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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 AFTAC's
SAGES

SAGE SPOTLIGHT

OUR 2001

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Elected at our 00.11.17 General Membership Meeting
(in conjunction with the Golf n'Getogether):
(with AF/AFTAC dates, last position; alumni asc relationship)
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Career Field Manager; Asc lifetime, first office

Appointed

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Newsletter-John & Chris Horsch AF/AFTAC 58-87, Senior Enlisted Advisor; Asc lifetime, Publicity 87-90, Newsletter since 97

Publicity-Swede Swansen AF 73-93/AFTAC 77-93, Small Computer, Computer Security & Network System Administration; Asc lifetime, Publicity since 93

Alumni Alerts-What's Comin' Up

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

AFTAC Alumni National Reunion

Denver CO, 00.6.14 - 17

Registration form, pg 17, Information, pg 18

"We're Gonna Throw a SnowBall!"

AFTAC Alumni SnowBall III

KEN MYERS

It has become customary for the AFTAC Alumni Association to arrange a Ball at the beginning of each year. This was done for several reasons and partly in response to a request that we have some 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 have a mini-reunion and wish old friends a great beginning to a brand new year.

>>PG 13, SNOWBALL III

Alumni Events-What's Gone Off

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

Golf n'Getogether, November 17th

Manatee Cove (Patrick AFB)

JUDY MILAM AND SAM SORICE ,PREZ AND GOLF MAJOR ARRANGER

The fall golf tournament was held a little later this year – 17 November at the Patrick AFB course – and what a beautiful day for golf. With sunshine and temperatures in the 70's, eager golfers, and a handful of volunteers, the stage was set for a 12 o'clock noon shotgun start.

>>PG 13, 'GOLF'

ATTENTION...DUES DUE? Here's how to know.

If you wish to remain a member and receive this newsletter check your address NOW!

The first line on your address label (see last page) indicates when your dues are due. It if reads:

"01<Due in Oct" it means you have not paid your dues for FY 2001 which begins 1 Oct 00.

If the first two digits on line one of your label are other then 01 it means your dues are current.

Remember that the first two digits on the first line are the fiscal year your dues are due.

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Association Honor Roll
Alumni Of The Year Recipients

John Horsch-1999
 Frank Hall 1998 - Judy Milam-1997
 Carl Gailey, 1996 - Clark Crcery-1995

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in March 1985 and chartered later the next year. It was created to provide a forum for those who wish to maintain an ongoing connection with the organization and its people, both active-duty and retired. Membership is open to current and former 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.

Florida chapter

Membership **dues**, \$10 per year (based on FY, 1 Oct.-30 Sep.), **payable in Oct.**, or \$75 for a life. You're encouraged to attend scheduled monthly meetings beginning at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC headquarters building (#989) at Patrick AFB., FL. For information, meetings or membership, contact **Jim Payne**, (321)777-4731/paynejb@juno.com, **Carl Gailey**, (321)777-0569/gaileyc@juno.com, **Judy Milam**, (321)254-8878/jem2415@worldnet.att.net, or **Pat Snyder**, (321)494-6867/patricia.snyder@aftac.pafb.af.mil. Dues, membership applications, and queries/information should be mailed to:

**AFTAC Alumni Association, PO Box 254892
 Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

The chapter provides a quarterly (Mar., Jun., Sep., Dec.) newsletter, "Post-Monitor" (staff data below), (namesake of a previous AFTAC active-duty publication, "Monitor") & a Web-page, "<http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>", with association & alumni information, "Post-Monitor" issues and photos - Web-Masters are **Dave Johnson** and **Mike Black**

Florida Chapter Board "PERENNIALS"-Alumni serving for five+ years. Frank Hall, President/Vice, 89-98/01, Judy Milam, Secretary 89-00, Eunice Harris, Hospitality, 89-00; Mary Welch, Membership, 91-99; Carl Gailey - Treasurer 91-99, Swede Swansen, publicity, since 93

Colorado chapter

Membership **dues** are \$5 per year, payable in **February**; chapter publishes a newsletter, "Echoes," and meets several times a year-for information, **Bill Schmied**, (303) 367-0625

West Coast (California) chapter

Formed in 1999, **dues** are \$5 per year, \$50 for lifetime; for information-Joe Johnson, (916)783-8676, 'TOD.Alumni@bigfoot'-mailing address:AFTAC Alumni Assoc., West Coast Chapter, 161 Southcreek Circle, Folsom CA, 95630-1510.

They plan to hold meetings and socials, host a webpage and publish a periodic newsletter.

AFTAC and Alumni Honorarium

There are several permanent and ongoing projects representing and honoring AFTAC people and history. Two of these, the "Hall of Heritage" (with information and artifacts) and the Photos/Biographies of Alumni who served AFTAC for 20 plus years, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment Wyoming Museum.

Newsletter Editors: John & Chris Horsch

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"A TEAM" ...of Horsch's'

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Happy Holidays and the best of everything to all Sage's and their families. The year we called '2000' turns into one we must now call '2001.' On Monday the 31st, we will begin the last day of one of these and seamlessly move into the next. No calamities are predicted for this change as it was the last time we did this.

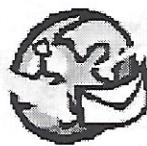
We also hope your '2000' was at least as good as you had hoped it would be and your expectations are raised for the coming year. Ben **Vlassick**, and his Colorado elves, are giving us the gift of getting together in this first year of the millennium - a good sign for this year and the new millennia.

Our issue is, as usual, the best we can do and reflective of, and profoundly impacted by, inputs we receive from fellow alumni. We thank Gen. Shaffer for taking the time to 'reCall' and are disappointed, at least for the moment, that we had to 'skip over' Gen. Jaeger and Col. Jaynes. Thus far we have not been able to 'raise them.' We had hopes for awhile with Gen. Jaeger but never managed to 'connect' - Col Jaynes, we've not been able to contact. We are hoping these gentlemen, or one of our readers, will read this and help us 'fill in our blanks' on these two reCalls.

We thank the other contributors, Bill **Braukman** for his 'I Remember' and Robert A. **Meek** for his 'Where Are Ya?'. Sad to say, for the first time since we inaugurated it as a feature, we do not have a 'Barely Substantiated (BS) Tale' for you this time. For the next issue, if necessary, we will ask Mike **Black** and Dave **Johnson**, our intrepid WebMasters, to 'all-e' what @ddresses we have and maybe we will get some tall tales to tell in future issues of the Post-Monitor.

We also welcome our new board members, Pete **Towell** and Steve **Cook**, and welcome back Frank **Hall** (we just knew Frank could not stay away too long and he did always attend the meetings anyway). Frank is well aware of the time and dedication it takes to 'bake the cake' and we hope that Pete and Steve will 'stay awhile' - Pete steps in as secretary where Judy **Milam** has tread so long and Steve takes over the treasurer position from Frank **Calenda**, and before that Carl **Gailey**. We hope that these long-serving souls will continue to attend and help guide our association.

MAIL - CALL



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*Letters of a general nature, requesting no action,
may be e-mailed to the editors,
chrisjohn@juno.com*

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

Lots of Mail this month, members wrote for many reasons...

...paid 'Dues Due'...Thanks

Keeseville, KY, Charles Wright	00.9.7
Boonville, MO, W. Farris, Jr.	00.10.16
Colorado Spring, CO, T Gehman	00.10.14
Beavercreek, OH, Bo McMullen	00.10.1
Xenia, OH, Robert Thompson	00.10.16
East Canto, OH, Merlin Jim Mark	00.10.11
Merritt Island, FL, Sandra and Eric Lloyd	00.10
Roseville, CA, Al Spicci	00.11.1
Riverside, OH, Dennis Stratton	00.11.9

**...some sent notes and dues...
bigger Thanks...**

Bridgeport, OH **00.9.26**

As I write this here at 845am in Bridgeport it is 45 degrees with a predicted high of 59. We could use a little of that Florida sun and heat. Bridgeport, I might add, is located on the Ohio River directly across the river from Wheeling WV.

Phil Elliot

Brigham City, UT HELP!! **00.10.15**

I was assigned to the 1009th SWS from '51-'54. After separation I was notified that the 1009th had been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. I recently requested service records, but was told there was no record of the Unit Citation. Can anyone out there verify the honor?

A B Studki can any of our readers give A B some help...maybe a copy of orders showing this was received?

Evanville, IN **00.9.15**

(signed on for a big-3 years) I always enjoy the newsletters, especially 'Mail-Call' and 'I Remember' articles. I like all the old war stories and remember many of the writers and incidents.

Marvin Weber, '62-'72 appreciate that praise from an 'old-timer' and would really enjoy reading some of your war stories and memories – could you find the time to jot down a few and drop them to us for our readers?

Fairfax, VA **00.9.25**
Please be advised that I will be wintering in Melbourne till 01.4.

Alex DiSanto thanks for letting us know
Melbourne, FL **00.10.4**

Jerry Fuqua see 'Alumni to Remember' concerning Jerry
Fremont, MI **00.10.3**

New Millenium, nothings changed, my dues are late as usual. Keep up the good work and still enjoy the newsletter - if anyone wishes to email, my @ddress is 'topkick@ncates.net'

Delbert Leiter thanks for the compliment
Wesley Chapel, FL **00.10.6**

(note address change) All is well and we are enjoying our new place in Tampa. Still enjoy and look forward to the Post-Monitor. Keep up the good work.

Greg and Emily Murray thanks, and our pleasure to please
Tampa, FL **00.10.13**

Keep up the good work. Email, 'MKC139@AOL.COM'

MSgt John Costello thanks...
Garland, TX **00.10.11**

Sorry to be late, here are dues. I enjoy the Post-Monitor, especially the early days. Do you need more stories? I was with the 'old originals' at 421.

George Kraus thanks for your praise about our feature articles and we'll do 'em as long as people send 'em-we'd really appreciate your stories

Stuart, FL **00.10.26**
Keep up the good work

Don Clemens thanks
Gray, KY **00.10.10**

The other day I reached another milestone when the postman delivered my Medicare Card. The government's way of reminding me that I'll be 65. Looking forward to the new year and all the pleasures of life. Enjoy reading the Post-Monitor. Keep up the good work. All the best to everyone.

