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

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

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

Recognized for 50 years
of service to our country
in September 1997
1947 - 1997



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



BOARD MEMBERS, FY 2006

Elected at the September 30th Fall Golf n'Geto-
gether and General Membership Meeting

Name, AF/AFTAC dates, last job (rank); Alumni Assn relationship
ELECTED: President-Carol Snyder, Civilian, AF/AFTAC96, Editorial
Ast, TMN (GS-7); Assn 2004, Sage Shop Dispatch, 04, Vice, 05
Vice-Addison Mitchell, Civilian, AF83-03/AFTAC98, Supt, Systems
Ops (MSgt), Assn, '06

Secretary-Judy Milam, Civilian, AF65-99/AFTAC65-71&72-99, Scien-
tific & Technical Information Officer (GS-11); Assn lifetime, Secretary
90-2000, Pres 04, Hospitality 01-current

Treasurer-Joe Goldian, AF/AFTAC68-91 (MSgt), Manager, Treaty
Monitoring Operations Prog; Assn 91, Vice, 99, Treasurer since 03

APPOINTED: Activities-CMSgt Lloyd French, AF/AFTAC since '77,
Center Superintendent; Assn Lifetime, Activities since 03

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Director for Technology (TM); Assn Lifetime, HOH since 06

Hospitality-Judy Milam, see 'Vice' info above

Internet-Mike Black, AF72-92/AFTAC81-92, NCOIC Test and Analy-
sis Branch (MSgt); Assn lifetime, Internet since 97

-Clark Creery AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisi-
tion/LGEQ (MSgt); Assn lifetime, original newsletter editor 81-84/89-
95, President 94/95, Internet since 97

Membership-Randy Vlassick, AF/AFTAC79-03, Directorate of Nu-
clear Treaty Monitoring (SMSgt); Assn lifetime, Mbrshp since 04

Newsletter-John Horsch, AF/AFTAC 58-87, Senior Enl Adv (CMSgt);
Assn lifetime, Pub 87-90, Newsletter since 97 ... Chris, coeditor

Publicity-Swede Swansen, AF73-93/AFTAC77-93, Small Computer
Sec & Network Sys Admin (TSgt); Assn lifetime, Publicity since 93

Sage Shop, Inventory-Pat Snyder, Civilian, AF74/AFTAC90, Investi-
gations & Inquiries, IGQ; Assn, lifetime, Vice 04, Sec 05

Sage Shop Dispatch-Carol Snyder, see 'President' above

FY 06 DUES NOTICE-Address label-'Name Line' indicates
when dues are due. "FY Dues Due in Oct 06" means you
have not paid your dues for FY 2006 (began 1 Oct 05).
"LT" (Lifetime), or digits above 06, means dues are current.

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

"WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL"

ALUMNI SNOWBALL VII, JAN 28TH

Since 1999, it has become customary for the
Alumni Association to arrange a 'Themed Ball' at
the beginning of each year. This is done for sev-
eral reasons to include an event that does not in-
volve playing a sport and held at a time that our
alumni snowbirds are in town. We also believe it

(SnowBall continued on page 6)

CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

FEBRUARY 25TH

PAT SNYDER ('BANQUET' CONTINUED, PG 6, BOTTOM LEFT SIDE)

SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER, MAY 5TH

FRANK HALL ('GOLF' CONTIUED, PG 6, BOTTOM LEFT SIDE)

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER

COCOA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.ELECTIONS

CAPT. NEW, MAJOR ARRANGER

The Assn Fall Golf N'Getogether Tournament
was held on **September 30** at the **Cocoa Beach
Country Club**. (Golf continued on page 6, right column)

CENTER WINTER SOCIAL, DECEMBER 9TH

BOB WILEY, ROVIN' REPORTER AND POMO DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Well, I didn't see a little old guy in a red suit at
the AFTAC Holiday Party, but I did see some

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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

Joe Goldian 2004-Pat Snyder 2003-Joseph 'Joe' Johnson 2002
Jim Payne 2001-Ben Vlassick '00 (deceased)-John Horsch '99
Frank Hall '98-Judy Milam '97-Carl Gailey '96-Clark Creery '95

Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring center people and its history exist: Two of these, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts) and the 'Wall of Honor' of alumni who served the center for 20+ years (and have mailed in their photos/bios), are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment, Wyoming, Museum.

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired and active duty AFTACer's, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at the Patrick AFB, FL, NCO Club on March 12, 1985 and formed the association; it was later chartered in 1986. It intends to provide a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to past/present employees of all organizations associated with Long Range Detection (LRD) (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

Florida (application on back page)-Dues, \$10/FY (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Monthly meetings at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Randy **Vlassick**, rvlass1@aol.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assc, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**-There is this quarterly newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below) (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor'), and a Website, 'http://www.aftacalumni.org', with assn/alumni data, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; Clark **Creery** writes a 'Happening & Upcoming Events' section posting photos/information. There are 663 Members, 549 are lifetime (16 Distinguished). **Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"** (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, from start-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage-since 01; Frank Hall-Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam-Sec 89-00/Hosp since 01, Pres 04; Eunice Harris-Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch-Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey-Tres 91-99; Swede Swansen-Pub since 93; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, , Webmaster since 97; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04

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

3. West Coast (California)-Formed in 1999, **\$5 year/\$50 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com or AFTAC Alumni Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org'; email, TODalumni@bigfoot.com. There are 155 members, 108 are lifetime..

Sage Communicators

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"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Boos, BooBoos and BooHoos: none known or noted

You know, sometimes we get so involved in 'editing' we don't do much 'reading' until we get our issue. Very much so was the case last issue. That was a keeper if ever there was one. It spanned the association from its start and history with great stories from the past and important notes about your association's future. There was notice of a reunion for 2007 by the 'Mountain Sages' and a most informative Mission Update by the Center Commander at this year's reunion in California.

And there was sadness. Your editors worked very closely with Col (Ret), CMSgt (Honorary) Tom **Ciabrone**, whose memoriam was in the last issue.

We spent our last year's in AFTAC together in the 'Command Section' and even had a joint retirement ceremony with troop formation and the whole nine yards. As we said last issue, "you could not serve with Tom without learning how much he cared about the command and, especially, its people."

This became very evident as Tom neared retirement and there was a groundswell of enlisted support for his being honored at a special induction ceremony making him an 'Honorary Chief Master Sergeant' for his care and support. The AFTAC Chief's were happy to oblige in a 'one of a kind' ceremony on 6 March, 1987.

Many of those people remember Tom in this issue, and his 'trivia' column will run its course (he was several issues ahead). NOTE: At some point we'd appreciate someone stepping up to the plate to continue Tom's column as we are sure he would want. Or perhaps several of you who remember Tom so well.

Recently we changed our preferred email address to 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' as we segue to broadband. So far the experience has been about 90% satisfactory.

And we have another chock filled 24-pager again this quarter. We cannot thank enough those intrepid souls who take the time to share their memories. We know they are enjoyed by our readers because they tell us so, and when they write, they never fail to thank us for the newsletter and note its interesting content. Keep the memories and tales a comin.'

MAIL - CALL



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Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn2@earthlink.net

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

Thanks' to all who write; **Welcome**, or **Welcome Back**, to new and returning alumni. We recognize all correspondence so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled.

FEEDBACK

TOM'S TRIVIA, PAGE 22, LAST ISSUE

Editors: Tom Ciambrone (memoriam, last issue) would have gotten such a kick from the interest this trivia stirred up.

