as a young technician. He was the first supervisor I had that really understood the mission, our job and was great at it. He did what he could to pass on as much knowledge as he could, and I was like a sponge.

Q: What is the biggest lesson you've learned along your journey?

A: Try and keep a good work, life balance. I've gotten a heck of a lot better over the years at knowing when to get home for a dinner, school concert or spend time with the kids. We have times in the military that will require extra hours at work, working a weekend, but those should be the exception and not the norm.

Q: Have you had any missteps that took you off your path, but ultimately you regained your footing?

A: I was the Airman who made the blotter pretty frequently during my first year in the Air Force. I was not doing anything criminal, but if there was a party somewhere, that was where you would find me. So when the cops would show up for a noise complaint, they took names and I was not smart enough to give them a fake one. I was a work hard, play hard kind of

guy. The superintendent told me that I was a great worker and they loved having me in the section but if I didn't change the off duty stuff it could lead to me being kicked out. I took that to heart and changed a few things. I think that worked out for me.

Q: Describe the best officer you ever worked for. What made him/her earn your respect?

A: I had a squadron commander when I was a young E -5. After he took command he had a CC Call. Afterwards, one of my Airmen had taken something he said negatively and I went back to let him know how they interpreted what he said. He called the folks in and clarified his statement to them; then he thanked me for letting him know. From then on I was able to bring him issues with our enlisted force and he truly cared to make things better for them. We could tell that he and his wife cared for everyone in the squadron and our folks worked that much harder for him and didn't want to let him down. We didn't have any SNCOs in the unit -- it was mostly officers -- and it was a great learning opportunity on taking care and advocating for the enlisted corps.

Q: Describe the best NCO who ever worked for you. What made him/her earn your admiration? A: Too many to name, but the ones I remember hes

A: Too many to name, but the ones I remember best were out there taking care of the Airmen. They have stood out the most.

Q: Best/worst assignments?

A: The old cliché that assignments are what you make them really holds true. Every assignment was a great assignment either based on the mission we were doing or the people who were there. The only one that was tough on me professionally was my time on staff at NORAD-USNORTHCOM. It was a great location but the first year was tough. I was not a fan of my cubicle.

Q: You've been on multiple combat deployments. Did they help you gain valuable experience? If so, how?

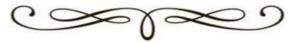
A: The only thing that was ever is bad about a deployment for me was being away from my family and friends. We focused on the mission and what we could do to make it better. We were focused on what our job was and how that fit into the bigger picture. Sometimes we have people doing their job, yet don't know how it ties into the overall mission. When you show people they have a purpose and what they do is important it makes them feel part of something. So it helps me keep things in perspective on what we do and how we communicate our message.

Q: While you probably have many goals in mind, what one goal do you want to most accomplish as AFTAC's Command Chief?

A: A more focused training and career development plan for our personnel. It hopefully will provide some predictability regarding jobs, moves, PCS opportunities.

Q: What one piece of advice do you have for the AFTAC enlisted force?

A: Have passion for what you do, both professionally and personally. Work hard to be the best you can be at your job and do your best to keep a good balance in your life.



AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed



Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link. https://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/aftaccares-program-support-our-deployed

'Cares' Contact: Carol Snyder, Carol.Snyder@us.af.mil, We currently have 2 AFTAC deployed,

some have written 'notes of appreciation,' see following.

NOTE: Carol forwards these notes and we post them at the association' website (URL above), and, as possible, in the PoMo. Often, these 'Thanks' make very good reading and provide insight into what our deployed experience. 'Thank You('s') follow:

07.14 Posting. Please tell the powers that be that I received my AFTAC Spouses care package and am very appreciative. Thanks, V/r **Mike Myers**, Capt, USAF

05.06 Posting. It's already been three months!! I hope the next three fly by just as fast. Work is about the same, samples come in, we test them, instruments break down, I look around for something to break, nothing is available, I eat chocolate, call another lab to get help, my lab techs take the instrument apart, everything magically starts working again, then we repeat the process. It's lovely. So I might be exaggerating a little. We've really only had a couple of problems with instruments and to be honest it makes the day much more exciting when they break down. Being in Al Udeid is great, I basically get to experience all the advantages of being deployed without any of disadvantages. Granted, I am excited to see plants again and have an air conditioning unit that doesn't blow clouds of dust everywhere but there are some definite bonuses. For example, last week we received several boxes of Girl Scout cookies and a cute note from the troops. The cookies were delicious! A couple of weeks ago I was off base with some of the other CGOs and discovered an amazing cupcake shop (which is actually called Amazing Cupcakes) and yes they taste just as good as they look. I wish I could fit the entire store in my suitcase. Last week I also had a chance to tour a B-1 with some other poor CGOs who (like me) hardly ever get to work with or even see planes. Hope everyone is doing well! --Jennie Wood