Bert Miller and your praise makes our job easier, thanks
Bellevue, NE **00.10.11**

Still no place like AFTAC and the people.
John Whited ya' betcha John

...some joined...really big Thanks
Pittsfield, NH, Conrad Chapman
Patrick AFB, FL, Jeffrey Mitchell, Hq's AFTAC XP,
Melbourne, FL, Debra Richlin, Hq's AFTAC TM
(87-91), DO (95-01)

Albuquerque, NM **00.10.2**
Member first formal B System class, Lowry, '54-'55; Ops Officer with initial team establishing Det 421,

'55-'57; CC, Det 141 (Glenrock, WY), '57-'59; Hqs AFTAC, '59-'63, moved into new Telegraph Rd building; 1157TOS, '64-'67; Hqs AFTAC, '67-'70. Years in AFTAC, 15, ret AF, Aug '83 as a Colonel.

Clentis Bailey wow, what a history-you have got to have some stories to tell!!!

...some moved around...

Rockledge FL, Philip Unrein	00.10.4
Abilene, KS, H Caroll, Jr	00.10.14
APO AE 09012, Gerald Jordon, Jr	00.10.8
Del City, OK, Charlie McGehee	00.10.26

...and some wrote for various reasons...

Ellenton, FL	00.9.27
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I just reread your nice and moving newsletter "The Big Story" detailing the WFO-1155th-TOD Reunion with renewed interest. I served in the organization from 1965 till Jan 71 when I retired from the USAF. I was probably one of the few reserve officers to serve with this fine group of people, and have many fond memories to cherish. I graduated from AFIT in Aug 65 and served with the 1155th and 1159th TOS after that school assignment till my retirement.

I ask for George **Thompson's** address or email address since I served with the F Troop part time during my entire AFTAC duties. Since we had a large family (6 children), I was not involved in golf or other social activities with the men, but mostly worked in technical areas with the systems and flew (part-time) with base operations and as "customers" with other units. I remember Cal **Brown** as one of my commanders and mostly Mike **McMichael** also. Crayton **Awtry** was a friend in logistics, and George Thompson and his "F" Troop men are all remembered fondly. I loved flying, and in some ways was a fish out of water with the many technical experts that peopled AFTAC. I loved the outfit and its highflying mission however, and consider my tours in it a highlight of my career.

In fact I met a former B System man during Sun-N-Fun get together in Lakeland, FL, just this past April. Such chats, even on a short meeting, rekindle the friendship the organization engendered in all of us. Crayton Awtry lives nearby in Sun City, FL, and we had a nice get-together with him and wife Norma and plan to have more. Since retiring from a post-military engineering career I have started writing my memoirs and want to write via email or snail mail with George Thompson, if I can. I still fly as a check and mission pilot with the Civil Air Patrol. That organization has picked up so many "customers" due to shrinking federal budgets, that I would not be surprised if one day AFTAC showed up on our front door with a small "additional duty." Wouldn't that be "deja vous."

(NOTE: a later letter added, and we have left out any business discussed) Thanks for info on web page of AFTAC

Alumni. I'll try to get George Thompsons info. Our TO DO List is growing, as we only decided an hour ago to (leave on a planned trip earlier). Wife Nedra is a seer (just like her mom was) and she 'senses' her daughter needs her there earlier. Thanks again, email is great. I am a Civil Air Patrol Check Pilot, and the outfit is now 90% hooked up on e-mail for day-to-day chats and info passing, Sincerely, Old AFTACer

Frank Szachta thanks Frank, we'd like to hear some of your stories from the past when you get time, and May Welch will enjoy reading your praise of her series

Cyberspace

00.10.31

We are back home until 12/26. Plan on heading to Texas, Brownsville area, until early March. Then to AZ for the cactus league ball games. Hope all is well with you folks, enjoy the AFTAC news and so on. You guys are doing a great job. Say hello to the Shaws when you see them. Bye the bye - where has Curtis E. Smith gone off to? Last I heard he was working at a bowling alley in Sat Beach. Take care

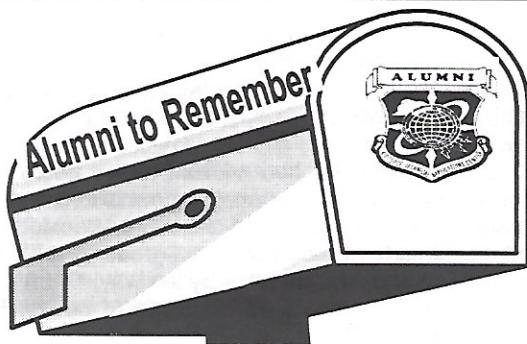
Jon & Theresa Kempe thanks Jon...maybe Ellen will read this to Smitty and let us know exactly what they're up to.

HELP!!!

WEBMASTERS, 00.11.3., DAVE JOHNSON

We were recently asked to help out the Hornet Museum. <http://www.uss-hornet.org>. They are creating an Apollo era deck on the museum and are interested in anything from the Apollo era moonshots. We thought there might some old space personnel that might have been involved. What follows is from Bob Fish -- curator: We are interested in helping an effort to assemble Apollo program memorabilia. The Hornet, an aircraft carrier of distinguished military history, is now a museum in Alameda, California. The Hornet saw significant action in World War II, sinking 1.2m tons of shipping, destroying over 1000 planes, and played a significant role in the sinking of the Yamato, the largest battleship ever. More recently the Hornet was the recovery vessel for Apollo 11 and recovered the first astronauts who walked on the moon. The Hornet museum staff is trying to recreate the scenario as it existed on the ship at the time of the recovery. To this end, they have located a Command Module boilerplate, a Mobile Quarantine Facility, and a Sea King helicopter for display. They are interested in receiving any and all other equipment, documentation, or memorabilia associated with the entire Apollo program. They would also be interested in oral history regarding the Apollo program.

The curator for this effort is Mr. Robert Fish, who can be reached at bfish@best.com. Please contact him if you have any material to donate or know where such material can be located. Thank you

**Personals...**

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

Beginnings...Transitions

None Reported

Hopes of Health for...

Wherein Alumni share hopes for themselves or others...

00.10, Arlin Massey

00.10.04, Jerry Fuqua, enclosed w/dues, Jerry is having serious medical problems. He is in good spirits and looks forward to returning to (good health).

In Memory Of

Wherein Alumni share names of those gone but not ever forgotten..

Ronald A. Bird (see below)

Ronald P. Lindner (see below)

Bill Rigby (see below)

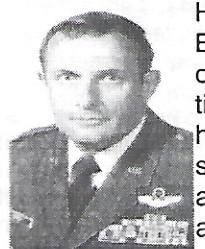
Gary V. Clawson, (see below)

Rest in Eternal Peace

Ronald A. Bird

FROM FRANK GOODREAU

Ronald A. Bird, Col. USAF (retired) passed away in Sacramento, Calif., October 4, 2000. Ron was born Nov. 15, 1929, in Flaxton, ND, to Arthur and Gudrun Bird. He graduated from Flaxton High School and attended Jamestown College. He entered the United States Air Force in 1951 and served for 26 years, earning the rank of Colonel. Ron was a command pilot, flying large transport planes to most parts of the world.



He earned a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering in 1965 from the University of New Hampshire in Durham. After retiring from the AF in 1977, Ron turned his life-long interest in investing into a second career, working for 13 years as an equities broker for two large brokerage firms.

Beloved husband of Margery (Sorlie) of Fair Oaks, Calif., for nearly 48 years, graduate of Trinity Hospital School of Nursing, Minot. Devoted father of Steven (Susan) of Atherton, Calif., John (Jacqueline) of South Pasadena, Calif., and David of Greensboro, N.C.; and grandfather of Thomas, Robert, Jessica and Kathleen.

Also survived by siblings, Marian (Robert) Kohler of Audubon, Minn., Leora (Darven) Anderson of Sioux Falls, S.D., Howard (Shirley) Bird of Sartell, Minn., Keith (Sharon) Bird of Minot, Stanley (Rita) Bird of Oakland, Ore., Carol (Bernard) Wittman of Bowbells, Diane (Patrick) Carpenter of Washburn, and David Bird of Flaxton, and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his father, mother and brother, Lloyd Bird.

A military service/interment was held Thursday, Oct. 19, at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

Recognitions

FROM FRANK GOODREAU

Marge (Bird) wants to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness. She believes F Troopers are the greatest--and you proved that to be true. She plans to send the extra money received to the cemetery in memory of Ron. Jon and Vi thanks so much for picking out such a beautiful spray. The F Troop ribbon really set off the flowers.

Ronald P. Lindner

FROM JUDY MILAM READ FROM THE FLORIDA TODAY

Ronald P. Lindner of Indian Harbour Beach, FL, died Thursday, September 28, 2000, at his residence. Mr. Lindner was born in El Dorado, Ark. He was a retired Master Sgt. from the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife Betty Lindner of Indian Harbour Beach; son, Paul Lindner of Orlando; daughter, Janece Van Wart of Charleston, S. C.; and brothers, Allan Lindner of California, Daniel Lindner of Texas and Thomas Lindner of Melbourne. Visitation was on Sunday, October 1st, at Beach Funeral Home. Memorial services were held on Monday, October 2nd, at Beach Funeral Home. Interment followed at Florida Memorial Gardens.

Judy added 'I can't believe this, another old AFTACer in this short a time.' referring to the number of deaths we were being notified of at this time.

Bill Rigby

2LT JR RIGBY TO WEBSITE, PASSED ON BY DAVE JOHNSON

This is J.R. Rigby the grandson of Bill Rigby. If you did not know, my grandfather passed away Tuesday night (10.3). My family would like to thank you for being my grandfather's computer buddies. If you have any questions you are more than welcome to e-mail me at jrrigby98@hotmail.com. Thank you very much, he loved sitting at the computer and talking to you all.

Gary Vernon Clawson 's Memoriams

Editors Note: We had a large outpouring of memoriams for Gary. His friends truly felt his loss and were quick to forward their thoughts via email - herewith we provide these provocative stories. We begin with a history and follow with his daughter's email and proceed with emails Ron Prudhomme assembled.

History MSgt (ret) Gary V. Clawson of Newburgh, NY. died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2000 at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Bronx, NY. He was 45 years old. The son of the late Harry Clawson and Eleanor Reed Clawson, he was born Jan. 24, 1955 in Suffern NY. He is survived by his wife Hyon Ok

Park of Korea; his mother, Eleanor of Newburgh; one son, Jason Clawson of Dover, NH; two daughters, Shannon Caldara of New Windsor NY and Su Perez of Kissimme, Fl.; one brother, Thomas Clawson of Sunnyvale, Ca.; and one granddaughter, Isabella Perez. Funeral services were held on Friday, Sept. 22 in Fostertown Cemetery, Newburgh NY.