LEO DEVILLE-EMAIL, 10/6

Just list me as a silent sage. Tom forgot to list two aircraft. WB47 and B52. No criticism intended, stuff happens, attempting to short stop flood of correction letters. I was NCOIC of Airborne Training, 1968--1974. 99125A at McClellan AFB, & Patrick AFB S.E.O 1964 to 1974. I will leave things for now, will attempt to send better BS Tales later. Thanks to all of you for keeping up the tradition. And General Curtis LeMay had the unmitigated gall to say he had the best in SAC. You're a man who should know. Thanks for your corrections and we look forward to your BS; and you're so right about the 'best.' And Leo responded with additional info:

It's a wonder, no one had jumped on the omission of the HOG and the HEAVY(47 & 52) before. The reason for the nicknames is, I went to 56th Weather once looking for the maint super and the desk jockey told me he was in the "Hog" pen, so I asked him what in the "heck" was the hog pen, and he told me it was the B-47 parking area, The other was when you came in to Ops someone would ask if your Bermuda shorts were available, the 52's were "south" Merced so you knew that you were scheduled to fly the heavies. For a while there we got to thinking the 47's were courier aircraft, carrying messages from Orville (Pritchard) @McC to Wilbur (Macallister) in Alaska, & back,. but those were the good ole days. My best regards to all THE FINEST GROUP OF PEOPLE I HAVE EVER MET. One

day, when we both have time I will write you the history behind that simulator that was recently dismantled,

JON RICHARDSON-EMAIL, 10/8 (EXTRACTED)

You can add the EC135 to the list please. Over the years, SACs 55th Strat Recon Wing at Offutt AFB flew the aircraft loaded with our "F" system.

Your Minnesota member in the woods of northern MN. On Oct 2nd, it was 21 degrees in the morning. Deer Season starts the 1st week in Nov and if the weather cooperates we will be snow-mobiling around the first week in Dec. See what you miss living in FL. To all our friends, Vi and I celebrated our 50th in May.

HANK RAYMOND,, TELECON, 11/4

Hank reports, 'add the 'B36.'

MIKE GINGRICH, EMAIL 11/4

Just got around to reading the Sept PoMo. You can add the WB-47. Dick **Purdum**, current president of the B-47 Stratojet association can verify this...he flew em for several years in the early 60s. Thanks Mike, your inputs are always solid.

OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARDS, PAGE 15, LAST ISSUE

NOTE: PLEASE SEE MR. NULL'S MOST RECENT ARTICLE IN THE ACTIVE DUTY SECTION.

FRED PARKER, EMAIL, 10/26

I was in the 1009th from 56-58 and we had two Outstanding Units Awards. Give me time to dig out my ancient records and let me know who to forward the information.

I saw articles on Wally Funk in the newsletter - He was my first supervisor at 14th & Constitution in DC when I was a 19 year old newcomer. Thanks Fred. See following for one of the awards, perhaps. Also, thanks for reminding us about Wally ... he WAS a great supervisor, and friend.

JOHN ALLRED, PG 15, LAST ISSUE, EMAIL 11/11

This list did not contain some earlier awards. They are: 1009th Special Weapons Sq, AFOUA - 1 Aug 53 -30 Sep 53 DAFGO 20/54 and AFOUA - 30 Sep 58 - 30 Nov 58 - DAFGO 10/58. I received info on 10/23/05, AFHSO Research at afhso.research@pentagon.afmil. Thank you John. Outstanding and solid research. We have passed this on to Mr. Null, the Center Historian.

LETTERS/EMAIL

Frank Szachta-email, 8/30

So, here goes again. I just re-read your fine 2005 June Post-Monitor and loved it. Since we spent our entire AFTAC tour under West Coast service, I need to join their issue for life also. Query: Does the LT after my name on address header mean we are lifetime members? YES SIR. AT SOME POINT YOU PAID EITHER \$50-75 FOR THIS.

Also find enclosed the third BS tale from the

Szachta's, I guess we shall be known as the BS experts of AFTAC before too long. THANKS FOR ANOTHER BS TALE (WHICH CAN BE READ IN THIS ISSUE).

Also, please add us to your E-Mail list, so you can save funds in mailing us the Post-Monitor. THANKS FOR THIS ALSO, WE ARE PROUD TO ADD YOU AS OUR 47TH ePOMO SUBSCRIBER.

Since we "Snow Bird" to MO. in summers, that delays the snail mail even further. Our E-Mail handle reflects our avocations: I still teach a bit of flying, thus flying is my avocation. Nedra has computer driven sewing machines, and thus sewing is her avocation. Since we do these well, we added "good" to our name. Thus our E-Mail handle is: flysewgood@earthlink.net.

Thanks again to the 'Team of Horsches' for their fine editorial work. YOU ARE MIGHTY WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LIVELY PARTICIPATION IN THE POMO.

Dale klug-email, 9/5

Here's something for the next PoMo. Any reciprocal tongue-in-cheek article for the Depot Fallout will be considered. (Perhaps even favorably)

You know you're living near AFTAC Headquarters when..

You have more than 20 C and D batteries in your kitchen drawer.

The freezer in your garage is full of homemade ice.

You flinch when you are introduced to a person named Charley, Frances or Ivan.

You find yourself dropping words like "millibar" and "convection" into everyday conversation.

Your pantry contains more than 10 cans of Spaghetti-Os.

Making coffee on your propane grill does not seem like an odd thing to do.

You are thinking of repainting your house to match the plywood covering your windows.

When describing your house to a prospective buyer, you say it has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and one safe place.

You are on a first-name basis with the cashier at Home Depot.

You are delighted to pay \$3 for a gallon of unleaded.

The road leading to your house has been declared a No-Wake Zone.

You decide that your patio furniture looks better on the bottom of the pool.

You have the number for FEMA on your speed dialer.

You own more than three large coolers.

You can wish that other people get hit by a hurricane and not feel the least bit guilty about it.

Three months ago you couldn't hang a shower curtain, today you can assemble a portable generator by candlelight.

You catch a 5-pound catfish in your driveway.

You can recite from memory whole portions of your homeowner's insurance policy.

At cocktail parties, women are attracted to the guy with the biggest chain saw.

You have had tuna fish more than 5 days in a row.

There is a roll of tar paper in your garage.

You can rattle off the names of three or more meteorologists who work at the Weather Channel.

Someone comes to your door to tell you they found your roof.

Ice is a valid topic of conversation.

Relocating to South Dakota does not seem like such a crazy idea. Outstanding Dale, and sometimes you are almost too close to the truth here..

John Peek-email, 9/5

I'm writing on behalf of my father, William Peek, who served with AFTAC and specifically the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron through most of the 1960's. As he gets older, my dad seems to talk more and more about his Air Force days and reminisces a lot. He would like to know if you have any reunions coming up that he could attend. We currently reside in Orlando (area) Florida. Thanks for your (and your father's) interest in Sage activity. Hope to see you'all at the Colorado reunion in '07. Check here, and on the alumni association websites, for developments.

Bob Kridle-Biloxi, MS, 9/30

(327-HQ-418-HQ) As I am now without records I'm guessing that my dues are due around now.

We are currently staying in Austin in a family condo. Will probably be here for 4-5 months. Our home lost most of its shingles and as a result the rain came through in buckets. So the house is now gutted and we are awaiting for rebuilding to start. Take care and keep up the good work.

Thanks for the compliment, Bob, and good luck with your home.

Les Miller-email, 10/1

Does AFTAC still use "PROJECT SNOWBALL" with the Priority I-18 (I think this was the priority) on their supply requisitions, shipments etc?

Also, do they still have a B/20 monitor at all the AF Depots? The Project Snowball provided some great moments. I guess the AF still has Material Depots. (on Oct. 1, I will have been retired 35 years.)

Does the history reflect that the AFTAC Bldg on Telegraph Road was never signed for by GSA? Gen. **Rhodenhouse** signed for it. I was at Wurtsmith AFB for my terminal assignment when I received a call from Sgt **Summerfield** (Security Police NCOIC) asking if I knew anything about the building. Naturally, I didn't know about Gen. Rhodenhouse accepting the building until Dave gave me a call. I figured it was straightened out.