MASTER SERGENT AARON M. TRUDEL



Master Sergeant Aaron M. Trudel is currently serving as the Superintendent of the Laborato-Operations Directorate, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. He is the senior enlisted leader of the Ciambrone Radiochemistry Laboratory, the Air Force's only nuclear radiochemistry laboratory, providing trace analysis of low activity

nuclear debris samples in support of nuclear treaty monitoring. He advises the commander on mission effectiveness, professional development, readiness, training, utilization, health, morale, and welfare of 47 assigned personnel.

Master Sergeant Trudel was born in Lowell, Massachusetts. He enlisted in the Air Force in 2000. His Air Force career began as a Jet Engine Propulsion Apprentice. He has 12 years' experience on the C-5 Galaxy A/B/C and C5-M Super galaxy aircraft, fulfilling duties as a Flightline Lead Technician, Expeditor, Dedicated Crew Chief. He also has +1500 flight hours as a Flying Crew Chief. In 2013 he crosstrained into the Technical Applications Specialist career field. He has participated and deployed in support of numerous contingency and combat operations to include: PHOENIX BANNER, OPERATION ANACONDA, ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, ODYSSEY DAWN, and OPERATION TOMODACHI.

EDUCATION:

2001 Aerospace Propulsion Fundamentals Course, Shepard AFB, TX

2004 Airman Leadership School, Dover AFB, DE
 2005 C5 Galaxy Advanced Systems Course, Dover AFB, DE

2009 Associate of Science, Aircraft Maintenance Technology, Community College of the Air Force

2010 Production Superintendent Course, Air Expeditionary Center, McGuire AFB, NJ

2011 Jet Engine Mishap Investigation Course, Shepard AFB, TX

2011 NCO Academy, Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex, AL

2012 Lean Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul Course; University of Tennessee at Knoxville, TN 2013 Scientific Applications Fundamentals Course,

2013 Scientific Applications Fundamentals Co Goodfellow AFB. TX

2013 Remote Sensing Analyst Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX

2013 Associate of Science, Scientific Analysis Technology, Community College of the Air Force 2014 Advanced Scientific Applications Course, Goodfellow AFB, TX

2014 Senior Enlisted Joint PME (correspondence), Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA

2015 SNCO Course 14.6 (correspondence), Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL

2015 Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant License

ASSIGNMENTS:

April 2000 – June 2000: Trainee, Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX

June 2000 – September 2000: Student, Aerospace Propulsion Fundamentals Course, Shepard AFB, TX September 2000 – May 2002: Jet Engine Apprentice, 436 CRS, Dover AFB, DE

May 2002 – June 2005: Aerospace Propulsion Systems Journeyman, 436 AMXS, Dover AFB, DE

June 2005 – June 2006: Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman, 436 AMXS, Dover AFB, DE

June 2006 – October 2010: Flying Crew Chief, 436 AMXS, Dover AFB, DE

October 2010 – November 2012: Expeditor, 436 AMXS, Dover AFB, DE

January 2013 – June 2013: Student, Scientific Applications Fundamentals & Remote Sensing, Goodfellow AFB, TX

June 2013 – Jan 2015: NCOIC, Mission Support, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, FL Jan 2015 – Present: Superintendent, Laboratory Operations Directorate, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, FL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:
Master Sergeant 1 Jan 2015



**********Sage schedule*******

- 1. WindDowns-(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for 1st Fridays at 1530 taking place to the west of the HQ building, fondly referred to as 'Stonehenge.'
- 2. Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings-Normally-2nd Mondays at 1600 just inside the HQ Building, #10989. Park across the street and the meeting will be in conference room just to the left as you enter the front entrance lobby.
- a. If a Federal Holiday, the meeting will be the next day.
- b. Quarterly-meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/ Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted below. NOTE: Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. Other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Marina, Dining Facility), and off-base sites, may be considered for any meeting.