Gary dedicated 24 years of his life as a member of the United States Air Force (USAF) with over 20 years of direct support to AFTAC. He began his AFTAC career in January 1979 when he retrained into the 99105 Reporting Identifier (Operations). His AFTAC assignments included 3454 TTS, Lowry AFB CO, where he was a 99015 Instructor; two assignments to Det 452, Wonju Korea, where he was first assigned as Operations Supervisor and later Station Superintendent; HQ AFTAC OLA where he was the Instructor Supervisor. Gary retired from active duty while assigned as the Det 452 Superintendent in June 1997. After his retirement from active duty, he remained an integral part of Det 452 as a hired representative of the Korean Institute of Geology and Mining from Jun 1997 to June 1998. The continuity he provided after his retirement was key to sustaining operations during the downsizing of the detachment. When site encroachment began affecting operations, he worked intrasite communications system solutions and locations of borehole sites.

During his career, he earned the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

Gary will be long remembered as a fine human being. He touched so many lives over the years, gave of himself freely and often, always thought about others before himself. He was a kind and loving husband, father, and friend. We received numerous letters from people touched by Gary, so, we thought it only fitting to share some of the memories he left in our hearts.

Shannon Caldara, Daughter Here are a few stories that Gram could remember from Dad's childhood. My dad was born on 1/24/55 in Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY. He graduated from Newburgh Free Academy (high school) in 1973. He graduated high school one Saturday, got married the next, and entered the Air Force the following Saturday.

Dad enjoyed "tinkering" with motors, helping his father with the cars, and home repairs. Where his father was, my dad had his nose right there. Dad loved to fish and hunt. He spent a lot of summer afternoons down in the brook near his home. Gram said one time he had a little bait box with worms in it. The bait box fit inside the pocket of his fishing vest. He had gone fishing one day and when he got back, Gram hung up the coat in his bedroom. A few days passed and she started to smell something terrible. She went into his room and found the bait box full of dead fishing worms. When she asked him about it, he continually stated, "It wasn't me."

For Uncle Tom's birthday one year Gram bought him a chemistry set. Dad loved it and seldom allowed Tom to play with it. He and the Bennet kid loved to do experiments. They were unable to invent anything that was patentable, however this is probably where his love for science started.

Dad decided one day that his bedroom door was squeaking. He went into the shed and got Pops oil can with a spout that you squirt the oil through. He went to fix the door and he oiled his closet door. There was oil like you never saw before. He had oiled nearly half of his bedroom.

Old Mrs. Witchard was a planter. She loved to plant fruits and vegetable. She had a very small yard, so she would plant seeds wherever she found fertile ground. One day Dad and Tom came home with a watermelon. Gram asked where they managed to find that. They told her that it was growing wild

down by the swimming hole and they picked it for her. Actually they had inadvertently stolen Mrs. Witchard's watermelon. Dad believed that Mrs. Witchard planted her fruits and vegetables for his benefit as he claimed she never ate them anyway.

When Dad was about 9 he and Tom built a go cart. Back then he could ride the go cart up and down the street. There were very few cars on the road then. He decided that he needed new tires for the cart and sold greeting cards to earn money for wheels for the go cart. By the way, Gram said that she thinks that Dad published a couple of books. Do you know anything about this?

Jane White, Chechon Children's Home Director, Choong Puk South Korea Gary was special in a different way to each of us. The Det has not been the same since he left. I always felt welcome with Gary there and sometimes it is not that way any more. I could spend a lot of time and write about so many things that Gary did for us.

God's plan is not always our plan but he knows what is best for each of us and will give us strength to accept that and go on with our lives. Gary was a very big part of our lives for many years. I am a single woman, the director of the Chechon Children's Home about an hour from the Det 452 in Wonju, Korea. I have known Gary since his first tour in Korea. At that time he was always willing to come to the Home to do anything he could to help us and to just spend time loving the children.

His second tour brought us even closer. Gary was always there for me. If I needed anything Gary would see that we got it. He was so very sensitive in doing special things for me. He made sure that I was invited and came to special events at the Det. He was a wonderful cook and always made sure that Jane had a large "Doggie Basket" knowing that I could not get these things on the Korean economy.

If I did not show up at the Det for several weeks Gary would call and ask if I was alright, if I was sure that I had everything that I needed, if I didn't want to come in for lunch, or to watch TV. Always asking if I needed anything for the Home and the Children. I knew that if I told Gary we needed something he would do his best to see that we got what ever we needed. He was always sensitive and concerned about our needs. For this I will always thank him.

I have been in Korea since 1962 and have been connected with the Military since then, especially the Air Force at Det 452. I have made many friends, some just passing friends and those like Gary who I will never forget. Have so many "good" memories of Gary and will miss knowing that he is no longer with us. He was special to so many of us because he cared and was concerned beyond the line of duty. I am not military and he did not have to help us but that was Gary, always ready and willing to make things better for someone else. I have so many good pictures and good memory's of Gary, although he is gone from us, he will always be remembered and loved.

Kevin Senior, Melbourne, FL Gary and I worked together (and I often worked directly for him) many years. We worked together in Denver, Korea, and here in Florida. I am sure that the time span covered 15 years. We bonded immediately and were friends from the first moment that we met. The favors we did for each other were numerous. But I have to admit that the thousands of favors I may have done for him were NOT even one tenth ($1/10^{\text{th}}$) the number of the tens of thousands of favors that Gary did for me. The true beauty in the things that Gary did for me is this---I never had to ask! If Gary heard or saw that I was in need (like my car broke down or that I needed time from work to handle a personal prob-

lem), he would always volunteer and help me with my car or just tell me to take whatever time was needed to attend my personal needs.

Gary had a way of being very attentive to the thoughts and feelings of his co-workers. There were a few instances when we had severe equipment problems that caused us to work hard and late. We (other workers were also involved) reached high levels of frustration before the problems were identified and the equipment was fixed. Afterwards at home, I would receive a phone call from Gary complimenting me on the hard work and good effort. This let me know that he knew the complications of the job and the level of work involved. More importantly it let me know that he cared about his people even late at night AFTER work and AFTER he took off the uniform. His concern NEVER stopped.

During another stint of duty when I worked directly for Gary he afforded me the opportunity to go away to a "management and leadership" course. This course is important because it helps people become better military managers and it helps you to obtain future promotions. This course was taught in Biloxi, Mississippi and we were stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. The distance between these two locations is a ten hour drive (one way). There were five other people from my same organization that went to this course with me. Graduation from this course is considered a significant milestone in your career and the graduation ceremony is formal and always coincides with a grand dinner. The combination of graduation ceremony and dinner is usually a 3-4 hour affair. Gary drove the 10 hours one-way to spend the 3 hour event with me. NONE of the other graduates from my organization had their supervisors attend the dinner with them. I was in awe that Gary would expend twenty driving hours to spend three important hours with me. This was typical of Gary's heart and soul.

Words cannot express my sadness at Gary's passing. Snapshots of Gary's face and the sound of his laugh are often in my mind when I close my eyes and picture the best times of my life. Although Gary has left us physically, his spirit and memory resides with us and countless others that he has touched.

Roger Hornsby, Melbourne FL I've known Gary since 1980. He had the task of being one of my Instructors, and believe it, our class made him earn his pay. The next thing I knew it was 1984 and there I was at Det 452 with Gary as the Ops Super. He had his hands full there too, trying to keep up with operators the likes of Carl Swensen, Randy Birge, Steve Berry, and me. Gary handled us like the true professional he was. I never heard him raise his voice; maybe it was because we kept him laughing with our PoonDogger stories. In reality, that was Gary's leadership style. It's an eerie feeling to get your butt chewed by someone who is soft-spoken, but funny in the fact you always remember it, and the lesson you were being taught. Ran into Gary again in the late 80's when he finally got hauled into an assignment at HQ. Then he was off again to Det 452 where he ended up retiring. I last saw him in November 98 while I was there doing some contractor work. We had some great laughs recalling old events. Gary was a good man who truly cared about people and the mission. I'm gonna miss my Buddy, my Pal, my Friend.

Robert (Bruce) Snelgrove My favorite thought of Gary is from Korea where I will always be thankful he was there the same time I was. I was an operator who was non-volunteered into the Chief of Maintenance position at Det 452. As you know and most AFTAC'ers can imagine I was overwhelmed. One particularly bad day I was outside having a smoke when the "ancient one" came up and asked me how I was doing. I let him know how stressed out I was and what a terrible job I was doing and how awful that made me feel. Gary let me get all that out of my system and then he made me feel better. He asked me who was going to write my EPR. I said you are. He said quit worrying because he was very happy with the job I was doing. Then he put his arm around me and gave me that little grin. I felt 200% better. He could always

cut through the junk and get down to the important things. He always made his coworkers feel better.

Ronald Prudhomme, Port St. John FL I worked with Gary on and off from 1985 to 1997. I first met Gary when I was assigned to Det 452, Korea, in 1985. I knew little of Korea when I arrived but that changed when I met Gary. He took me under his wing and showed me the ropes. I think we tipped a beer or two over the years, usually when we were talking about our kids. I quickly discovered that Gary's integrity and honor were above reproach and that his soft words were stronger than steel. In 1996-97 I was the Maintenance Supervisor for the Asian Detachments, while Gary was the Det 452 Station Superintendent. During this time, Gary's continuity and knowledge of Korea were instrumental in keeping the Det going. Encroachment issues and a failing cable plant kept him pretty busy. Keeping two seismic arrays, laid out over 600 square miles of rugged mountains, was a remarkable accomplishment. Gary never wanted to be in the spotlight, but his friends always knew he shined the brightest of all...whose your buddy, whose your pal.

Tess Ailshire I tried so hard over the past few days to put complete sentences together - nothing seemed to capture the feelings I have for Gary. My first real memories include a Saturday at a Renaissance Festival in Colorado; Gary invited me with my daughter and nephew ... knowing I was recently "widowed" with Dave in the Philippines and needed something to do. It was a wonderful day, and includes the only pictures I have of Gary.

