

♦ AFTAC ALUMNI ♦

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NEW STAFF

The General Membership meeting was held following the Golf Tournament on 15 October 1993. Your Alumni Association now has a new staff. Those elected for the 1994 term are as follows:

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

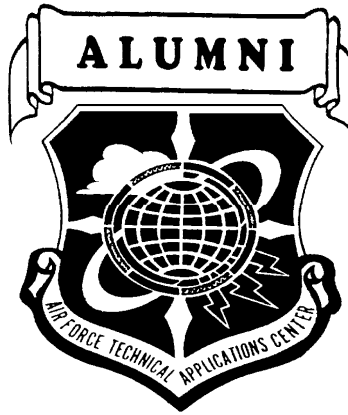
If those names sound familiar, you are right. The staff is a repeat of 1993. Clark threw his name into the ring after months of deliberation and on the best advice of his political advisors. He was not challenged by names being submitted from the floor.



The race for the vice president encompassed three individuals: Frank Hall, Arlen Massey, and Ron Ellingsworth. Frank Hall being reelected hands down. Judy Milam ran for the position of Secretary and was unchallenged. In the Treasurer's slot Carl Gailey headed the list with a nomination from the floor for John Horsch, however, John denied the nomination. All of the newly elected officers thank you for your selection and they will do all possible to serve the association well.

The ballot contained several other items of interest and those were discussed prior to the voting process. Those issues presented to the membership were as follows:

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WOULD YOU BUY A USED CAR FROM THESE GUYS?

Tom Ciambrone, Terry Hammond, Bob Wiley, and Tony Demarco trying to hit the ball on the green.....They do not cheat, we know, we filmed their whole play!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND AN ALUMNI NEW YEAR



♦ GOLF

October 15th was a day when we were not sure if the weather was going to cooperate with the Alumni or not! The day was very overcast and we had planned our general membership meeting around a golf outing for the members and the active folks. Well, we are happy to report that the rains held off until the last foursome was trying to finish. We think that folks had a goodtime and if they did not, well get ready for the next tournament.

We had almost 100 players and I always appreciate the start when all the carts go romping out to the respective greens. This year, one of the fellows from the building took all sorts of photographs. We certainly thank him for his participation.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

Ladies Long drive - Lear Matus

Mens Long drive - Mike Downs

Closest to Pin - Hank Raymond

Last Place - (76)

Matus, Matus, Scott, Goldien

4th - (61)

Bowman, O'Brien, VanDyck, Payne

3rd - (61)

Stringer, Lynd, Moran, Bosergil

2nd - (60)

Heinbaugh, Hall, Hoy, Davidson

1st - (57)

Durgan, Durgan, Durgan, Croft

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President's Corner

Our year 1994 has begun! I would like to thank all of the members that supported our golf tournament and our general membership meeting on October 15. I would especially like to thank Frank Hall for taking on the function, he did a wonderful job. In fact, I owe him a formal apology and things just sort of got out of hand during the elections. I had given it much thought about running for office once again and we had a devil of a time getting folks to become interested in working for you. Frank and I discussed who we might nominate and at the last minute I threw my name in the hat. Well, it was overwhelming and I was elected. I am proud to have Frank as the Vice and I formally apologize for my indiscretion.

This year, we intend to go forward and make the newsletter bigger and better, provided that the funds hold out. We might just have a bowling bash, another golf tournament, a picnic or just a general get-together as the year unfolds. Let us know what you would like to do?

1994 will be the year of the California reunion and I have heard wind that Colorado may just take on the 1996 reunion. Also, I hear tales that we may just start another chapter in Texas.....I would love to see Texas come on-line and the DC area get organized. If anyone has aspirations, contact us for help, we have been through the setup stuff and it is not hard to do.

Let this year continue to be one of friendship and the renew of those friendships. I thank you for your faith in my leadership and I intend to serve you well.

Clark

WC-135

A significant chapter in the history of the Air Force Technical Applications Center's airborne nuclear sampling program came to a close with the retirement of the WC-135 aircraft. The WC-135, which has been the Air Force's premier aerial sampler for the past 28 years, was honored at a ceremony on Sept. 21 at Hangar 800. It flew its final sampling mission on Sept. 22.

"It's sort of like burying a close relative," said Lt. Col. Joseph Ward, Director of Current Operations, who has been leading WC-135 sampling missions for 12 years. "We just really hate to see it go."