Does anyone know if Col Frank **Griffin** ever made BG. As history shows, he was the Deputy Commander for all 7.5 years I was at Hqs, and when Gen. Rhodenhouse retired, he assumed Command until Gen. Hall arrived.

In closing, thanks for sending the ePOMO. Great job you are doing, keep up the good work. Say hi to Carl Gailey for me. Thanks. What a great Sage email, compliments, questions and stories; how can you beat that. Les, I think you are going to have to come back here for a reunion, or just a trip, to get all your answers. We have forwarded

your queries, and perhaps some of our more recent Sages will respond. And, we passed this on to Carl.

Jim Bateman-email, 10/3, 'ole AFTAC'er'

(SSGT,Turkey) Just was told about your site and was very happy to find it. I was a member of the USAF from Apr 1967 to Apr 1971. Four years to the day. I made some great friends while serving, but have lost contact with most of them. Have recently found the last of my classmates (Total of 6) that spent a year together at Lowry AFB, CO, before being sent to different locations throughout the world. Am planning a trip across country to see each of them in the spring.

Would like to see a question section on the site to help recall names and incidents partially forgotten-ex: What was the name of the SGT at tech school that was so nosy about us and tried to make our life a daily hell 1967-1968 Lowry.

ex. Did the K system I helped work on at HQ in Virginia ever get deployed? Years used, 1967-71

Thanks for a great site and will visit often. You have picked a great place (in the PoMo, see following) to pose your questions and you could also post your personnel queries at the alumni assn website, 'Where in the World is ...' Just be sure you keep everything unclassified!!

Brian Swan-email, 10/5, 'Bomb Photos'

Hey, I just read the new Post-Monitor and saw Clark **Wilberg's** question about the nudet photo. If you haven't already been flooded with the answer, here it is.

There is a shot of Murora Atoll for one of the French series events, 41 or 42, some where in that area. I could be way off on the number series. If anyone has the opportunity to go to Kirtland AFB, the Atomic energy museum sells a large poster of this same shot. Or, order it on line at <http://www.atomicmuseum.com>. Navigate to the Museum/Fun Stuff/ Posters section. The poster is \$6.95. A friend of mine, a non-AFTACer, but a long-time associate with AFTAC and satellite ops (Charles "Pete" Peters) has one of the original posters from the 1970s.

And a broader answer to Clark's question on where to get other photos is easy. Los Alamos National Labs runs a public-access web site with just about every nudet picture you can imagine, along with some movie-format files. If I locate the URL I'll send it along. In the meantime, go to <http://nuclearweaponarchive.org/> to see a ton of information and links, and probably some photos. Brian, thanks, as always, for your readership. Good to hear from you and thanks for your research on this. We passed this to Clark who replied:

Thanks. As always, I appreciate the feedback

and the contact with the "family." I have shared the PoMo with folks that I work with here; they are amazed at the on-going contact and close associations that are maintained by AFTACers. I guess it goes back to a common goal (mission) and focus on/dedication to success. Many of the same qualities that bind families together. I'll review the LANL site and photos after I get home this evening. Our local Directorate of Information Management for the post has the site "blocked"—refers to it as "mature material."

Brian added on 10/6

I found out that much of the weapons test photos on the LANL site are no longer available to the public. However, sites are still available: <http://www.atomicarchive.com/Photos/LANL/index.shtml>, <http://www.nv.doe.gov/default.htm>, <http://nuclearweaponarchive.org/Usa/Tests/index.html>, <http://www.cddc.vt.edu/host/atomic/testpix/>, And a place I have used for years to find nuclear-related links is Todd's Atomic Homepage. <http://www.nuc.berkeley.edu/neutronics/todd/nobg.tah.html>

Bob Long-email, 10/7

You folks are doing a bang up job and it is heart warming to read of the old times and new. Just a fluke I found your site on Google one day after all these years and got my life membership in to both the HQ org and TOD West Coast chapter.

Great to read Col Turner's address and CMS French's in last issue. Heck, it's all good reading. Put me on the email version if possible. We all have lots of great tales. Thank, Bob, for your membership and readership.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS

AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE WITH SPACE FOR ASSIGNMENTS OR LAST PAGE, POMO

None received.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ONLY MAIL

Chad **Brotherton**-Alexander **DeSanto**-Frederick **Foot**-Melbourne, FL; Joseph **Florentine**-Huber Heights, OH; Thomas **Gehman**-Colorado Springs, CO; ;Richard **Gullett**-Palestine, IL; Ronald **Kane**-Satellite Beach, FL; Howard **Larinnan**-Foley, AL; Jaqueline **Might**-Bridgeton, NJ; Fred **Parks**-Liberty, SC; Bernard **Riley**-Rochester, MI; Charles **Wright**-Keeseville, NY; Joseph **Cole**-Albertville, AL



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is a grand way to introduce the October elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. A highlight will be the announcement of our 'Alumni of The Year.' This person will also be honored at the Center's 'Annual Award Banquet' on Feb 25th.

This is 'SnowBalls' 7th year, the 1st year ~ 40 alumni showed up, ~ 50 for II and III - and 70 or so for IV, V, and VI, let's shoot for 100 this year. It is also custom that the AFTAC CC and Vice, Chief Scientist, AFTAC Superintendent, Directors and other interested active-duty personnel are invited.

The 'SnowBall' always has a 'Theme.' In the past some of the themes were Hawaii, Germany, Florida, etc, honoring locations AFTAC had/has a presence. This year we will honor Detachment 489, Pinedale, WY, with a 'Home on The Range' theme.

The Center's Chief, Enterprise Information Management, Deborah **Carson**, made arrangements with the Patrick AFB 'All Ranks' Club, (The Tides) to host us this year and Deborah, with help from other members, will have the place looking very 'Western.' Pertinent info:

Theme: 'Western,-Pinedale, WY'

28 Jan 2006 (Saturday) , \$20 per person, tax & gratuity included. Cash Bar, 6-7PM in the Lower Lounge, 7PM Dinner in the Main Dining Room.

Menu: Wild West Beef & Range Peckin' Chicken, Grazin' Grass (cole slaw), Pan-Fried Spuds, Chuck Wagon Beans, Campfire Toast, Mountain Man Pudding (Bread), Country Tea, Coffee, & Water.

For reservations, Deborah **Carson** at 494-6537/ email deborah.carson@patrick.af.mil or Pat **Snyder** at 494-6867/email, Patricia.Snyder@patrick.af.mil.

It will be a great evening with a lot of camaraderie and 'catching up.' Go to the Alumni website to look at pictures of previous SnowBalls. We are sure you'll recognize many of the faces; make sure you are one of them this year!!

BANQUET (from pg 1) Details, as available, will be posted on the website, 'Happenings and Upcoming Events' section, and email notification (e-all) sent—in the past, these banquets have occurred at the PAFB, FL, NCO (now Combined, 'The Tide') Club.

GOLF N'GETOGETHER (from pg 1) Shine the clubs, mark May 5th on the calendar; we tee at 1300, Cocoa Beach Golf Course. Count on the usual amenities, great corporate prizes, lots of chances to win, good 'Smokin' Joes' food, and of course the great time and camaraderie! Details, as available, will be posted on the website 'Happenings and Upcoming Events' section and in your PoMo.

**'SAGE,
ON THE RANGE'**



(Golf continued from page 1)

As always, our corporate sponsors, **ENSCO, Quantum, Riverside Research and SAIC**, and came through with excellent grand prizes and a little something for most players, and the food, meeting (elections results at 'Sage Spotlight on page one), and camaraderie were excellent.