When I took over as Superintendent of Det 452 from Gary, he was a lifesaver. It was a job I always wanted, and yet I felt so inadequate it was incredible. Gary seemed to pop up when I was struggling with one problem or another -- never with the solution (though he had it!) but with a logical way for me to think it over. He faded into the background but was always there when any of us needed him.

I will never forget those blue eyes - how they could hold steel or silk, censure or admiration, regret, integrity, and, most of all, humor. Maybe I should have talked instead of trying to write the past few days!

Anyway, thanks so much for putting this together. I believe those who didn't know him will feel like they did after reading this.

George Mirda I'll never forget our first meeting on the steps of Building 359 on Lowry during a TDY to figure out what to do with RMA. I had never seen this guy in my life and he comes up to me, looks at my name tag, and says in this quiet, sarcastic voice, almost a whisper, "So you're the famous George Mirda ..." I didn't know what to think. I didn't know whether to be angry or flattered. The nerve of this guy, who in the hell did he think he was. As I stood there reeling, trying to figure out how to respond, Gary shoves me his hand grins and says, "I'm Gary Clawson, how the hell are ya?" And we walked in and the chemistry was immediate, this was one of the good guys, no beating around the bush, one of the boys.

Man, could he push your buttons. But he made you think. Talking to Gary always made me feel good. I liked a lot of his philosophies on life. Now I wish I had worked closer to him, been stationed with him (c'mon overseas, what do you think?) , or just spent more time enjoying his persona. My memories of him will always be of happier times. I can still hear the laugh and see that grin in the back of my mind and only wonder what he's gonna say next. Peace, ole buddy.

Larry Massie, Gering NE I had the good fortune to know Gary for almost 17 years...we worked together, traveled together, fought together, cried together, drank together, broke bread together, and our families lived and grew together. I knew him as an instructor, instructor supervisor, OL-A Chief, friend, confidant.

We shared common friends in his former life as a Fire Control troop and in his redeemed life as an AFTAC'er. We shared common professional goals and sat in the Wing Commander's office a time or two at Lowry defending a course of action taken

that didn't sit too well with our ATC superiors...a circumstance that duplicated itself in the Commander's office at Patrick.

I traveled TDY with him to some nice places and some not so nice places...He is the only person I've seen sleep in a plane from gate to gate...13 hours from Seattle to Hong Kong...didn't smoke...didn't eat...didn't visit mother nature...didn't open his eyes.

Professionally he was outwardly quiet and soft-spoken...on the inside he was extremely passionate about his people and 'getting the job done right.' He continually sought to have deserving people recognized and patiently instructed the others. I often saw him release overworked subordinates to go home while he worked the midnight oil...he passed on his work ethic and professional values by example.

That was Gary. What you saw was what you got...no pretenses...no hidden agendas. If he believed in you and what you were doing, he would support you any time...anywhere...to anybody. He expected the same of you...and we all knew it. I never saw him ask for anything for himself...never. He would ask for his people or for AFTAC but never for himself. That was Gary and those of you who were fortunate enough to work for him or with him know that to be true. He saved my professional butt more than once...without fanfare or fuss...and without expectation...he just did it. He was profoundly loyal to his friends...distance and time did nothing to diminish that.

My family and I cherish the months that Gary, Jeannie, and Su lived with us in Colorado. We have so many treasured personal memories of our time together there. I am deeply honored and humbled to be included among those who call him friend and brother. We miss him deeply.

Mr. Emerson and Collin Baber Mr. Clawson was a legend in the Seismic World. Having known him only in the Korean context from 1994 to 1996, Gary had many responsibilities: Acting First Sergeant, Chief of Plans and Programs, numerous additional duties and most importantly, as Acting Commander. Despite the burden of many titles, Gary was a good person who looked out for more than number one. Gary watched out for all of his subordinates in Wonju and paid a heavy political price for it when the price had to be paid. He made personal sacrifices, challenging the machine when he felt it was out to grind up his people.

From 1994 to 1996, Det 452 had a lot of personnel turnover. Many good people came to do their Korea year and then escape back to Center. By chance or not, three AF persons were there for the entire two-year duration. Of those three, only two are still alive, Mr. Emerson and I. Mr. Emerson had the opportunity to know Mr. Clawson much better, but Mr. Clawson's advice nevertheless influences the both of us to this day. This passage is composed of inputs from both former subordinates.

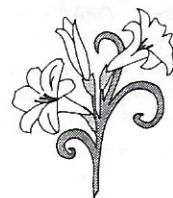
He is remembered best by his two very important skills: Patience and Gary's willingness to advise. Patience: a simple word, a word of pause, reflection and controlled, disciplined response. Mr. Clawson had a deep reservoir of patience. He would weather all storms, be they of local creation from Osan, Camp Long, rice fields or from as far away as Florida. He dealt with tough situations that might have stressed out others in similar circumstances. His secret: Gary would meditate, not as done in a local temple, but while standing outside the Detachment, pretending to be there just for a smoke break. He would quietly observe the happenings of Wonju City spread out below, having listened to the schoolchildren on recess, vendor trucks crawling through the Taejangdong streets, low rumbling traffic, barking dogs, factory chimes and the faint sound of Hoengsong jet fighter engines in the distance. The sweet smell of the nearby tobacco factory or that of burning rice fields was in the air. Those sensations added to the effect for him and refilled the patience before the reservoir got low. Nothing seemed to faze him out there in that state of mind. When in those thoughts, His emotions seemed totally under control and at

peace.

Using his patience, Gary had a way of advising subordinates in a calm, gravelly voice accompanied by a slow, outstretched vertical-movement right hand, regardless of the issue. He had dealt with Airman and Sergeant hijinks before, no one could outsmart him, no wool covered his eyes in that realm. The plan was clear: leeway was given, freedom was granted, most shenanigans forgiven, but we knew never to cross him. His calm advice came in many forms, mostly informal statements, such as those provided from Father to son or Mother to daughter. Examples: "Never drive up the SP pass, it's dangerous and if one of you gets killed it'll be a lot of paperwork..." A strange way of putting it, but everyone obeyed that instruction, as the wrath for living through an SP pass rollover no one dared risk. "Take that 6-wheeler and lock it to the pole in the Garage". No one was going to flip over and drown in the SP14 river with that Command-directed purchase of a floating ATV. Gary's way could seem tough at times, but in retrospect, the commands he gave were fair and safe. No unfair treatment, just extra vigilance for the knuckle-headed. Mr. Clawson had been through a lot in life, a lot more than he originally let on. One statement on safe driving advice stands out: While driving a jeep in Taejangdong, Gary made a left turn and was struck by a southbound vehicle, which was travelling fast on the wrong side of the road enroute to Wonju Christian Hospital. Having been "T-boned", Gary learned that a dead person was in the back of the other vehicle. When the Korean National Police liaison showed up at the scene, the police officer tried to pin the death of the passenger on Gary. Having figured out it was a frame-up with the KNP officer double-talking, Gary used his wits at the police station downtown to recount fine details of the accident scene. The driver of the other vehicle finally arrived for questioning and was a foot taller and some twenty years younger than the original. Mr. Clawson escaped from the accident and frame-up unscathed. Advice fully absorbed by all: be real careful driving in Korea! One time we had a one-on-one discussion alone that tapped into the deep core of Gary under the normally serene, meditative surface. He was a strong man, but a man in very real pain. His monologue will never be forgotten, a description of pain so profound that it is incomprehensible how he could have done his job so well whilst having endured such suffering. Gary's supervisory goal then became crystal clear in '96, it was to ensure that others did not have to go through what he did. His real-world advice came from the heart and soul.

After Mr. Emerson and I left Det 452, Gary was still there working projects right up until retirement, then some more for transitioning the Det. He gave a big part of his life to the Detachment and to the AFTAC Mission, but the biggest part of his life was given to the people under his command, as others will verify.

His broad smile is remembered very well, as is the rough advice given in response to shenanigans from his former Senior Airmen. His jokes and Detachment steak barbecues built up morale in an otherwise tough and unforgiving environment. As my mentor recently stated, the pain is over now. Gary will always be among us.



COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is AFTAC, a desire to record the impressions of this "from the top" and the notion we are nearing the end of a millenium, we asked previous AFTAC commanders (for whom we had addresses) to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. So far we have the following positive responses: Gen's **Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Lear, Bingham and Shaffer** and Col's **Meisenheimer, Wigington and Beatty**. We thank these gentlemen for agreeing and hope that others will "reCall" and "jump on-board."

We feature replies (one an issue) in the chronological order of their time of command - reCalls in previous issues, Gen (Ret) Silliman, Gen (Ret) Gordon, Col (Ret) Meisenheimer, Gen's (Ret) Clapper, O'Lear and Bingham...at this time we feature...



GLEN D. SHAFFER
BGEN, USAF
COMMANDER
JUL '94- AUG '96

GEN SHAFFER CHOSE THE QUESTIONNAIRE FORMAT FOR HIS INPUT

1. How would you characterize AFTAC as an institution? Its people? Its contributions? No doubt it is a National Treasure, one-of-a-kind in the world organization...how else could you characterize it? It has a superb national and international reputation. It has an unequalled alumni organization. It has never let the nation down.
2. How did you feel about the job when you assumed command? Honored, mostly, that I was following in some great footsteps; honored that I was being entrusted with such a significant capability; humbled by all the smart, dedicated people who were so much more experienced and capable than I yet willing to be commanded by me. All I knew about AFTAC when I reported in was what was in the Patrick AFB phone book description. Every day I went to work at AFTAC I pinched myself to be sure it was true.
3. How did you feel about the job when you passed the flag to your successor? Very proud, proud of AFTAC's past AND its future, proud of its remarkable people. I regretted leaving the job more than any I ever left. I also hated to leave Florida! But, one of my favorite moments at AFTAC was in my last day there- when at the end of the change of command ceremony I watched the entire uniformed command march off the ramp...they looked so good

and so proud of being in the USAF.

4. What were the greatest sources of satisfaction to you as commander? Your greatest frustrations? SATISFACTION:... was greatest in working with the people who cared so much for the mission and each other...in the great world-wide locations I was able to visit...in living at Patrick! Satisfaction in helping to re-instill a sense of belonging in the Air Force, satisfaction in helping to open new operational doors, satisfaction in unit pride...

THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF SATISFACTION WAS IN THE PEOPLE OF AFTAC. MCA-B was a thrill to watch and be part of. Same with many others, too many to mention. Consolidating the ops center...WINDOWS in the ops center. Tearing down walls-even though I know this was unpopular. Just walking around was a sheer joy.

FRUSTRATIONS; mostly when people bickered with each other...usually because of historic inter-departmental 'feuds.' Frustration also in me never getting a good handle on the science! Frustration I never learned to play golf. Frustration I never got off the ground in a WC 135. Toughest decision was closing TOD--- and still have never seen a more selfless organizational response to change than those at TOD showed through the decision and execution process. Ever.

5. Do you recall any vignettes that occurred during your tenure as Commander that particularly stand out in your mind now--good and bad? When it dawned on me just how hard it is to do what AFTAC does! This usually happened once a day!

--Being 'out lasted' by Frank Pilote in any late night social engagements

--How well AFTACers took to formation runs, open ranks inspections and retreats, 'militarizing' of AFTAC

--Seeing our Detachment in uniform at the formal hand-over ceremonies in Sonseca...historic!

--Chiefs/Eagles Volleyball (ouch!)

--Beach formation runs

--Two hurricane evacs; one hit, one miss, one totaled POV

--Climbing mountains for a hat, exciting helo rides, tapas, treks, great people and hosts at our dets.

--Fridays at the Outback

6. Any additional comments you would like to add: Just that one of AFTAC's greatest strengths is its alumni that serve it so well and preserve its heritage.

*I Remember...**AFTAC History by those who were there*

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** remembrances of highlights in your AFTAC career (events, people, etc.). Forward these memories to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Remembrances column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

This is a letter Bill **Braukman** sent us following the 'Buster Jangle' reunion in May. If you recall, Jerry **Collins** wrote a very fine article with background on the reunion and gave us the details of the celebration. At the time of writing, Bill did not know Jerry was submitting an article and thus wrote one of his own. Having done that, he did not really feel it was necessary to publish his letter. However, we implored to his good nature believing he has emphasized certain things, and recalled certain equipment detail, that make it a very interesting 'I Remember' article and adds to the history of AFTAC – besides, who can read 'too much' about important events (we have attempted to extract any duplicate information that Jerry already covered).

Fond memories; Fifty years ago some six hundred young basics entered electronics training at Keesler AFB, MS. Nine months later the top 10% were selected to become part of a new organization known as the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron. We were sent to Washington DC. and then to the Naval Ordnance Laboratory, Silver Spring MD, for training in the construction of "soup can" seismometers and the operation of "wind -up" clocks (Ulysses Narden Chronometers \$600.00 ea.), Perkin-Elmer DC amplifiers and Esterline Angus Paper recorders.

After about three months of living in tents and eating Marine Corp. leftovers we were loaded on a couple of C46 transports and flown to San Bernadino, CA. There we were issued a W.W.II weapons carrier, a tent, radio, transmitter, and either one vertical or three "soup cans," vertical and two horizontal home made seismometers. Generators, gas cans, water jugs etc. implied that we were not going to Hollywood. Since most of the Top Secret clearances had been approved on an interim basis we were briefed that we were on our way to the Nevada Test Site. Some 40 sites had been picked to locate our instruments on a north-south line from Kingman, AZ, to Reno, NV.

The test series was code named Buster Jangle. Only the news media, Life magazine and the rest of the world were privy to these "secret tests." We were told not to write home about our adventures. The series was seven atmospheric blasts, 5 air-drops and two tower shots.

Recently we decided to have a mini reunion and return to what is now known as Camp Mercury, Nevada Test Site, operated by the Department of Energy. Thanks to the efforts of several members,

plans were completed and in spite of the "red tape" imposed by the government, an all day tour was arranged for attendees and wives.

The Nevada Test Site consists of over 1,000 square miles. No firearms, cameras, binoculars or recording equipment were allowed on the tour. In 1951, during the actual tests, we could take all the pictures we wanted! Today the site is being maintained "just in case" we decide to resume testing (?) and probably more than a thousand people still work there and it obviously involves mega-bucks today. All in all an outstanding time was had by all.

A BS (Barely Substantiated) Tale!

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. We solicit **unclassified** humorous stories about AFTAC events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be Barely Substantiated (BS). Forward your BS to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN BS column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

No input this issue

Where are ya?!!!

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. Where we attempt to get you, the alumni reader, to let us know "where ya are" and "what'cha been doin'" - Forward these updates to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Updates column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

Colorado Springs, CO**00.10.26**

In the course of many events in my recent life, I have now realized that we have lost touch with AFTAC Alumni and also that I haven't sent in dues for some time. This letter is written to inform you of my current address and to enclose a check to cover some back dues.

I did attend the 50th reunion at Patrick several years back, but sorta fell by the wayside since. I did see there my former boss, Dr. Carl Romney, and his wife along with several alumni from the time I spent in AFTAC during 1960-65. My R&D work ended up primarily in the VELA-Uniform B-Systems research. In retrospect, I have missed receipt of your Post-Monitor. I'd like to receive any recent issues you may have on hand.

My retirements from the Air Force and The Aerospace Corporation career were major events in our lives. Both of these long periods bring back many good memories. In fact, though, in recent years we have dealt with my wife, Barbara, going through a bout with lymphoma cancer. She is in full remission for almost two years, now having

quarterly checkup sessions at our local Ft. Carson Evans hospital. That was the major focus in our recent time here in COS, while I was involved in supporting her medical recovery.

I also sport an e-mail address, which is: <saxyram@aol.com> (I have a Bob Meek Swingtet group and stay busy with dances at seniors nursing homes, retirement hotels, etc., with my playing reeds) We hope to be in contact again.

Robert A. Meek thanks for catchin' us up

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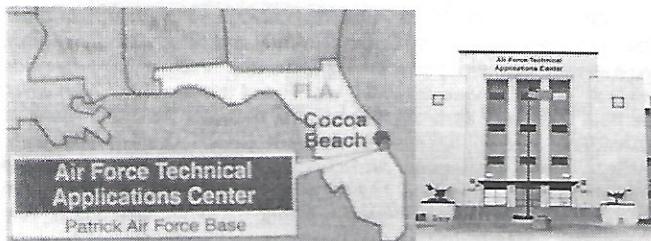
Col. Paul A
Dettmer

AFTAC Commander, 00.8, previously at the 607th Air Intelligence Group, 7th Air Force, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea - where he was the Commander of two multi-discipline intelligence squadrons. He has a Bachelor of Science from the AF Academy ('77) and a Master's Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School ('88). He is married to the former Cathy M. Brucia. They have a daughter, Alison, and a son, Andrew.



CMSgt Kenneth
Myers

AFTAC Superintendent, 98.11, a 20+year AFTACer, he enlisted 3/79, trained as a scientific measurements technician and is a Distinguished Graduate from all three AF NCO Leadership schools. He has been the AF Command Senior NCO of the Year twice, '91 and '93. He served at Dets 301, 415, 421, and in the HQs with DO, CC, TT, TA, LS. Chief Myers is from Doylestown, PA. His wife Heather is from Melbourne, Florida. He has two children, Douglas and Melissa.



Biography, AFTAC CC

Colonel Paul A. Dettmer is the Commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. AFTAC operates and maintains the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System to monitor foreign compliance with the treaties limiting nuclear testing. AFTAC's 700 people are responsible for detecting special events in the atmosphere, underwater, underground and in space; determining if they are nuclear; and reporting them to national command authorities. A network of trace material analysis laboratories, 14 worldwide detachments and operating locations

and approximately 50 unmanned equipment locations support the USAEDS.

Colonel Dettmer was born on 6 Oct 1955, in Bakersfield, California. He is a graduate with honors of the U.S. Air Force Academy where he was also commissioned in 1977. Some highlights of his career include assignments as Operations Officer, 6985th Electronic Security Squadron (ESC), Eielson AFB, Alaska; Chief, Standardization and Evaluation Division, and Aide-de-Camp, Electronic Security Command, Kelly AFB, Texas; Tactical Cryptologic Program Element Monitor, and Executive Officer, Director for Intelligence Plans, Programs and Policies, Headquarters United States Air Force, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; Commander, 27th Air Intelligence Squadron (ACC), Langley AFB, Virginia; Chief Assessments Division, Director for Intelligence (J2), Defense Intelligence Agency; Director, Tactical SIGINT Program Office, National Security Agency, Fort George Meade, Maryland, and Commander, 607th Air Intelligence Group, 7th Air Force, Osan AB, Korea.

Colonel Dettmer is a graduate of Squadron Officer School (1984), Air Command and Staff College (1988), Air War College (1994), and the Armed Forces Staff College (1995). He received his Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado, in 1977, and earned a Master's Degree in Systems Technology from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, in 1988.

AIA Merges With ACC

Ben Vlassick forwarded this article from the Nov 5th issue of the MacDill Thunderbolt, AFNEWS

WASHINGTON - Plans are under way to functionally realign Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, under Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Va., Air Force officials announced Oct 26. Effective Feb 1, AIA will change from an Air Force field-operating agency to an ACC primary subordinate unit. (Paragraph goes on to give reason for move.) National Air Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, and the AF Information Center, Kelly AFB, will continue to report to the AIA commander. Existing administrative support relationships between AIA and the Air Force Technical Applications Center will remain as well. The agency's two wings, the 67th Information Operations Wing, Kelly AFB, and the 70th Intelligence Wing, Fort Meade, Md., will realign under 8th AF, headquartered at Barksdale AFB, La. www.af.mil/news

AFTAC KEEPS WATCHFUL EYE ON WORLD

FROM FLORIDA TODAY, 00.5.13, HONORING ARMED FORCES DAY

For more than 50 years the United States has been the ears and eyes in detecting the nuclear pulse of the world. Keeping a close watch on what goes on around the world is the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. AFTAC is the sole DOD agency responsible for monitoring worldwide nuclear treaty compliance and nuclear event detection.

This dual mission is accomplished through the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection Center, a global network of sensors that detect events underground, underwater, in space or in the atmosphere. These events are then analyzed for nuclear identification and the findings are reported to the national command authorities through Headquarters, Air Force.