The discontinuation of the WC-135 was a result of Air Force budget cuts. The Air Force identified the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, who operate and maintain the fleet of WC-135s, for deactivation later this year.

"It truly is a sad day for all of us," said an emotional Lt. Col. Sterling Palmer, commander of the 55th WRS, at an almost somber reception party following the ceremony. The loss may be somewhat difficult to fully equate.

AFTAC's airborne collection mission has been the backbone of the US Atomic Energy Detection System for 46 years. Many nuclear events were first detected solely by the airplanes and no nuclear explosion anywhere in the world has been confirmed without the planes.

The program started in 1946, when President Harry Truman directed the U.S. military, to monitor the world for nuclear detonations.

Chief of Staff General Dwight Eisenhower charged the Army Air Forces with detecting atomic explosions anywhere in the world.

In 1948, AFTAC (then known as the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron) sent personnel to McClellan AFB, CA to coordinate air sampling operations aboard WB-29 aircraft flown by the 55th WRS. In September 1949, a WB-29 flying between Alaska and Japan detected nuclear debris from the first Soviet atomic test - an event that was not considered possible until the mid - 1950's.

Between 1950 and 1961, several planes were used for collecting but none seemed just right. A decision was made to test the KC-135 as a collector. As a result, in December 1965, the WC-135 was born.

The WC-135 soon became the workhorse of the airborne program. The aircraft were equipped with U-1 foils to collect particulate, a pressure system for whole air samples, and a B-400 Rate meter to detect radioactivity in realtime. Aerial refueling was added to these aircraft in 1968 giving them a global capability. They became the model to follow.

At its peak in 1967, these aircraft flew more than 10,000 hours but dwindled to 2,500 hours by 1978. This past year, AFTAC TOD executed a 2,100 hour flying program, conducting sampling operations all around the world.

AFTAC's Technical Operations Division played a major role in tracking radioactive debris from the Soviet Union's Chernobyl nuclear plant disaster, rerouting civilian aviation, including the President of the United States, to safer air.

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WC-135 Operations.

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These aircraft were also instrumental in executing the Joint Chiefs of Staff directed Pony Express mission and assisting NASA in the space shuttle solid rocket booster and Pegasus launch vehicle programs.

Although the WC-135 air sampling mission draws to a close and the 55th WRS will soon be inactivated, treaty monitoring and aerial sampling will continue to be performed by AFTAC as they pursue a follow-on airborne sampling system.

The AFTAC headquarters airborne staff consists of Ward and the following airborne operations officers: Lt. Col. Brian Wells, Maj.'s Allan Beck, Gary Lawson, Mark Narron and Ron Smith.

MSgt. Gene Couch, TSgts. Lloyd French and Dan Rivera and SSgts. Tim Drury and Steve Rice are making preparations for the new program as the staff's special equipment operators.

"We're working on a new sampling regime we feel will be on board soon," said Ward. "We still have to fulfill the same requirements." The airborne sampling mission will continue, and the WC-135 may soon be replaced. But one thing is certainIt won't soon be forgotten.

This article by: Sgt. Darryl Harris of the AFTAC Public Affairs office and printed in the PAFB "Missileer", Friday, October 1, 1993.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE STAFF.....HAVE A WONDERFUL 1994

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General Membership Meeting, continued from Page 1.....

1. Should the Commander of AFTAC be given Lifetime Membership status when he/she takes command of AFTAC?

This was an issue that has been rolling around the executive meetings for over 3 years and the board wanted the membership to vote on the issue and eliminate the confusion.

When the ballots were counted, the membership present gave it a heads up and the AFTAC Commander will now be extended a Lifetime Membership in the association from the onset.

2. Should the AFTAC Enlisted Advisors be extended a Lifetime Membership in the association? (This would become retroactive if passed by the association.)

This issue was brought up by numerous members throughout the year and the board felt that we needed the general membership to decide how we should proceed on this item.

The general membership voted not to extend a Lifetime status to the Senior Enlisted Advisors.

3. The third issue presented on the ballot concerned the ratification of the Constitution and By-Laws by the General Membership. This ratification covered the numerous changes and clarifications that we presented in this newsletter earlier in the year.

The membership ratified the Constitution and By-Laws as presented to the General Membership.