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

September **02**, **1530**-WindDown

09. 1130-1230-Board/Membership/Election. Manatee Cove Alumni of the Year Selection Board follows

October

07, 1530-WindDown

10, 1600-Board/Membership Meeting

November

04, 1530-WindDown

14, 1600, Board/Membership Meeting

December

02, 1530-WindDown

12, 'Off-Site' Board/Membership Meeting, Site/Time TBD

Event Plans and Timeframes

(Bold Dates may be tentative-others for planning only)

A. January-April, four events (months may vary)

- SnowBall XIX
- 2. Center Annual Awards Banquet
- 3. Center Annual Picnic
- 4. May XXX Annual Association Spring Golf N'Getogether

B. May-August, one event (months may vary)

Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication

C. September-December, 4 events (months may vary)

- 1.09 Sep, Annual Board, General Membership & Elections Meeting, 'Sociable September IX' will be at Manatee Cove on a Friday at lunch to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni & active-duty. --Alumni of the Year (AOY) Selection Committee (prior AOY's) meet following this annual meeting
- 2. 30 SEP, XXIX Annual Association Fall Golf N'Getogeth-
- 3. Oct 1st, Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE
- 4. Dec TBD, (usually second Friday), Center Winter Social

D. WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled 'every other year.' Hosting rotates between the Association and the two chapters. Last host, FL-2015.05, CO-2013.06 and CA-2011.05.

The next reunion is scheduled to be hosted by the California Chapter, mid-2017

*********Sage SHOP (SWAG)********

Orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: AFTAC Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, MSgt Aaron Trudel Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. Also reach Aaron, by phone:

phone 321-494-3456 /email: c5jetmech81@gmail.com.

SHIPPING: Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling of 1 Item & \$1.50 for each additional. (no shipping cost for Logo pins)

Pictures of these items can be perused here:

https://drive.google.com/folderview?

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

SHIRTS NOTE: Most shirts are available in any size/color, including women's sizes. The AFTAC alumni patch can be either appliquéd (pocket remains) or embroidered (not on pockets). Colors listed are on-hand; if items are not on-hand, they will be ordered. Call/email to verify availability.

Golf/Polo Shirt - 50/50 w/pocket; \$20: Sea Teal (agua blue), Jade (medium green), Forest Green, Navy, Red, White, Royal Blue, Teal, Maroon, Black

Golf/Polo Shirt - Dri-Fit Fabric w/pocket - \$20: Navy, White w/o pocket - \$25: Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Maroon

50/50 T's - w/o pocket - \$10: Light Blue, Royal blue, Navy, Ash Gray, Purple, Red, Fuchsia, Stone Washed Green, Mint Green, Jade Green, Black

Dri-Fit T's - w/o pocket \$15: Royal Blue, Navy, Red, Maroon, Tropic Blue

SWEATSHIRTS/WINDBREAKERS/HATS

Long sleeve fleece sweatshirt - \$20 (most sizes/colors) Windbreakers - \$25 Royal Blue, colored Alumni emblem Hats - \$8.00 Blue/White

COINS/PINS

AFTAC Alumni Association Coin: \$10 **AFTAC Alumni Association Pin: \$3**

50th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$4 NOTE: Free 60th with 60th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$2 purchase of 50th

(NOTE: 60th coin flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th

99/9S Coin: \$10

AFTAC 'Traditional' Coin: HQ-aircraft/motto/logo @ reverse \$10 AFTAC Top 3 Coin: \$10

AFTAC Logo Pin: \$3

LEARANCE ITEMS (while supplies last):

Golf Shirt \$5 - Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'; 2-Large, 4-XL Nylon Jacket: \$10 - Royal Blue, w/white emblem with 'Alumnus'; 1-XL

SAGE SHOP MERCHANDISE FROM OTHERS

AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin - SrA TJ Benscoter - 402-232-1917/Theodore.benscoter@us.af.mil or SrA Chris Hayes 402-232-9182/Christopher.hayes.13@us.af.mil

Det 45 has minted a commemorative coin. Contact the CO Chapter Treasurer, 'Bilschmied@aol.com,' for info/purchase.



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AFTAC Hockey 2016-2017 Season

July 9	vs	Tampa Bay Fire Fighters	Rockledge, FL
Aug 6	vs	Orlando Fire Department	Rockledge, FL
Aug 20, 21	vs	Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)	Rockledge, FL
Sep 17, 18	æ	FBI, NGA, CIA, Canadian Embassy	Arlington, VA
Nov 11, 12	@	Citadel, VMI, Norwich, Naval Academy	Charleston, SC
Feb 4	vs	Wounded Warriors Hockey Club	Rockledge, FL
Mar 18	vs	Florida Institute of Technology	Rockledge, FL
* Dates subject	to chang		As of June 29, 2016

AFTACer's play hockey as 'Athletes For Teamwork And Charity (AFTAC)' Hockey team. Contact MSgt Aaron Trudel, by phone: <u>321-494-3456</u> / mail: <u>c5jetmech81@gmail.com</u>. .

The AFTAC Hockey club plays at the Rockledge Skating Iceplex, http://www.spacecoasticeplex.com/ and is a charity team consisting of a variety of folks from the base and area, but mostly folks working in AFTAC.

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