Winners & Prizes

Cocoa Beach Golf Course Certificate to Each, as listed
Last-Place Team-Terry Hammond, Howard Dibble, Bob

Wiley, Tony DeMarco

3rd Place Team, \$20-Wally Murray, Wally Brown, Jack Jackson, Matt LeFlor

2nd Place Team, \$30-Charles Tice, Bob Klibowitz, Rick Manley, Carl Carlson

1st Place Team, \$40-Logan Gage, Norman Fish, Mitch Miller, Ernest Finney

Longest Drive-Dolphin-Matt LeFlor;
River-Matt LeFlor

Closest to the Pin-Dolphin-Carlson;
River-Dave Sorter

***Special Arnold Palmer** Putter Award for Closest to the Pin on Designated Hole-Donovan Cirino

Mulligan Drawings

Nike Golf Bag-Eric Morris; **Nike** Driver:-Don Bresnahan;

Odyssey Putter-Travis Myers; **Umbrella**-Don Beck;

Golf Towel-Matt Capuano, Bob Klibowitz, Steve Parlefski; Calloway Hat-Terry Williams;

Golf glove-Terry Williams, Laura Stepko, Charlie Rolfes, Matt LeFlor, Ron Couch, Dale Holt; Shag Bag-Howard Dibble;

Golf Bag Rain Hood-Mike Hoy, Steve Parlefski; **Visor**-Renee Uzee, Wally Murray;

Driver Cover-Jim Stephens;

Golf Shirt-Wally Murray, Galen Pound;

Hat-Joe Marshall, Matt Capuano; **Golf** Ball Retriever-Paul Legate;

Putter Cover-Carol Snyder;

Sleeve of Golf Balls-Bill Brennan, Don Bresnahan, Ron Couch, Tony DeMarco, Ernest Finney, Frank Martinez, Jon Green, Joe Hauser, Steve Herring, Rob Kempinski, Norm Urbanski, Jim Parry, Larry Silhanek, Lewis Tahernia, Frank Walker, Bob Wiley

***Special Arnold Palmer** Drawings-Hat, Terry Hammond; **Grips**-(6), Joe Goldian; **Grips**-(5), Dave Sorter; Jack Jackson; Donald Beck; Marcia Wierschke

*Those who donated \$20 to the Arnold Palmer Prostate Cancer Research fund were eligible to compete for special prizes. For their donation, each member received a 1-year subscription to GOLF DIGEST and a special hat clip, as well as the opportunity to compete for special prizes. All proceeds from the donations were given to the research fund.

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happy people winning nice gifts like iPods and passes to Orlando attractions during the raffle drawings. The turnout was large, but perhaps a few of the Alumni regulars were missing.

Colonel Guy **Turner**, AFTAC CC, entertained us with a description of a modern "alert" meeting that sounded an awful lot like "The Night Before Christmas". The PM needs to publish it for all to enjoy. Other revelations came in the form of "The Twelve Days of AFTAC" in which we learned about field operations, facilities problems, and staff changes. You really had to be there to appreciate it.

This year's audience participation "game" was especially entertaining. I'll call it "Musical Knees." The noise level was too high for me to hear the MC announce it. In brief, the guys knelt on one knee on the dance floor and the ladies were to use the other knee as a place to sit. Only there was one less knee than there were ladies. Now imagine "musical chairs. Each round resulted in the loss of one couple. The interest level was pretty high when it got down to one knee and two ladies. You can see a few of the pictures here and more at the website ('Happenings..' page).

This year I have to thank Joe **Marshall** for getting our table to the buffet first – good job, Joe. Again the AFTAC planners and the Imperial Hotel staff provided us an outstanding evening. Merry Christmas and see you next year.

EDITORS NOTE: THANK YOU, BOB, FOR YOUR USUAL FINE JOB OF ATTENDING AND REPORTING ON THIS EVENT. SOME OF THE 'SPOTTED SAGES' APPEAR BELOW, IN SOME CASES PEOPLE DID NOT MIND HAVING THEIR PICTURES TAKEN, AND IN SOME CASES, PEOPLE WOULD EVEN INVADE OTHERS' SPACES TO BE INCLUDED. OUR FIRST PICTURE IS AN EXAMPLE OF BOTH!!



Jan Whitney - Judith & Bob Wiley - PJ O'Brien - Patty Hammond with Don Whitney sneaking into the picture behind everyone while they are not looking.



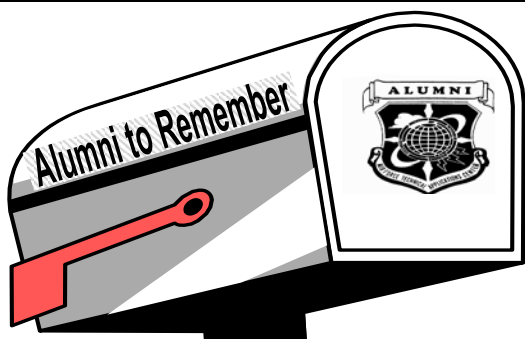
Above:
Judith Wiley - Gail Marshall - The Sorice's - The Sherman's

Below:
Sam Sorice - Col Turner - Kathy Sherman



'Musical Knees'





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.

Transitions ... none received

Hopes of Health for ...

Alumni share hopes for themselves or others
No Inputs

Also For Those Not Mentioned But In Our Thoughts

In Memoriam

Chuck **Scull** (below)...Ernest Samuel **Henner Jr.**
(below)...Richard **Pettitt** (below and pg 22)...Lupe
Maria **Martinez** (pg 22)...Kathy **Lindsay** (pg 22)

Rest in Eternal Peace

Chuck Scull

MIKE BLACK, EMAIL, 10/1, PASSING ON INFO FROM MARY SCULL

Writing to advise that Chuck Scull has passed away on Aug 19, 2002 in Merrimack, NH. He was at AFTAC in the late 70's to 1983. I'm sorry I didn't respond earlier, but the Post Monitor was a link to the life we loved. Thank you for keeping us up on all the info, Mary Scull

EXTRACT OF OBITUARY RETRIEVED FROM A CACHED GOOGLE PAGE:

Charles V. Scull, 50, of Dahl Road, Merrimack, died Aug. 19, 2002, at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua. Mr. Scull was born Sept. 21, 1951, in Flushing, N.Y., son of Catherine (Tesoriero) Scull and the late Charles Scull.

He worked as an electrical engineer for Booz, Allen & Hamilton, an international consulting firm. Mr. Scull was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the Air Force. He served 20 years and reached the rank of major.

Besides his mother and wife, survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Kamila Scull of Poznan, Poland; a daughter, Catherine Scull of Merrimack; a sister, Jean Morse of Florida; and two nieces, Kristine Mallory and Tara

Ness.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Merrimack on Aug. 23. Burial followed in the N.H. State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen.

Ernest Samuel Henner Jr.

EXTRACTED FROM SACRAMENTO BEE, 10/25/2005 - 10/26/2005

Col. (Ret), US Air Force, Born March 20, 1920, Buffalo, NY. Passed away October 22, 2005, Sacramento, CA

He served as a command pilot during World War II, including campaigns in North Africa and Europe. Also served during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Awarded the Legion of Merit in addition to other decorations. He is survived by his beloved and loving wife of 61 years, Elizabeth O'Dea Henner; son, Michael & daughters, Patricia, Kathleen and Lisa; daughter-in-law, Sue; son-in-law, Craig; grandchildren, Jeremy, Stacy, Kara, Kelly, Katie, Chelsea and Devon; great-grandchildren, Connor, Megan, Bailey, Kaitlyn and Jade.

A memorial service was held at the Mount Vernon Memorial Park, 8201 Greenback Lane, Fair Oaks at 2:00pm on Wed., Oct. 26. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to a charity of your choice in his name.

Richard Pettitt

JOHN ALLRED PASSED ALONG BRYAN GARDNER'S EMAIL, 11/9

I am Richards grandson. My grandfather passed away Monday morning (11/7) in Phoenix after suffering a major stroke last week. He is being laid to rest in Lakewood Washington on Saturday. My grandfather always spoke fondly of his Air Force career and shared many of his fond memories with everyone in our family.