General Jaeger was present and he filled in during the actual voting process and gave us the latest status on the activities of the organization. He was very positive and even in the time of austere budget conditions, the future of AFTAC does not look all that bleak. We thank the General for the words and we really thank him for being present at the meeting. He had just returned from a conference and by attending our function, he demonstrated his commitment to his AFTAC Alumnus. Sir, we thank you!

Other items were discussed with the membership and one very important issue concerned the Alumni doing something to assist an orphanage located in Korea. It was decided by the general membership that we really did not have the staffing nor the funding to start a venture of this magnitude. We decided that the association has been established to support its members and that a venture of this nature might just open the door for many requests that we could just not handle.

Of major importance was the appointment of the three Chairpersons to handle membership, publicity, and activities. The General Membership nominated and assigned those duties to the following:

Membership: Mary Welch

Publicity: Swede Swansen

Activities: Ron Ellingsworth

We set the next meeting for the board of directors for the second monday in November (8th) at the AFTAC Headquarters.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General Membership Meeting
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Carl Gailey presented the financial statement for the year and we continue to be solvent. His report is covered later in this newsletter.

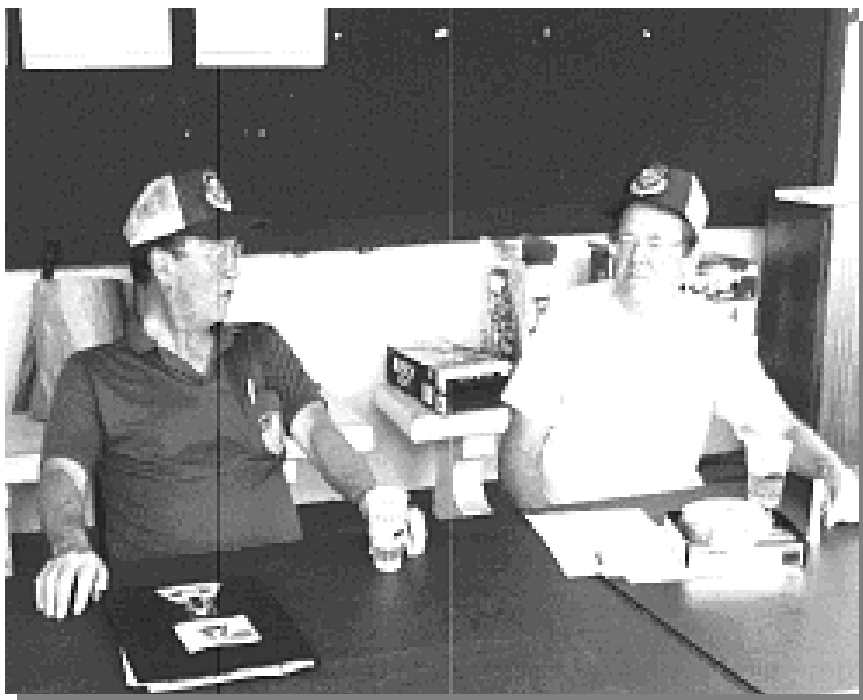
Mary Welch reported that we now have over 430 active (dues paying) members and over 90 lifetime members.

Mary Welch showed the general membership the new listing that she intends to put on the market. This listing contains over 4000 names of ex-aftac personnel with addresses as we can find them. We intend to offer the listing as a subscription and the list will be presented in a binder and the subscriber will have their choice of a picture of the Alexandria, VA building (2 versions) or the Patrick AFB, building. The compilation is really impressive and Mary has spent hours and hours preparing the listing. Our initial thoughts are to charge \$10.00 for the listing to defray costs of the publication, updates, and mailings.

We members of the board would like to thank you for your participation and your patience during the one hour and fifteen minute membership meeting. It is gratifying to see so many members present and actively participating in your association. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM and some of us die hards stayed to help drain the keg.

Colonel Krebs was present and he is doing fine. He brought his own cart and was out on the 18th terrorizing all the golfers that crossed his path. Thank you sir.....we loved it.....

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An informal staff meeting?

GOLF:

We apologize for the delays in getting players registered. This was caused by numerous golfers dropping out of the tournament and a few players not pre-registering.