AFTAC monitors signatory countries for compliance with several international treaties. These include the 1963 Limited Test Ban Treaty, which prohibits nuclear testing anywhere but underground and prohibits the venting of nuclear debris or radiation from those tests into the atmosphere outside the country's national border. Two other important treaties AFTAC monitors are the Threshold Test Ban Treaty of 1974 and the Peaceful Nuclear Explosion Treaty of 1976. The 1974 treaty limits the size of underground nuclear tests to 150 kilotons, while the 1976 treaty monitors the testing of nuclear devices outside of agreed treaty sites.

AFTAC'S mission dates back to the end of World War II, when General Dwight Eisenhower recognized the need to monitor nuclear programs and the ability to detect atomic explosions anywhere in the world. In 1949 a sensor aboard a B-29 flying between Alaska and Japan detected debris from the first Russian atomic test - an event that experts had predicted couldn't happen until the mid-'50s. Since then AFTAC has evolved into a unique resource that monitors compliance with nuclear treaties, supports our nations space program and helps protect everyone during emergencies involving nuclear material. Based on AFTAC's extensive nuclear monitoring experience, it was tasked to develop the system to monitor the proposed Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and to be the U.S agent responsible for monitoring the treaty. The U.S National Data Center, located at AFTAC's headquarters, collects and processes data for this treaty.

There are 701 people assigned, military and civilian. They are highly trained and experienced, with 40 individuals holding PhD's in nuclear physics, chemistry and other technical fields: 169 have Master's degrees; 129 hold Bachelor's degrees, and 105 hold Associate's degrees. Officers make up one fifth of the organization and nearly two thirds of the enlisted people are specially trained scientific technicians who could spend the majority, if not all, of their Air Force career with AFTAC. Complementing the military team, more than 100 civilians provide specialized scientific expertise, continuity and the corporate knowledge important to any organization. Four of the civilians hold Senior Executive Service

or scientific Professional positions, equivalent to general officers.

AFTAC EARNS HIGH MARK FROM IG

SMSGT. FRED HAGANS, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

After more than a week of scrutinizing everything from critical operations to paper documentation, the Headquarters Air Intelligence Agency Inspector General team stamped its approval on the Air Force Technical Applications Center with an "Excellent" rating.

The rating was the highest ever earned by a center or wing supported by AIA since the IG began using compliancy inspections. The rating also validated the efforts begun by AFTAC more than a year ago in preparing for the inspection.

During their 11-day visit, the IG team looked at more than 80 programs within AFTAC, including the Commander's Programs, Logistics and Systems, Communications and Information, Plans and Programs, Materials Technology, Nuclear Treaty Monitoring, Advanced Technology Applications, and Operations of the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System.

"The folks in AFTAC truly earned this superb recognition from the IG," said Col. Kearns, director, Logistics and Systems, and currently the acting commander. "The exceptional work they accomplished in preparing for the IG was on top of their world-class global monitoring mission and occurred during many ongoing "real-world" operations. I am very proud of each and every member of AFTAC."

"I also want to recognize the support Patrick (AFB) gave us. When we needed help the 45th Space Wing jumped through hoops to support us. It was a great team effort that had a very beneficial impact on the results of the IG," he added.

AFTAC received "Excellent" ratings on numerous programs, with two areas -- Financial Management and Publishing being rated "Outstanding." The financial management team, headed by Deborah Ward and MSGt. Barbara Engh, were lauded for their innovative solutions and ability to think "outside the box." The IG made particular mention of the relationship between the host base and its financial partners, calling it the "best" seen to date.

MSGt. Yvette Cartagena and SSgt. Brian Moore, who run the Publishing section, were touted for managing an exemplary program for more than 130 center instructions, supplements, visual aids, and forms. The program was also the "best" seen to date according to the IG. The inspectors pointed to detailed "how-to" instructions, flow charts, and pre-printed examples as providing flawless guidance for the start to finish development of center instructions, forms, and visual aids.

Thirty members of AFTAC were recognized as Professional Performers. They were: SSgt. Felicia Ballard, SrA. Dustin Barr, SSgt. Kevin Callan, A1C Stanley Charamut Jr., TSgt. Charles Curtis Jr., TSgt. Douglas Dale, TSgt. Stephen Decker, TSgt. Jose Dieppa, Amn. Shane Edie, SrA. Keith Ewasuk, SSgt. Brian Fedorko, Stephanie Fisher, SSgt. Robert Foster, TSgt. Scott Hartzell, TSgt. Thomas Hemrick, SrA. Brandi Hicks, SrA. Jeremy Johnson, Amn. Mark Ledoux, SSgt. Cesar Londono, Lilly Lopez, SSgt. Chad Madore, Kathy Moreno, TSgt. John Muir, SSgt. Edward Pineda, TSgt. Melvin Rodriguez, SSgt. Delbert Rook, A1C Stephen Schermerhorn, SSgt. Reginald Smith, Patricia Synder, and TSgt. Kimberly Todd. The IG also recognized the Freedom of Information Act and Classification Management Team of Deborah Carson and Theodore Matteson as Professional Team Performers.

SNOWBALL III FROM PG 1

This will be our 3rd year, the 1st year ~40 alumni showed up, and last year 50+ made it and we are shooting for a 100 this year. It has also become customary that the AFTAC Commander and Dr. O'Brien be invited, along with several other interested active-duty personnel and to announce the selectee(s) for the 'Alumni of The Year' honors.

Thus, CMSgt Ken **Myers**, Command Superintendent and Association Activity Chair, announces **Snowball III** is just around the corner scheduled for **Saturday, 13 Jan 01, from 1800 to whenever** at the **Patrick NCO Club Ocean Lounge**. For those of you who made it to last years Snowball II, with the luau theme, we have another fine evening planned for you this year. Our theme will be '**Red Hot Chili Peppers**' Everyone is encouraged to wear their hottest shirts/skirts, and outfits. The club is going to put out another great buffet for us with the theme of Mexican entrees. Some might be hot, so bring a good sense of adventure and of course a good thirst for margaritas.

Keeping a lid on inflation, the cost will be the same as last year, \$18 per person. Please RSVP by 10 Jan, directly to me, if you'd like to come. You can email at 'kenneth.myers@patrick.af.mil' or 'kmyerscmsgt@aol.com'. Phones are (321) 494-2505 (work) or (321) 752-5843 at home. Payment will be collected at the door (cash or check), but if you RSVP and don't show, I'll come looking for you to collect. Hope to see you all there and make this the biggest SnowBall yet.

GOLF FROM PG 1

After a frantic last-minute frenzy to get everyone registered and in the proper cart, the starter blew his horn, and the chase was on for those wayward golf balls. The alligator on hole 5 barely fazed the golfers as he took advantage of the beautiful weather to sunbathe on the banks of the canal. As the players enjoyed the course, the volunteers took a much-needed break before the scores started coming in. Frank **Calenda** could be seen throughout the day taking pictures of the players and the scenery - these have been posted on the WebPage. Kathy **Moy/Judy Milam** and John and Chris **Horsch/Edna Calenda** kept the golfers spirits up as they traveled the course by providing beverages and consolations at holes 5 and 14.

The prizes were plentiful and impressive, thanks to donations by our corporate sponsors: **SAIC**, **CTI**, **TASC**, **QTSI**, **ENSCO**, **BOEING** and **ZEL TEC**. Mark **Durgin**, who retired from AFTAC ear-

lier in the day, made his mark on the tournament by winning both "longest drives." He received a dozen balls for each drive. Frank **Hall** and Carl **Gailey** manned the scoreboard and managed to come up with a winner without a recount. We had four teams tied for first place with a net score of 60. After reviewing scores for the low handicap holes, the winners emerged. The competition was keen, and the final scores produced a first-place team of Marty **Dougherty**, Chic **Garcia**, Jim **Goodson**, and Janet **Weisenhan**. Winner of the Grand Prize, a **Calloway** Golf Bag, was Joe **Goldian**.

Thanks to all the hard work of Sam **Sorice** and his SAIC volunteers, Nancy **Frey** and Karen **George**, the Association maintained its reputation for holding another outstanding golf tournament.

GOLF PRIZES

(not noted above)

Prize/Donated by/Winner(s)

-\$50 Dove gift certificate/**QTSI**/James **Head**

-Shirt/**Jeffrey Dean**, **Paul Dettmer**, **Pat Murphy**, **Tony Calenda**, **Sam Sorice III**, **Mike Metzger**, **Larry Silhanek**, **Gary Killian**

-Hat/**Sam Sorice III**, **Jay Sherman**, **Watersen**, **Jerry Kronenfeld**, **Andy Schwartz**, **Don Durgin**, **Joe Marshall**

CTI "Cup of Tees"/**CTI**/**Dave Hamil**, **Chic Garcia**, **Jim Short**, **Charley Kirchhoff**, **Bob Churnell**, **Randy Galloway**

SAIC Mug/**SAIC**/**George Lowe**, **Wally Murray**, **Al Siegel**, **Chip Brogan**, **Bob Wiley**, **Elliot Kicklighter**

Sleeve of Golf Balls/**SAIC**/**Tom Andler**, **Hal Baker** (2), **Claudia Beneck**, **Tony DeMarco**, **Tom Donnelly**, **Don Durgin**, **Mark Durgin**, **Don Ely**, **Ken Frey**, **Don Gilbert** (2), **Karl Glasgow**, **Susie Glasgow**, **Frank Gutcher**, **Joe Hauser**, **Jim Heinbaugh** (2), **John Holshey**, **Mark Kienzle**, **Walt Kiska**, **Walt LaBelle**, **Larry Lange** (2), **Ed Lawrence**, **Boyd Lease**, **Suzanne Leonard** (2), **Al Moy**, **Pat Murphy**, **Brad Neihart** (2), **Tom Ottesen**, **BJ Provoncha**, **Larry Silhanek** (2), **Gene Smith**, **Bill Stringer**, **Cisco Van Dyck**, **Frank Walker**, **Carol Warfield**, **Jim Williams** (2)

Golf Clubs/**Lou McNeil**, **Randy Galloway**, **Cesar Londono**, **Mark Kienzle**

Putter/**Kevin Parrish**

Closest to the Pin – Hole #5/**Terry Evans**, #16/**Galen Pound**

3rd Place Winners - \$80 for team/**Tom Andler**, **Fred Bell**, **Galen Pound**, **Chip Brogan**,

2nd Place Winners - \$120 for team/**Joe Marshall**, **Brad Neihart**, **Bill Bancroft**,

FROM THE TOP

"KERNELS OF WISDOM"

SAM SORICE - PRESIDENT

FRANK HALL - VICE PRESIDENT

I made the easy choice for my first column as your new President, which was to introduce the new board and thank the outgoing board. Most of us have volunteered to serve on the board to give back a little time in return for many benefits we have enjoyed over the years of membership. I retired from AFTAC in December of 1987 and have maintained many of the friendships I enjoyed on active duty. I enjoyed serving as the Vice-President last year and look forward to serving the Association for another year as President. The new Vice-President is Frank Hall. Frank is one of the charter members of our association and was our alumni of the year in 1998. Over the years, Frank has been an active supporter of the Alumni Association and has contributed immeasurably to its success. Our new Treasurer is Steve Cook. Steve spent most his active duty career with AFTAC, retiring in 1996. He has taken on a difficult job but has hit the ground running. Pete Towell has stepped forward to accept the Secretary position, and will be keeping the records of our monthly meetings. I am looking forward to working with these new board members. We have a good mix of "corporate memory" and "fresh blood" to keep our organization moving forward. I encourage you to attend any of the monthly meetings and get involved in the workings of your Alumni Association. Our meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 1730 in the Singlevich Conference Room HQ AFTAC, Patrick AFB. We usually gather at the front door and one of our active duty members meets us and escorts us in.