Thank you for taking the time to keep in touch with him. NOTE: Interestingly, and highlighting the usefulness of our website, this exchange was possible because Bryan had found John's posting on the alumni website, 'Where In the World Is ...' section. That exchange follow:
From: Bryan Gardner, To: allredson@msn.com, Subject: Richard Pettitt ///I am responding to a post that was on the www.aftacalumni.org website regarding Richard Pettitt. How do you know Richard? Bryan///John replied: Richard was in AFTAC. So was I, during the same period. I wanted to make contact again to rehash some of our experiences and to learn of the location of other members of our group. We were stationed together at Moses Lake. You must be a member of his family.

Tom Ciambrone



NOTE: Tom Ciambrone's memoriam was posted in the last issue. As we noted then, and in this issue's editorial, Tom was extremely devoted to the AFTAC mission and, especially, the people involved.

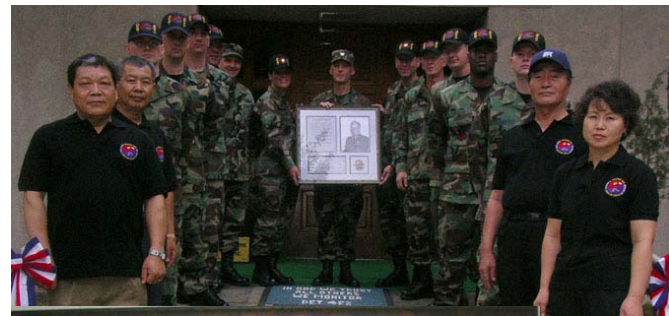
We received many email concerning Tom. We

herewith devote the rest of this section to 'Remembering Tom.' We start by relating something of great significance, whose timing was an amazing coincidence.

On the very day that Tom died, Sept 8th, Det 452, Wonju Korea, with the AFTAC Commander and Superintendent attending, remembered him in a very special way. He, while on active duty and during one of his TDY's, decided the Commander and Superintendent needed better housing than they were being provided. He pushed a project to build an acceptable house and shepherded it thru to completion. This house, since built, has been known as the 'Ciambrone House.'

On this day the Detachment was remembering what Tom had wrought, and in an impressive ceremony, rededicating the house as 'Ciambrone House.'

During our last visit with Tom we discussed this accomplishment—he was very proud of it and knew this ceremony was scheduled. TSgt Rich Magar, Det 452 Chief of Maintenance, provided these pictures.

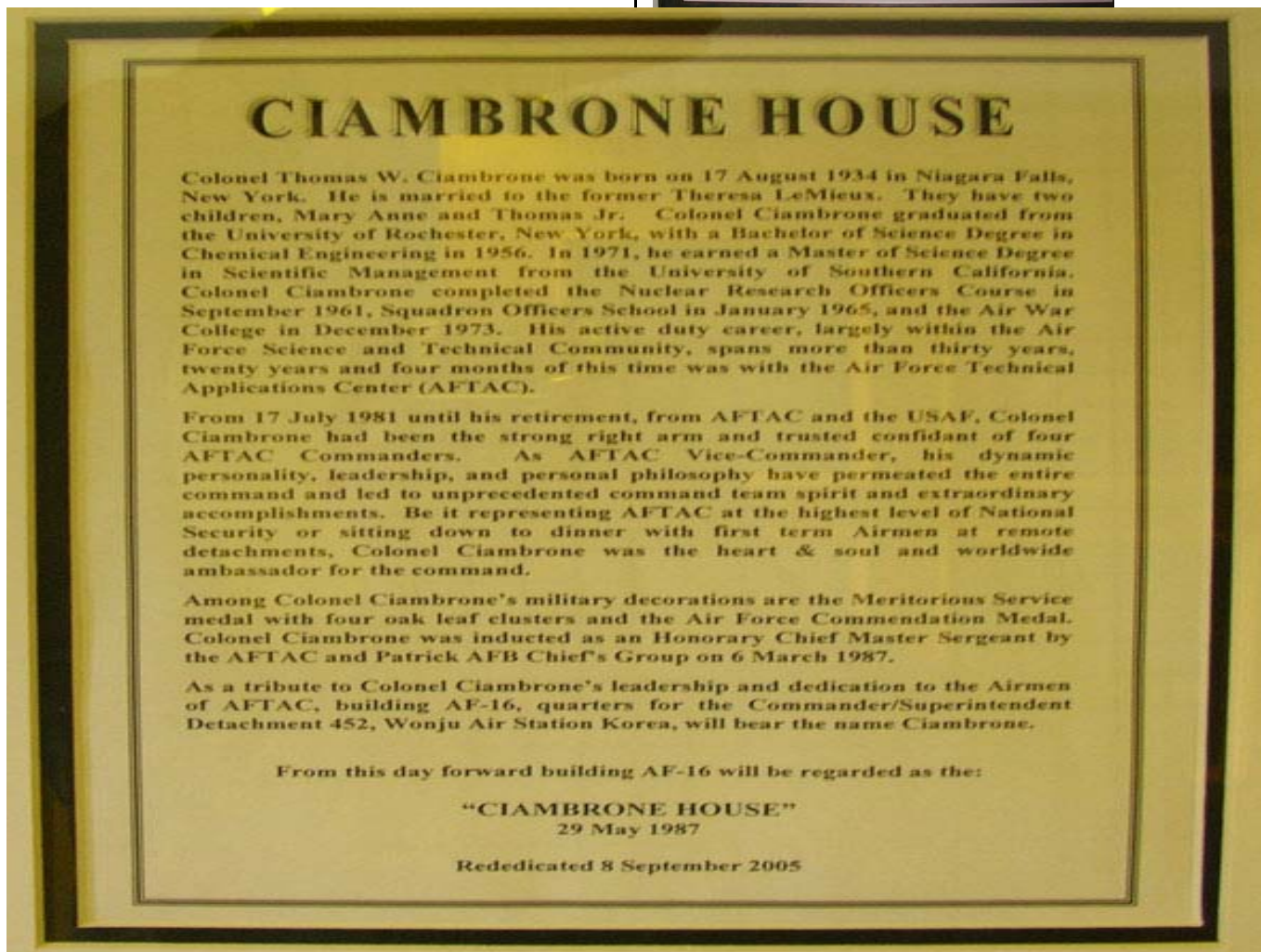


(above)
Rededication
Formation



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(below)
Biography and
Tribute



... we continue with the email...

John and Christel **Horsch** wrote: Friends, some of you may have probably already heard, but wanted to contact as many people as we could about Tom Ciabrone passing away today. Frank Hall called and Tom died around 230PM. One of the great ones has 'left the building.'

Clark and Joyce **Wilberg**: Thanks for the info. I didn't realize he had been ill. I'm sorry; I guess we realize our own mortality as we lose those we have associated with over the years.

Jim **Clapper**: Thanks for letting me know about this. Very sad.

Judy **Milam**: Thanks for forwarding this sad news. Tom was such a good man -- one we'll all miss.

Frank and Edna **Calenda**: Sorry to hear about that. We agree-he will be missed.

Clark (**Creery**) posted Tom's picture on his alumni webpage and a most interesting perspective.

"You know, I got to thinking about Tom and why today. During the flooding of New Orleans so many people passed to the beyond. Such a tragedy, but with Tom passing today, I realized that God needed help with the masses up there. Tom is and was a leader and I am sure that is what he is doing right now. Not only was he an officer and a gentleman, but also an enlisted hero. We will miss him, but I know that he is doing great things at Det 000. He is and was just that kind of guy!"