Thanks to the following people who made the tournament a success: Jim Heinbaugh purchased all the prizes and helped the day of the tournament. Mike Higgins volunteered to assist in checking in golfers. It was a difficult job, thanks Mike for your assistance, it was greatly appreciated. Ron Ellingsworth assisted with Mulligan ticket sales and drove the beverage cart. Thanks, Ron for volunteering your time. As always, John Horsch and Judy Milam helped with holes number 5 and 16, selling in-the-circle chances. Thanks John and Judy. Lastly, a special thanks to Carl Gailey. He did most of the planning for the food and beverages and coordinated the whole golf activity. Thanks for a job very well done.

Editor's Note: Frank, we appreciate your leadership, your volunteering, and your support to get this thing off the ground in a very short time. We also thank all of those who supported the tournament and those who stayed for the general membership meeting and participated actively. We have one heck of an organization and there is not one thing that we cannot do collectively. This newsletter attests to that! Thanks all for your support.....The prezzzzz.....

Comments from Vice

Fiscal year 1993 has been a most enjoyable year in the association.

Increasing membership to over 400 members takes a tremendous amount of dedication and hard work. Mary Welch has been the "Leader" that made the growth occur. Mary has spent hundreds of hours of her off-duty time researching and handling membership. Mary, we thank you for your superior support. You have always been an outstanding team player.

I would like to make a few comments about the president, Clark Creery. In addition to keeping the association on course, Clark has worked to make the Newsletter one that says something for and to all of the members. Needless to say, he thoroughly enjoys developing the newsletter. It is time consuming, yet he always makes it professional.

Clark, thank you for your leadership and for the Newsletter. Hats off to a dedicated AFTAC'er.

Frank Hall, Your Vice President

~~Ed Note: You are welcome, Frank,~~
the check is in the mail.....From Ben and me.....

NOTE:

After defeating a desert dictator, rotating stateside from a humanitarian relief mission or just putting in for some vacation time, anyone with a U.S. military ID card soon will be able to say: "I'm going to Disney World." The AFRC is taking over the 288 room Disney Inn for use by military personnel, retirees and DOD workers.

STUFF

SOUVENIRS

This is what we offer:
CARRIERS:

Black fabric, w/handle and shoulder strap. Full color AFTAC logo embroidered on the side. Zippered compartments, light weight, durable nylon.

Briefcase.....17.00

Large Gym Bag.....12.00

Small Gym Bag..... 8.00

SHIRTS & JACKETS:

Wind breaker (blue, X-Large only)18.00

Golf Shirt (white, X-Large & Large with AFTAC Logo16.00

Golf Shirt (blue, pocket, X-Large & Large with AFTAC Logo - not full color logo)14.00

T-Shirt (blue only, AFTAC Motto on back..... 6.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ball Cap (blue or white) ... 5.00

Beer Mug (plastic w/logo). 2.00

Coffee Cup (ceramic w/logo) 4.00

AFTAC Logo Pin 3.25

Wooden Nickel (w/AFTAC Logo) 1.00

Note: Add \$3.00 for each order for shipping and handling, except for single orders of the following:

Logo Pin - No charge

Wooden Nickel - No charge

Beer Mug - \$1.50 each

Payment to:

**AFTAC Alumni Association
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Do not forget to include sizes and a very special thank you for Mary Welch who offers this service.

FINANCES

As of the General Membership meeting and the kickoff of our new membership drive for our 1994 operating year, we are happy to report the following financial status:

Previous Balance: \$3868.12

Income: \$596.25

Expenses: \$171.40

Balance: \$4292.97

The numbers appear large, but remember within this amount of money are lifetime dues of \$50.00 per member. We now have over 100 lifetime members.

AFTAC WINTER SOCIAL - 93

23 December 1993 at the Melbourne Hilton at Rialto Place. 1830 till whenever!!!!!!!

Room rate is special at \$45.00

Call MSgt Jodi Haley at 494-2836 for details and reservations.

Get Tickets ASAP

THANKS

Hi

Don't know how you got my name and address, but very glad you did. I served at Det 205 and 207 and 057. Also was at HQ in VA for 4 years. I was with AFTAC for 9 years and 7 months. It was a great experience. I served under Col William Welch in VA. Thanks again for contacting me. My membership application and dues are enclosed..