Now comes the easy part. In various places in the Post-Monitor you read of the activities of your association. You can see that the organization is healthy. We owe a big thank you to our outgoing board for their fine stewardship during the past year. Mike Shilkitus served us well as President, leading us through another successful year. Judy Milam has done a great job as Secretary, and Frank Calenda was an excellent manager of our finances for the past year. These folks gave a lot of their time to keeping the organization fine tuned. John and Chris Horsch have kept up the hard work of putting out the Post-Monitor. Jim Payne has kept our membership roles up to date; Mike Black and Dave Johnson manage the alumni web site; Carl Gailey, Eunice

Harris, and Swede Swansen have handled all those little tasks that keep the organization running. I also want to thank CMS Ken Myers, SMS Dennis Gilroy, Tsgt Dave Money, and Mrs. Pat Snyder who have provided escort duty for us, attended our monthly meetings and provided an invaluable link to the active duty AFTACers. In addition, we have received excellent support from the AFTAC Commanders, Col Beatty and Col Dettmer, who are strong proponents of the association.

And now for the pitch: We need volunteers to help. Please give us a little of your time and I guarantee you will enjoy every minute of it. The camaraderie and AFTAC spirit you enjoyed on active duty can be transformed into a new experience in the Alumni Association: - get involved!

BOARD MEETINGS

Alumni Association Board Members
Elected

President-Sam Sorice	Vice-Frank Hall
Secretary-Pete Towell	Treasurer-Steve Cook

Appointed

Heritage Hall Committee	
Frank Hall, Clark Creery and Larry Silhanek	
Activities-Ken Myers	Hospitality-Judy Milam
Internet Communications-Mike Black and Dave Johnson	
Membership-Jim Payne	Newsletter-John and Chris Horsch
Publicity-Swede Swansen	

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

September - November 2000:

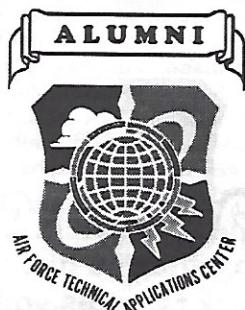
- The JAG office returned the proposed Constitution and by-laws with many comments and required changes. The Executive Board will be working on a solution to these requirements.
- Col. Paul Dettmer, the new AFTAC Commander, stopped in at a meeting to offer his support for the Alumni Association. In keeping with our Constitution, Col. Dettmer was inducted as an honorary member.
- The Annual General Membership Meeting and election of officers took place on 17 November. New officers were elected – see article on page one, 'Spotlight.'
- Plans were made for Snowball III – our wintertime banquet. [Hope to see you there!]
- It was reported that the Environmental Protection Agency is investigating buried drums containing plutonium at McClellan AFB and that they might be interested in talking with Alumni members about the drums. It was decided it would be inappropriate to provide them a list of names.
- A donation was made to the orphanage at Wonju, Korea.

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GOLF N'GETOGETHER

Sages and friends having a good time!!

00.11.17



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 AFTAC's SAGES

What follows is some of our photo coverage of this good time arranged by our new prez, Sam **Sorice**. These film photos, and people identifications, are by Judy **Milam** - formatting by the editors, John and Chris



>>Nancy, Frank, Carl **Gailey** and Pat **Snyder**. Carl and Pat were also volunteers, as usual. Pat even wound up cooking.

<Ken **Frye**, Karen **George**, Nancy **Frye**, and Frank **Hall**. Three intrepid volunteers and one golfer. Karen and Nancy (SAIC) keep comin' back to help - Frank worked a lot with the tournament arrangement.



(up) Three more volunteers and a golfer. Tom **Andler** (golfer?) tells John and Chris **Horsch** and Edna **Calenda**, how well he is going to do today.

>AFTAC's new CC, Col. Paul **Dettmer** was there that day being carted about by Terry **Evans**.

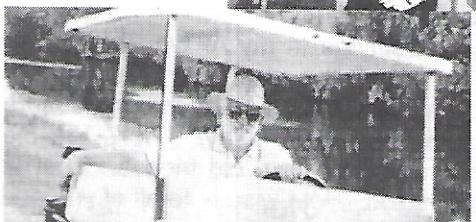


>>The Vice made it also, Col. Paul **Guttman** is shown being carted by Mike **Kuchinos**



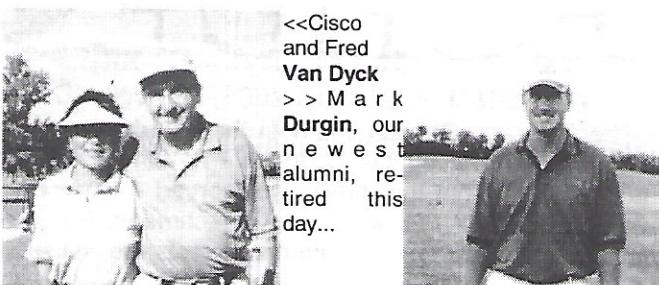
<<Bruce **Snelgrove**, Don **Gilbert**, Carol **Warfield**, and Tony **Calenda** also came that day

>>Randy **Hunter**, Tony **DeMarco**, Bob **Wiley** (our DigiCamMan), and John **Caban** reported that day to also look for golf balls.



(up) Frank **Calenda**, our rovin' DigiCamMan here poses for a self-portrait >>Sam **Sorice** congrats Joe **Goldian** on winning the grand prize, a Callaway golf bag.

(down) Jim **Williams**, Larry **Lange**, Lee **Severance**, and Danny



<<Cisco
and Fred
Van Dyck
>> **Mark**
Durgin, our
newest
alumni, re-
tired
this
day...

West Coast Chapter/California

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG, EDITOR/CHAPTER SECRETARY

Spring 2001 Get-Together Options

Already underway are plans for another outing to rival our Clear Lake cruise this past April. Bob Fitzgerald did some research and here are a couple options. Let us know what you think and if you're interested in participating. The dates are still open, but it's never too early to plan ahead.

Option One: "Basic San Francisco Day-Tour * 9 hours motorcoach transportation from Sacramento. (from one pick-up point) * Professional host for duration of trip. * On-board refreshments.(Morning coffee, juices, doughnuts; Evening soft drinks, snacks)* \$28/person

Add-ons: @ 1-hour harbor cruise on Red & White Line, \$12/person

@ 2-3 hour Alcatraz visit on Blue & Gold line, \$15/person

@ Amtrak one-way Sacramento to Oakland, \$16/person

Option Two: Amtrak, Oakland & the Good Ship "Potomac" Round-trip Amtrak tickets, Sacramento/Oakland.* Professional host for duration of trip.* Two-hour harbor cruise & boat tour aboard the "Potomac," FDR's beloved "Floating White House." * Informational historical film before sailing.* About a ten-hour day, station to station. * \$84/adult, \$77/senior.

Mail Call

SMSgt Julie Doll: I'm enjoying the newsletter and sharing it with Detachment 460 members. Thank you for keeping it going. I was fortunate to be promoted to E8 this year thanks to the wonderful mentorship I've received throughout my career. I want to especially thank Chiefs Aning and Spencer for all the time and energy they devoted to me these last few years – they set a good example of what I could be when I grow up! Keep up the spirit down there. I'm back in the North where I belong! julie.doll@eielson.af.mil

Ed Carfora says: Greetings to my AFTAC associates from 1961 – 1974. It's always nice to run into some of you from time to time. Recently learned that three more of my close associates passed away. Looks like the older I get I lose more and more old friends. That of course is to be expected. Best wishes to all of you and looking forward to attending a reunion someday to see some of you again. Take care old friends. Ed Carfora, 7104 9th Avenue, Rio Linda, CA 95673 E-mail address: carforaed@aol.com

Nick Pketza says: Enclosed is a check for dues. Looking forward to future events. When I was in the service, my last name was spelled Puketza. We've recently had the spelling legally changed to Pketza. Nick Pketza, 5136 North Ave, Carmichael CA 95608, E-mail: pketza@juno.com



SUBMITTED BY BRYCE DUNN, ECHOES EDITOR AND BEN VLISSICK, PRESIDENT

NATIONAL REUNION 2001, Denver CO

The Colorado Chapter will host the next National AFTAC Alumni reunion. Dates are 14 - 17 June 2001. Any and all personnel that have ever served with AFTAC, SWS, 1009th, WFO, worldwide detachments, etc., are invited and encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome.

Questions: Contact Ben Vlassick, 303-690-1239, or, aftacco@aol.com.

The registration form has been prepared and is available on the following pages of this newsletter and on the alumni association's webpage-**deadline for registration, Feb 01. For this event to be a success we must have your registration at that time. DO IT NOW!!!!**

To date, the Committee of volunteers that are working the reunion are, Chairman/Co: Ben Vlassick/Earl Pierce, Treasurer: Bill Schmied, Data Processing: Bob Tomlinson, Facilities; Chuck Toner, Ed Gardner, Ben V, Registration: F. Lepus, Bill Braukman, Hospitality: L. Gibbons, Tom Miller, Jack Smith, Dick Plan, Golf Tournament: Jack Smith, Souvenirs: Bryce Dunn, Rick Phillips, Newsletter, Recorder: Bryce Dunn, Entertainment, Photographer: Bill Harris, Tours: Earl Pierce, Tony Ferese, MC: Dick Plan

When AAACO hosted the Reunion in '96, the Golf Tournament was canceled due to a lack of participants. Jack requires your support if we are to have one in 2001.