Hank **Raymond**: Thanks for informing me. Frank Hall told me a short while back how sick he was - but I didn't know how serious it was. Please inform us of any funeral of memorial services that are planned - don't want to miss paying my respects.

Smitty (Curt and Helen): So sad to hear of Tom's passing. A really great one has gone to that "Big Retirement Home In The Sky." His equal has never passed through or is ever likely to pass through AFTAC's door. There have been some good ones in the past and I'm sure there will be some good ones in the future, but Tom was in a class all by himself!

Fred **Houston**: Appreciate you letting all know of Tom's passing, as difficult as it was to hear. He was one of the finest, if not THE finest, gentleman I encountered in my 20 years in AFTAC. I will never forget his comments to me during my retirement "out-briefing" (many years ago) and his knowledge of my entire career. As "honorary enlisted," he will be missed by the many lives he touched during his lifetime.

Ken and Judy **Oyer**: Thanks for the info, he was a great man!

Gary **Warfield**: I was very sorry to hear of Tom Ciabrone's passing. Tom was everything you expected in a leader. He was smart, strong, compassionate and had a great sense of humor. Tom continued to lead after retirement being active in all alumni events. I will miss Tom as we all will.

Rick **Manley**: Tom Ciabrone was the finest officer I ever had the pleasure of working for/with. I remember him on so many levels from Vice Commander to friend. Chief **Silhanek** arranged for Tom to retire me from active duty in 1993, something I will always remember and honor and cherish along with all my family who were present.

Col Ciabrone was visiting at one of our former detachments overseas (where I was the Det Chief) and at the same time my parents were there. Tom never forgot "Jim", my dad, and always asked about him even years later when we'd see each other at the bowling alley or gatherings. My dad was amazed by Tom since dad was 'old school' Army from WWII. He seemed puzzled how we did our professional things during the day, yet found time to go to a little village and enjoy some wine, food and some damn good ice cold "raki."

Whatever we remember Tom Ciabrone for, we need to remember that the US lost a wealth of specialized knowledge, AFTAC lost a family member, Therese and the children lost a lifelong mate and father, and we have all lost a good and wonderful friend. Pray for the family of Tom Ciabrone, each of us need it now. Godspeed Tom, and please, don't three-coin with God, I think His hand is stacked in His favor!

Rick later added: Little did I realize that three weeks ago when I saw him at Niki's enjoying companionship with his son and some friends that I would never see him alive again. The loss is one that all of the AFTAC family will feel for some time to come. He was a very special man and wonderful friend to all who knew him.

John **Kennedy**: What a loss. He will be missed. If any of you attend tomorrow church service please, extend my warmest regards to the family. God Bless Tom...

MARK C. **SMITH**, MSgt, USAF, Vice President, AFTAC Top 3 Association: Could you please forward the particulars about Col Ciabrone's passing, viewing, and funeral service? I'd like to post it on the AFTAC bulletin board and forward to the Detachments. It is truly sad to hear of his passing, he was a true inspiration, a real leader, and a devoted AFTACer. He will be certainly missed for many years to come.

Chapter News

FROM THE TOP

I want to thank the LRD for electing me President this year. I'd especially like to thank our outgoing officers for all their hard work; Jack **Jackson** (President), Pat **Snyder** (Secretary), Joe **Goldian** (Treasure & Alumni of the Year). They did a fabulous job and we couldn't have made it through the year without them. I also want to thank our other faithful members that consistently attend the monthly meetings; you're the glue that holds the alumni together! I hope that more of you will start attending the meetings that are held the 2nd Monday of the month @ 5:30 PM (meet at the Outback).

I also want to welcome our new board; Addison **Mitchell** (Vice President), Judy **Milam** (Secretary), and Joe **Goldian** (Treasurer). Addison is a newcomer to the Alumni, we hope to get him up to speed quickly and keep him coming back for many years to come; he's also volunteered to run the Spring Golf Tournament. Judy and Joe have been helping for several years and I'm glad to have them helping to steer me in the right direction. My goal this year is to increase participation at the monthly meetings. I thought that a change in locations might be the key; I was thinking Charlie & Jakes, Chowders, or The Tides may be good meeting places. Please send me an e-mail and let me know if you would attend if we held it at an alternate location. I'd also love to hear any ideas you may have on increasing attendance. Please e-mail me at DS69337@bellsouth.net with your suggestions.

Thanks again for allowing me to be your President, and I hope to see more of you at our meetings and upcoming events, Carol **Snyder**

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-Carol **Snyder** Vice-Addison **Mitchell**
Secretary-Judy **Milam** Treasurer-Joe **Goldian**

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt **Lloyd French** Hall of Heritage-David **Merker**
Hospitality-Judy **Milam** Internet-Mike **Black** - Clark **Creery**
Membership-Randy **Vlassick** Newsletter-John and Christel **Horsch**
Publicity-Swede **Swansen** Sage Shop-Pat/Carol **Snyder**

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A Minute with the Minutes

Meetings, September-November

-Jon **New**, the Golf Tournament Organizer, awarded the tournament prizes, thanked the Co-

coa Beach Golf Pro, Smokey Joe's Barbeque, and the Alumni volunteers who helped with the tournament – Carol **Snyder**, Pat **Snyder**, Frank **Hall**, Deborah **Carson**, Eileen **Best**, and Judy **Milam**. Jon also thanked the sponsors who donated prizes and/or money that we used to buy prizes for the tournament, **ENSCO**, **Quantum**, **Riverside Research**, and **SAIC**, and talked about the Special **Arnold Palmer** fundraiser and prizes that were awarded to those who participated in this fundraiser.

-Jack **Jackson**, the outgoing assn President, thanked Jon **New** and thanked all those who participated. He reviewed the assn activities during the past year, and thanked the members for supporting him, especially those members who attend monthly meetings, carry out the business of the organization, and volunteer.

-Carol **Snyder**, newly elected President, thanked Jack **Jackson** for his service as during the past year, as well as other officers; Pat **Snyder** (Secretary) and Joe **Goldian** (Treasurer), and those in appointed positions, especially John and Chris **Horsch** for their extensive work in publishing the POST MONITOR. She also urged members to attend the monthly meetings and other activities.

-ePoMo Subscribers are up to over 100.

-eDirectory An updated Florida Membership Directory will be published shortly. The membership was polled for interest in receiving the directory via email, pdf attachment. This was a very popular suggestion and there were over 100 positives to this initial poll-members subscribing to the electronic 'Post-Monitor' will automatically be sent the electronic directory.

-Refurbishment of the '20+ Years of Service' wall continues.

-Hall of Heritage work continues organizing and displaying AFTAC artifacts and redoing the headquarters building front lobby.

-Assn Monthly Meetings will be relocated to the ground floor break room.

'Sharp Sages' have noted an addition to our 'Appointed Board,' David **Merker**. As our 'Hall of Heritage' POC we asked Dave for a few words. He responded:

I would be happy to be the alumni's "Hall of Heritage" POC. Here is the current rundown on my progress. Chief Steve Herrick and I polled a number of folks around the building for ideas on how and where we might display all of the AFTAC memorabilia and mission equipment. After re-

viewing a number of great ideas and possibilities it became very apparent that the front lobby and current Hall of Heritage would need some aesthetic sprucing up. Steve and I met with Randy Pomeroy and built a proposal which we presented to the Commander for cleaning up the front lobby. The Commander approved the ideas and hopefully we will be able to get the needed sprucing up done in the next few months. The next step after that will be arranging display cases and deciding just what to display. Randy and I am looking at putting a number of cases in the basement and displaying a lot more of the stuff we have in storage. In the front lobby, I would like to work with the Alumni association and perhaps dedicate one display case to themes and memorabilia either loaned by Alumni or arrangements pulled together from our existing inventory of stuff with the help of alumni. In the current Hall of Heritage, at a minimum I want to get everything professionally framed and hopefully create some new montages of detachments that have not yet been captured. As you can see, this is going to be a long-term project. I would like to talk at one of the future Alumni meetings to present some of my ideas and hopefully solicit help and guidance from the real folks that know AFTAC history. By the way, I feel like one of the young folks here, but as of Dec 05 I will have been in AFTAC for 17 straight years. Wow, where does the time go! Warm Regards.