Marvin W. Weber, MSgt Rtd

ALUMNI of the QUARTER

One of the most important functions when an organization is formed is that of the Secretary. The AFTAC Alumni Association is no different than any organized function. We have a Secretary and we would love to recognize her officially in this newsletter. Judy Milam is a woman of unequivocal character and one whom devotes countless hours to our association. Without her devotion we would not have had a successful reunion in 1992 - She did an exceptional job and has not quit since that date. As our secretary, she takes a load off the president and can be counted on to do many hum drum administrative tasks that are so important to the association. Judy we want to thank you for a job exceptionally well done, it is evident that you are a true AFTAC'er.....



MEMBERSHIP

Recently, we discovered that one of our new members did not receive his membership package. This included his annual association card, newsletter, and chapter directory.

Usually, new member packages are prepared and mailed within a couple of days after receipt of the application and dues payment. If you don't receive a membership package within 10 days to 2 weeks after sending in your application, please let us know so we can get a dupe out.

Additionally, chapter newsletters are published and distributed each quarter (usually during the months of March, June, September, and December). The same request applies. If you do not receive a newsletter within 4 weeks of our publication dates. Let us know, cause we will get a replacement off to you immediately. Our address is located in the newsletter here so make sure you keep a copy of that handy in case you need to contact us. Thanks - Your membership chairperson.

HERITAGE

The 'Hall of Heritage' located in the AFTAC Headquarters building is a reality. Anyone who might have photo's or memorabilia from detachments that they would like to have displayed should contact us. Photographs are copied and returned so you will not lose your personal part of history. The hall is wonderful and it reflects a part of our lives that were very important to our country. I can picture these items located in a formal AFTAC museum somewhere one of these days. The same as the efforts of the Colorado Chapter to establish a dynamic part of history in Encampment, Wyoming. Our hats are off to you guys.

READING COMP

In this issue of the AFTAC Alumni there are numerous articles about various things. This portion tests your reading ability and makes sure that you do not miss a thing.

1. How much are the dues?
 - a. Regular?
 - b. Lifetime?
2. Are your board members new to the Alumni?
3. Who sells used cars?
4. Who was closest to the pin?
5. Who wrote the article for the Missileer?
6. Did anyone else use the AN/PSM-6 in maintenance?
7. Who is 'Just Curious'?
8. When is the next 'General Membership' meeting?
9. Is anyone thinking about starting another Alumni Chapter?
10. Who is the activities chairperson?

Answers are found in the newsletter!

IN MEMORY OF

In Memory of:

Lucille Bauman (Wife of Vincent Bauman)
Patrick Collins
Avah Pevlor Johnson (Wife of John R. Johnson)

May each and everyone of them
Rest in Eternal Peace!

LETTERS

Dear Sir,

I don't know how you found my current address after all these years, but I am proud that you did and have included me in this association. I was a member of AFTAC for 12 years and started out in Alexandria in 1963 and ended my AFTAC career at Patrick in 1975 as an E-8.

At that time I transferred to Keesler AFB, then to Araxos, Greece as a microwave relay site commander for 9 months, then I transferred to Maxwell AFB and retired in April 1977. Since that time I have worked civil service for the Navy in Pensacola, FL and because of the base closures, I elected early retirement, effective July 1993. I retired as a WS-12, Calibration Laboratory Supervisor.

The reason that I am writing is that I found an article that was published at Patrick after our move from Alexandria that you might want to include in the newsletter. The last sentence sums up our mission.

In reviewing the Florida membership listing, I saw a lot of familiar names and plan on renewing some of those old friends. Keep up the good work and help keep this unique outfit together.

Sincerely,

Howard E. Larinan
507 Thielen Ave.
Foley, Ala 36535

Ed Note: Howard, thanks for the kudos, we try and hope that you keep in touch. We certainly appreciate the contact.

Here is what Howard sent to us:

Secrecy Lid 'Lifted'

Ever since the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) moved to Patrick AFB, about 1-1/2 years ago, people have been wondering just what the hush-hush, 600-employee agency does. Here's the official explanation: 'AFTAC is involved in the exploration and measurement of and tabulation of the effects of natural phenomena on the physical structure of the earth and its atmosphere and in the possible application of such events toward the improvement of military capabilities.' There you have it, right from the horse's mouth. Presumably, this means that if a major war erupts, AFTAC will put the wind, waves, and Aurora Borealis on our side.

Staff:

Hope this covers the dues? The newsletter didn't say how much and I could not remember.