Buckley – An Active AF Base

FROM AN ARTICLE BY JOHN SPANN, BUCKLEY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE, APPEARING IN THE 'MILE HIGH GUARDIAN' – 00.9.28

Effective 1 October, Buckley ANGB became Buckley Air Force Base. Over 8,000 military (including active duty and reserve Army, Navy, Marine, Air National Guard, civilian and contract people) work on the nearly 4,000 acre military base. Buckley started out as Army Air Corps Technical School, offering B-17 and B-24 bombardier and armorer training on July 1, 1942. Buckley Field was named in honor of 1st Lt. John Harold Buckley, a World War I flier from Longmont, Colorado. Buckley was shot down during the third day of the Argonne offensive on September 17, 1918. The Arctic Training Command was transferred to Buckley Field in 1943 and a separate training facility was opened at Echo Lake, Colorado. When the war ended, Buckley became an auxiliary field for Lowry, which in turn transferred it to the Colorado Air National Guard in 1946. The Department of the Navy took charge in 1947, renaming the installation Naval Air Station-Denver, Colorado. The Navy decommissioned Denver's Naval Air Station on June 30, 1959, and it once again became the property of the Air Force, which licensed it to the state of Colorado.

Buckley has served as a primary military airfield since its inception in the glory days of World War II through the Navy years on into the Vietnam era, which saw an increase in Medical Evacuation traffic for Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center. Today, it acts as the hub for all CO Air National Guard and military air traffic transiting through the Denver metropolitan area.

After 40 years in hands of the Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley once again changed hands on 1 October, 2000, when the U.S. Air Force Space Command took over the base and assumed host responsibilities.

A commissary and BX complex is scheduled for completion in Nov 2001. Det 45, an AFTAC unit, is located on Buckley AFB.

REUNION 2001 REGISTRATION FORM

◆ AFTAC Alumni Association, Florida Chapter

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(THIS FORM IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE AFTAC ALUMNI WEBPAGE, 'CSIHQ.COM/AFTACALUMNI')

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

(Please Print)

Name(s): Member: _____ Spouse: _____
Guests: _____
Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

(Please include a head count for each activity, even when there is no associated cost).

***Registration will start Thursday, June 14, at 10 AM in the hotel lobby.**

Packets with information will be available at that time.**

1. Reunion Administrative Fee (Badges, etc.)@ \$ 5.00/person X ____ = \$ _____
2. Golf Tournament (Friday, June 15, 7:30 AM) (price includes green fees, carts & prizes). Shotgun start with a minimum of 40-people. An additional \$6.00 is required for the shotgun start. Transportation will be provided to the golf course if required. Guests are welcome # MEN = ____ # WOMEN = ____ \$ 40.00/person X ____ = \$ _____
3. Ice Breaker with Hors D'oeuvres/Cash Bar (Friday evening, June 15, 2001)@ \$ 20.00/person X ____ = \$ _____
4. Banquet Dinner and Dance/Cash Bar (Saturday evening, June 16, 2001).....TOTAL NEXT TWO LINES = \$ _____
 - a. Roasted Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish and Au Jus.....\$ 32.50 X ____ = \$ _____
 - b. Chicken stuffed w/Rock Shrimp and Scallops w/Basil Cream Sauce...\$32.50 X ____ = \$ _____
5. Tour - Detachment 045, Buckley ANGB, (Saturday Day, June 16, 2001).....# people ____
Transportation will be required from the hotel: YES ____ NO ____ # people ____
6. Tour - Central City/Blackhawk (Sunday, June 17, 2001). Transportation will be provided from the hotel.
A fee is collected on the bus in exchange for tokens to be used in the casino.....# people _____
7. Brunch, Monday morning (June 18, 2001), hotel cafe (pay at the event).....# people _____
8. For the total of items 1, 2, 3, and 4 I have enclosed a check in the amount ofTOTAL \$ _____

This registration form must be received no later than **February 1, 2001**.

Mail your completed form and check to:

Bob Tomlinson, P.O. Box 471344., Aurora, CO, 80047.

Make checks payable to **Bill Schmied** and include your check with the registration form.

(Souvenir information will be announced in the future)



HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

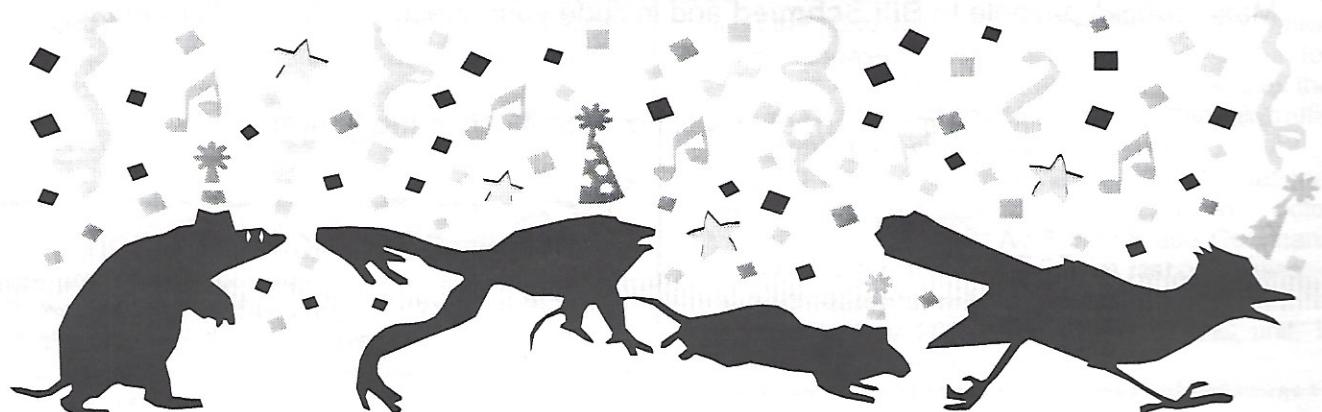
The reunion will be held at the **Doubletree Hotel**, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. (The Doubletree was formerly the Red Lion where the 1996 reunion was held across street from Stapleton - old airport). A special room rate of \$ 78.35 (includes taxes) is available for the reunion. Toll free number: 1-800-222-TREE (8733) Local: 303-321-3333.

When you call the hotel for reservations, be prepared with a credit card and tell them you are participating in the AFTAC Reunion. Reservations must be made prior to May 25, 2001. Special rate may not be available after May 25. You will be given a confirmation number; record that number. Hotel reservations must be canceled 24-hours in advance if your reservation is to qualify for a refund. Contact the hotel directly if you need to cancel.

SHUTTLE: The hotel's shuttle service to and from DIA airport runs 7 days a week from 4:30 am to 12:30 am rotating every 30 minutes. At DIA, West Terminal pickup is Door 512; East Terminal pickup is at Door 505. The hotel also offers a shuttle service to Downtown Denver and the Cherry Creek Mall 7-days a week. Information is available at the Guest Service Desk. From DIA, you can call the hotel at local number 303-321-3333 (ten digits are required) for shuttle info if necessary.

Airline travelers that will be renting a car should compare fares to Colorado Springs airport. Often, a better fare is possible.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car has a booth in the hotel lobby. The only advantage in using the hotel booth at this mailing is a tax savings. A group rate cannot be negotiated at this time.



CALENDAR

Association Board/Membership Meetings

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns

Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend these events for fellowship and participation.

ALWAYS VERIFY (PAT SYNDER, (321) 494-6867, BEFORE COMING)

—Board/membership meetings are normally scheduled for the **second Monday** of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: **Lobby, AFTAC HQ building**

HOW: come to lobby, you will be met and escorted

—WindDowns are normally scheduled for the **first Friday** of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building (the **Outback**)

HOW: come to the back of the building-find the crowd

January, 2001

5th, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

8th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

13th - SnowBall III, see below

February

2nd, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

12th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

March

2nd, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

12th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

End of Month - Post Monitor mailing

April

6th, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

9th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

Special Events

January 13th, 2001

SnowBall III

see story Page 1 and 13

June 14 - 17, 2001

National AFTAC Alumni Reunion

Denver Colorado

see story on Page 1 and 17 - 18

ALUMNI SHOP

Mail orders to: AFTAC Alumni Asc., ATTN: Sales Staff,
PO Box 254892. Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892

Include additional \$3.00 for shipping and handling*

*No shipping and handling charged on logo pins

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 00.10.10)

PURCHASED WITH ALUMNI FUNDS-Multi Color Logo

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
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JACKETS - Unlined/Royal Blue - \$20 2 4 5 4

GOLF SHIRTS - with pocket - \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	3	4	4	3
Jade (medium green)	3	3	5	3
Navy	3	4	5	4
Red	2	3	4	2
White	2	4	2	3
Royal Blue	3	3	5	3
Teal (dark aqua)	3	4	4	4
Maroon	3	4	3	3

T-SHIRTS - without pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	2	3	3	3
Royal blue	1	3	4	3
Navy	4	4	4	3
Ash Gray	2	2	4	3
Purple	2	2	3	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuscia	2	2	2	2
Mint Green	2	2	2	2
Jade Green	2	4	4	2
Lime Green	0	0	0	0

HATS - \$6.00 - # **MISCELLANEOUS**

Green	10	50th Commem. Coins (\$3)	~213
Gray	9	Logo Pins (\$3.25)	~82
Red	10	Logo Disks (\$5.50)	~51
Royal Blue	5	Alumni License Plate, \$7-members	
Light Blue	11	/\$10-nonmembers	9
Navy	7	TOD History Book, free, s/h, \$3.20	
Blue/Gray	32		

PURCHASED BY THE BOOSTERS CLUB - most say ALUMNUS rather than ALUMNI LG XL

JACKETS -

Unlined/Royal Blue - white logo, \$20 3

GOLF SHIRTS-

Med. Blue/with pocket/White logo, \$14 11 7



Sagey sez "Alex, looks like the Sages have a lot of big events coming up...the SnowBall and the National Reunion...you interested??"

"You betcha, but I'm having trouble trying to reply. I tried to speak to a couple of them at the last golf gettogether but they would not get close enough to hear."

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