OTHER CHAPTER'S NEWS

COLORADO CHAPTER, NEWSLETTER, 2005 SEPTEMBER

ECHOES

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

Events will be posted, when available; for up-to-date information, see the Chapter Website.

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, 2005 OCTOBER

DEPOT FALLOUT

Bob Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Board of Directors; **Orville Pritchard**, Asst. Chairman of the Board; **Ken Denbleyker**, Director At Large; **Joe Johnson**, President & Member of the Board of Directors; **Dennis Nolan**, Vice President; **Charlie Penn**, Treasurer; **John "Butch" Kemna**, Asst. Treasurer; **Ken Breitwieser**, Secretary; and **Bob Baker**, Asst. Secretary, Newsletter Editor-Dale **Klug**; and Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob **Fitzgerald**.

Website @ <http://www.aftacwest.org/>

ELECTION RESULTS

BY JOE JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT

New officers for the West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association were elected/re-elected at the scheduled membership meeting on 06 Sep 2005. Rod Hinkle, our current President, will open our next meeting and then turn the meeting over to **Joe Johnson** and the new officers will take office for a 2-year term of office.

(those officers are listed at the start of this article)

EVENTS CALENDAR

-Business/Member meetings are 1st Tuesdays quarterly at the Lion's Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park on: 6 Dec 2005, 7 Mar 2006, 6 Jun 2006, 5 Sep 2006, 5 Dec 2006.

(Call ahead to Joe Johnson, 916-783-8676, to confirm time & place, or check www.AFTACwest.org on the web.)

Mail-Call

Lee Jones-email, 2005.08.13

Hello, My name is Lee Jones - I served in the 1155th TOS in the early 60's, at McClellan AFB. I just found your organization's home page, and am mailing my check for membership. I'd like to inquire about another alum, by the name of **Arnie Celick**. He was listed as a member in the 1982 newsletter. Do you know if he's still around, and if the address listed for him (5831 Arrowhead Dr., Foresthill, CA 95631) is correct? It was great to learn about the AFTAC Alum group - I've often wondered what became of the group, and several of my contemporaries in the organization.

Note: Very glad you found our web site, Lee. Good to have you aboard the West Coast Chapter (WCC). Yes, Arnie is still around at the address you mentioned. Thank you for joining our great group of Alumni. *BF, Asst. Ed.*

Julie Doll-email, 2005.09.03

I've moved back to my cabin in the woods. Retirement is good. Going to school for a degree in Environmental Management. Yikes - we had a trace of snow on Sep 1st and have hit freezing weather again. Thanks to all for keeping the organization vital. Please change my newsletter address to: Julie Doll-Grypp, 5625 Old Valdez Trail, Salcha, AK 99714. **Note:** Very glad to hear from you, Julie. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date on your whereabouts. *BF, Asst. Ed.*



September 30th, Golf n’Gettogether Photos

JUDY MILAM, POMO FILM PHOTOGRAPHER



Above:

Captain Jon New, Tournament ‘major arranger’

Below:

Helping-Carol Snyder - Frank Hall
Deborah Carson - Doug Snyder



Second Place

Charles Tice - Bob Klibowitz
Carl Carlson—Rick Manley



Third Place

Matt LeFlor - Wally Murray
Wally Brown - Jack Jackson



First Place

Logan Gage - Norman Fish
Mitch Miller - Ernest Finney



Booby Prize (Last Place)

Tony DeMarco - Terry Hammond—Bob Wiley

MONITOR *ing Active*

Duty Doing' from around the AFTAC World

Command Section



Col. Guy D.
Turner

Commander, 2004.07 previously Deputy PM, SIGINT Support to IO, NSA, Fort Meade, MD. He attended the AF Academy graduating in '80 (BS in Civil Engineering) and in '85 received an MBA. His professional education includes Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He is a command senior navigator with over 1800 flight hours. He is married to the former Sara Ann Davis. They have three children: Adam, Rebecca, and Benjamin.



CMSgt Lloyd S.
French

Superintendent, 2003.01 AF/AFTAC since '77, trained in Gamma Spectroscopy and Special Equipment Operations-has attended Leadership School and the NCO and Senior NCO Academies receiving the Levitow and Commandant's Awards. He has also earned a BS in Business Administration. The Chief has served Airborne in many capacities at all command levels. He is married to the former Michelle Rostosky of Satellite Beach, FL. and has three children, Lindsey, Nicholas, and Christina.



Det 319 Change of Command

FROM THE OCT 'AFTAC FAMILY' PUBLICATION-BY STAFF SGT DANIEL WORKMAN



AIA Command CMSgt Colquhoun Jr. passes the unit flag to SMSgt Steven Revels upon his assumption of leadership

The assumption of leadership and change of command ceremonies are deeply rooted in military history and date back to the reign of the Roman Empire. When an assumption of command was to take place the unit

flag would pass to the individual assuming command. This was performed in front of all the members of the unit, so all could see their new leader assuming his position of command. Personnel from Det 319, Ramstein AB Germany, honored their outgoing "acting" detachment chief, Master Sgt. Gerald McFadden, and welcomed their new leader, Senior Master Sgt. Steven Revels, on July 21, 2005.

The previous detachment chief, Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Hood, left the unit after he was selected for promotion to chief master sergeant and received an assignment to the National Air and Space Intelligence Center in Ohio. Sergeant McFadden filled in as detachment chief for two months after Sergeant Hood departed. Sergeant Revels was previously assigned as chief at Det 415 in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

AFTAC's Support Command, Air Intelligence Agency Command Chief Master Sgt. Edward Colquhoun Jr. presided over the change of leadership ceremony. "This is the first time I have officiated for a change of leadership," said Chief Colquhoun. "It is not often that an enlisted member gets the opportunity to preside over such a significant event and it was quite special for me." The ceremony heralded the beginning of a challenging tour of duty for Sergeant Revels.

AFTAC Honors

MR. NULL, AFTAC HISTORIAN, FOLLOWS UP FROM THE LAST ISSUE. AS YOU RECALL, WE ORIGINALLY ASKED MR NULL ABOUT THESE HONORS AND HE KINDLY PROVIDED THEM FOR THE SEPT, '05, ISSUE. FOLLOWING THAT ARTICLE, SOME OF YOU NOTED THERE WERE HONORS THAT WERE NOT LISTED THAT THE ORGANIZATION RECEIVED BEFORE THE DATES LISTED. WE QUERIED MR. NULL ABOUT THIS AND HE SENT BACK THIS MOST INFORMATIVE REPLY WE THOUGHT OUR READERS WOULD FIND INTERESTING:

"The 1009th DID NOT become the 1035th and it DID NOT "transition from name to name." This is an important distinction and I have had a lot of problems trying to get folk to understand that the long range detection mission is different from the units that perform it. The 1009th was inactivated, which means that it ceased to exist. Its unit history ended and it was no more.

On 7 July 1959 the 1035th USAF Field Activities Group was designated and organized at Washington DC. This is when AFTAC's history starts. This also means that AFTAC will turn 50 years old on 7 July 2009! This designation, and the three which follow, "include every name AFTAC ever had."

-01 May 60 it was redesignated HQ, 1035th Field Activities Group

-26 Jun 72 it was redesignated HQ, 1035th Technical Operations Group

-15 Aug 80 it was redesignated HQ, Air Force Technical Applications Center

I know this lineage and honors stuff is pretty technical and difficult to understand. At the operational level it probably had no real effect for you folk doing the work. However, it has important legal implications and, of course, all the unit honors for a unit are based on its formal lineage.