Regards;

Roy L. Jackson

NOTE: Roy, you are right, we forgot to tell you.....argh \$5.00.

Hi,

After being retired 14 years it was indeed a shock to receive something with AFTAC on it. Of all of the people in AFTAC I have only 3 really good friends that I have contact with. It's not to say that I wonder of people from time to time. This will be nice indeed. I was part of a large family for a long time.

Thank you for contacting me!

Harry Ruthrauff

MOODY BLUE ENTERPRISE
Coldwater, MI 49036

Mary,

Enclosed are current dues for Richard L. Grim, SMS Ret. Rich has had a pretty rough 17 months in that he's had a heart attack, open heart surgery, 2 more heart attacks, 2 cataract operations and one kidney stone. We're thinking the worst is over now. He's back to work doing electronic communications for the Ft. Smith Police Department (Can't keep a good man down for long.) We enjoy the AFTAC Alumni letter and hope to make a reunion sometime in the future.

Thanks!

Mrs. Grim

NOTE: Well after that report Rich, you sound like the bionic man. Take care and we hope to see you in the very near future at a reunion or something.

~~Dear Clark,~~

I know my dues are due, you know my dues are due - what is the price of the annual dues? Read thru the Vol. 1, Issue 7, twice, but no price. Here is five dollars and hope that will get me thru the new year?

My views on donating to worthy causes are that we can not support everyone, I confine my gifts to the shrine hospitals.

I can not go along with giving a free ride to the persons who make the most money and can afford to pay dues. Why not pay the dues for the lowest ranking persons?

I enjoyed the article on Joe Johnson giving back the AN/PSM-6, but it was used by all sections, not just 'B'.

Since I cannot attend, I hope this will be my input, see you in Calif.

Charles R. Siegismund

LETTERS

At the expense of one of our AFTAC'ers we want to tell you a little story. Mary finds names and addresses in some of the most fantastic places and she goes after another new member. She sent some information to SMSgt Jack E. Binkerd out there in Utah. Well Jack responded:

Dear Sirs:

I'm curious as to how my name wound up on an AFTAC roster? I don't recall an assignment to said organization! Also, my travels never took me to Florida (and can you imagine 20 years AAC and USAF - and - never setting foot in Texas?)

Sign me - Just Curious

Jack Binkerd

Mary answered Jack and told him she found his name on a set of orders way back when.....We did apologize for bugging him! Well, several weeks later we received the following:

OOPS, repeat OOPS,

When you get older, 3 things happen, first, you lose your memory, second you, uh, that is, well, I forget! With my red face you must be aware of the fact that I am that MSgt (now SMSgt). I guess I have been away long enough that I didn't recognize the AFTAC emblem. I really don't remember referring to other than the euphonism HQ. Well, now what do I do?

So, will you please accept my red-faced apology?

Sincerely,

Jack E. Binkerd

We went back to Jack and have extended an offer to become a member of our association. We just think that finding folks who were AFTAC'ers is fun.

Good Luck with a great idea!!! Hello to everybody, too. Look forward to some kind of newsletter or other form of note on how the old outfit is doing (was doing) in light of today's 'peaceful' world.

Dan Larrabee,
Ex-infrasonics clerk & travel
agency proprietor

Hi,

Enclosed are my annual dues, which I almost forgot about this month..... Wish I had something to contribute to the newsletter, but I don't. I enjoy reading it, though.

Question: Since there will be a reunion in Sacramento next June, will there be any open house/picnic at Patrick next year? Also, do you know when the Christmas party will be (and where, whom to contact for tickets, etc.?)

And I get the impression from the newsletter that AFTAC has a BGEN in command again. Am I wrong? Or, when did that happen? Please say 'hi' to everyone for me, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Leo Orr

NOTE: Yep - General in charge here and he is a jewel. We will have a few functions next year so watch your newsletters and your contribution of a letter is just super. Not too sure about the Christmas festivities at this time, but will publish when the time comes.

Ed

JOBS

In this world today, we must stick together as a family. We have in the past, but now it is ever so important. I realized that when Bill McClelland called me and asked me if I knew of any jobs available for members of our family that he had to lay-off.

We would like to add a special function to our newsletter and let you know that it exists. That being the job hunt section. Hey, AFTAC personnel are experienced, faithful, can be counted on to work for an honest day's dollar. So, you folks out there, if you need a job or if you are working for someone who needs a very good employee let us know. We will not publish resume's, but we will darn sure let folks round this fine country know that you are available or if you need someone.

Things are going to be tight for the next few years and we must help one another. What a better way to help out a fellow compadre than by telling he or she about the opportunities that are out there?

Just send your wishes or your needs to our PO box and we will publish them for you.

So what do you think? Is a column of this type needed or not? It was just a whim and I think it may stick.....Plus our Treasurer has asked that we make our calendar a permanent part of the newsletter and I too think that is a good idea. Will try to see if I cannot get it to work.....Sometimes they just do not know how hard it is to format all this stuff.....Right Ben? If in doubt, call Ben Vlassick in Denver, their newsletter is really neat....I am jealous and love it when they use our stuff.....Clark!

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22th Alumni Meeting —

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS ALIVE

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13th Alumni Meeting —

1st Newsletter Release for Mailing

23rd Winter Social at Hilton Rialto!!!!!!! —

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10th Alumni Meeting —

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14th Alumni Meeting —

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14th Alumni Meeting —

Newsletter articles are due!

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11th Alumni Meeting —

Mail newsletter out

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9th Alumni Meeting —

Golf Tournament - TBD

AFTAC Picnic - TBD

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13th Alumni Meeting —

California Reunion 10-11-12

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11th Alumni Meeting —

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8th Alumni Meeting —

Pick officer's for election slate

Newsletter mailed.

September

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12th Alumni Meeting - Set up Gen

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10th Alumni Meeting - 14th Gen Members

NEW ITEM AVAILABLE

Worldwide Directory - Ever wondered what happened to that friend or co-worker you were assigned with years ago at one of our exotic sites?

Well we may just have located that individual during our recent Alumni search.

In the past 10 months we have added more than 3,000 names to our Worldwide Directory. The majority of the names have full mailing addresses included. Some addresses are missing, but we've included space in the directory to add the address as we locate the folks.

The directory comes in a 3-ring, white vinyl binder, with the AFTAC Alumni Logo on the front. The back cover will contain your choice of a color photo of one of the following:

Aerial shot of the HQ Building at 6801 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA.

Front entry shot of the HQ building at 6801 Telegraph Road, with the tulips in bloom.

Aerial shot of the HQ Building at 1030 S. Highway A1A, Patrick AFB, Florida.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide this directory for free! Hopefully we have kept this cost reasonable.

For a one time fee of 10.00 plus a \$3.00 shipping charge, you will become a subscriber and will receive the following:

Worldwide Alumni Directory
(Over 4,000 names listed alphabetically.)

White Vinyl, 3-Ring binder
(Color photo on front and back)

Updates

(Replacement pages when addresses change or more alumni are located - no extra charge for these.)

Our directory will be available for purchase by 31 December 1993. If you wish to become a subscriber, just send a check or money order for \$13.00 and do not forget to specify which color photo you want added to the rear cover.

Mail to:

AFTAC Alumni Association
Box 4892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

NOTE

This directory DOES NOT replace the Florida Chapter directory currently provided to DUES PAYING chapter members, free of charge.

ANOTHER NICE LETTER

Dear Mary:

Throughout our 36 years of marriage it seems I haven't lost my job of being Chuck's correspondence secretary and taking care of the details. Thus, this letter to you.

Chuck would like to be a lifetime member of the AFTAC association. Check for \$50.00 is enclosed.

We both look forward to the AFTAC Alumni news and appreciate those who make it all possible. We plan to attend the reunion in Sacramento as that is where Chuck and I started our married life together.

FUTURE PLANS FOR OUR NEWS

The last 45 years have been memorable to most of the personnel associated with the Air Force Technical Applications Center.

At the Headquarters or at one or more of the organizations 100 plus field units. Many personal anecdotes or comments have appeared in past issues of our Chapter Newsletters, and we welcome contributions from all of our members. Keep them coming!!

What's ahead? Updates on major changes to the organization such as:

-AFTAC Personnel Directorate closes.

-AFTAC Inspector General function, and the traveling IG team shut down.

-Detachment 057 (Lowry AFB) moves to Goodfellow AFB, TX.

-Area headquarters in Pacific and European theatres down-sized.

-WC-135 aircraft retired.

Additional articles on the following topics are planned and will be included as space permits:

-Hall of Heritage contributions expanded.

-Grand Encampment Museum is a reality.

-Russell Building at McClellan AFB, Calif.

-Partial declassification of some center functions and field units.

We will try to keep you informed and entertained as we forge ahead.

MORE LETTERS

Hi there from Texas!!!!!! Sign me up!!!!!! I've also enclosed a card from a former AFTACer I met on a flight last year. We had salmon for a meal choice and, as he was sitting next to me he said, "I hate salmon smell.....I used to smell dead salmon after they ran up our river in Alaska when I was stationed with the AF." I asked, "Perhaps at Atta Bridge?" He said, "Yes, how'd you know?" I said one word - AFTAC! He was a 99 who had lost touch with the unit. Please send him an invitation to join and get a mailing list.

Thanks,

John M. Field

Ed Note: That salmon sniffer was:

Jim Francis who now lives in Austin, Texas. We have provided the invite and hope he joins.

Mary - Enclosed are my '94 dues. And until someone specifically tells me to stop, I shall continue to cut and paste Florida Newsletters for inclusion with the AAAC Newsletter. Also, until I am over-riden on the decision, we shall continue to mail your President a copy of our Newsletter whether he is a member of AAAC or not.

Ben V
AAAC President

Ed Note:

Let it be known that cutting and paste of our Newsletters is **authorized and encouraged**. We seem to forget that we are AFTAC, not specific chapters or 'clicks' of personnel in different parts of the country.

Our mission in life is to keep all the former and active members informed and newsletters are our

Hello to all of you in the land of sunshine and honey.....

Well I'll be dipped in bat guano. It's that time again....dues. it seems like it was only a year or so ago when I sent my last dues. Time flies, etc., etc., etc. Since I am getting older I don't like to break into cold sweats agonizing over whether my bank account can handle the five dollar check, and I'm tired of developing annual terminal finger fatigue and writers cramp as I prepare the yearly check. Plus, friends like Tom Ciambone and Bruce Wheeler are trying to embarrass me by paying lifetime dues. So, just to short circuit the whole process, put those aforementioned folk in line, and wreak havoc on your accounting system, I shall fork over the eternal dues. Enclosed is a check for \$50.00 -- now we are linked unto death. Sort of like a marriage. Ah Ha! (Famous old Team 407 yell.)

Hang in there and keep up the good work.

Randy Beaty (AFTAC 1959-1967)

eyes to the world. (Ben's dues were returned.) We made a decision when we first formed to include no cost membership to the Chapter President's no matter where they were located. Our goal was to ensure that we get the word out and become an AFTAC network to do what we started to do - Share Information, memories, and friendships!

We are a brotherhood and all of us intend to stay that way.....So, Ben - **do not stop!** You are doing one heck of a good job and we expect you to use what we share. God knows, we certainly share yours. And that goes for anyothers who want to start a chapter in their area.

Clark Creery (Prezzzzzzzzzz)

Hi !!!

I received your literature relavent to AFTAC, and promptly felt antediluvian. I don't think I recognized one name. That is probably the reason for my feeling ancient. Then I had to realize, that was a long time ago. I see that Langley is not mentioned, so I assume that operations moved from there. Maybe I should tell you a little bit of my background. I was recruited at Scott AFB where I was teaching in the 30172/3 career field. I arrived at Lowry in mid 1956. I went to teaching Q System fundamentals. Went overseas in 58 and came home in 60 where I was assigned to B at the 1155th. I got promoted to E8 but was the extra wheel? All section heads were doing a great job, (we had the best NCO's in the service). So, to make work they told me to clean up some of the Tech Orders. I must have been an empire builder because I ended up with a crew of Tech Writers and we had some better publications. Upon retiring, I moved back to Utah.

Seventeen years later I was ushering on Temple Square and was talking to a lady who said she just returned from Alice Springs. I mentioned that my outfit had a detachment there. She said, "**Oh, you mean the seismic boys!**", which was my first knowledge of declassification.

Are there any other chapters of the Alumni? Say the West Coast where I was more familiar. Or, all my contemporaries passed on? I'm now 73 years old. Do you know what people my age do when they go out chasing girls? Well, when they catch them, they bite their tires!

I think I'll take a chance and join the group, although I'm probably amongst the 'ancient ones'.

Jack E. Binkerd, SMSgt, RET'd