AFTAC Donations Help Those Affected by Hurricane Katrina

FROM OCT 'AFTAC FAMILY' PUBLICATION-MSGT LINDNER, AFTAC PA

Sergeant **Lehnerz** works with Mr. Terry **Sandefur**, both of AFTAC, to make arrangements to have the donated items transported to the Sharing Center. Sandefur called the POD. Company, which owns the trailer, and they agreed to move it to the Sharing Center free of charge, where Sergeant Lehnerz and Mr. Griffith unloaded it.



Country music star Chely Wright-Det 489

FROM OCT 'AFTAC FAMILY' PUBLICATION-

Ms. Wright met with members of AFTAC's Det. 489 Aug. 5 before performing at the Sublette County, Wyo. county fair. MSgt Jim Kerr and SSgt Tracy **Pingleton** gave Ms. **Wright** a hat and t-shirt from the det. Later, SSgt Pingleton was asked to go on stage to introduce Ms. Wright, and she dedicated her song, "Bumper of My SUV," to Det 489. The singer is well known for supporting the U.S. military, and has traveled overseas several times to entertain deployed troops.

AFTAC, On The Internet

FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.FAS.ORG/IRP/AGENCY/AFTAC/INTRO.HTM](http://WWW.FAS.ORG/IRP/AGENCY/AFTAC/INTRO.HTM), MAINTAINED BY STEVEN AFTERGOOD, CREATED BY JOHN PIKE, UPDATED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 1997 6:18:25 PM.

As space permits, we will publish information from this site as a matter of interest and update. Note: This site mentions that much of the information is dated, but is retained for possible historical interest. We published 'An Introduction' in the June, '05, issue. Here we present 'Mission' and 'Vision.'

MISSION

Enhance national security: Collect and exploit worldwide technical measurements and deliver timely, accurate information to national authorities and warfighters ... teaming to monitor treaties, counter proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and achieve information superiority

VISION

Become the nation's premier collector and exploiter of technical signatures ... enabling policy makers and warfighters to achieve information superiority.

Long range detection began soon after the end of World War II, when Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized the need to monitor nuclear programs. In 1947, he directed the Army Air Corps to be able to "detect atomic explosions anywhere in the world." In 1949, a sensor aboard a B-29, assigned to AFOAT-1, flying between Alaska and Japan, detected debris from the first Russian atomic test — an event the experts had predicted couldn't happen until the mid-1950s. Since then, the Long Range Detection Program, now operated by AFTAC, has evolved into a unique resource that monitors compliance with nuclear treaties, supports our nation's space programs and helps protect everyone during emergencies involving nuclear materials.

AFTAC's nuclear event detection mission is directly linked to its treaty monitoring mission. AFTAC monitors signatory countries' compliance with the 1963 Limited Test Ban Treaty. The treaty prohibits all nuclear testing except underground testing and prohibits the venting of nuclear debris or radiation from those tests into the atmosphere outside the country's national border. Two other 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. Based on the unit's extensive nuclear monitoring experience, AFTAC is the U. S. lead in developing the international cooperative system to monitor the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. This treaty bans all nuclear testing by signatory nations. AFTAC is also the designated U. S. laboratory system responsible for supporting the U. N. 's International Atomic Energy Agency.

FEATURE ARTICLES

COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is the command, and a desire to record the impressions of this process "from the top," we ask previous commanders to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We have received these impressions from many commanders to include Gen's **Hall** (deceased, 1999) (reCall from 1970 speech provided by George Waters), **Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Leary, Bingham** and **Shaffer** and Col's **Meisenheimer, Wigington and Beatty**. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances.

*We anxiously await inputs from the remaining commanders, continuing 'Distinguished Association' members all: **Jaynes, Jaeger, Dettmer, Horton and Bendorf**.*

We feel confident they will write as they find the time and opportunity—in the meantime, we will 'stand-by' and be at the ready.

I REMEMBER ...

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** memories of your career (events, people, etc.). Forward these to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binker**, John **Horsch**, Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone** (deceased), Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis**, Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsworth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman**, George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad**, Joe **Johnson**, John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (3) Jim **Lillethun**, William **Koerschner**, Glenn **Kennedy** (3/this issue), Tom **Dunn** (this issue))

We start with a 'new rememberer' and follow with the great series by Glenn Kennedy.

Tom Dunn, Detachment 418, 1959-60

EMAIL, 8/26

"418 is here." (upper right corner). Well that's not



what it originally said.

The detachment trailers were located on a small hill between the 9th and 10th fairways of the golf course (tough duty huh?) The back doors of the trailers faced the 9th fairway and since there were no steps it was easy for the DET supply guys to just cut across the fairway and back the flatbed truck right up to the door to unload. This worked great until the rainy season started.

One day while trying to cross the fairway the supply guys literally buried the flat bed in the middle of the 9th fairway. What a mess. Any way the local commander was upset and had a sign placed by the hole left after the truck was pulled out (that made an even bigger mess) that said "418 was here" in an attempt to embarrass us Q troops. Course everybody knows you can't embarrass a Q troop, but we are very inventive. We



(upper) Ken Arnold, Jim Blackwell (tech rep), Jim Hendrix (Supply), Bennie Luttrell (Supply), Bob Cook, Charles Scaaefer (Cmdr), Orest Holowka (Vice Cmdr), John Lanagin, Wendell Crouse (tech rep), (lower) Bill James, Charley Clink, Roy Yarnell, Chris Best, Tom Dunn, Terry Cureton, Bob Patterson, Ken Jarman, Chuck Hall, Ken Turcotte.

This (above) is the crew that actually set the new Det up. I even helped dig the hole for the freq standards. If not designated otherwise in the picture, these are the Q troops, operators and maintenance.

If you notice the sign on the main gate says

figured if the base commander wanted to advertise us we would help. So on a midnite recon we took down the sign, changed it to read "418 is here" and hung it over the main gate. I believe it wound up hanging there for about a week before anybody noticed. Signed, Tom Dunn, original 418 Q troop.

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Glenn Kennedy

"Z2 Forever☺! - Stories from a 99125er"

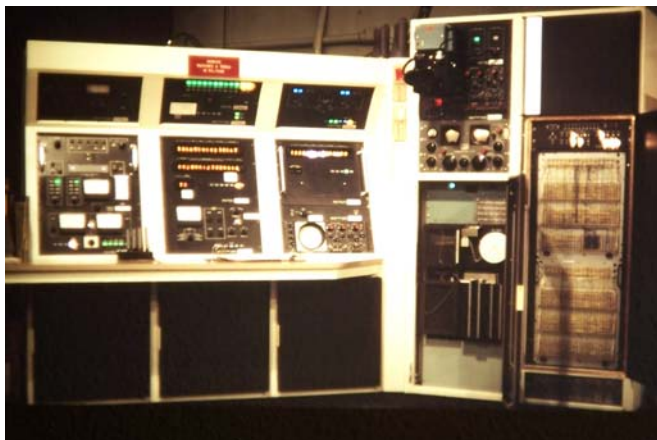
We continue Glenn's excellent series. His recall is outstanding and his writing detailed and interesting. The March, '05, issue kicked off this series with complete Chapters 1 and 2. The September issue continued this series with Chapters 3 and 4; here we present Chapters 5-9 (10 and 11 remain to be published in the newsletter).

Thank you Glenn. Your editors (and our readers) truly appreciate that you took so much time and effort to share your AFTAC history. We hope you will inspire others. You and 'Smitty' (also in the March issue) do a great job of reminding us all what a great organization we were/are a part of.

Chapter 5 – My First "Event"

In some of these stories, I concentrate on the fun and high jinks, but I don't want to mis-convey our approach to work. All of us were bright, focused and took our jobs very seriously. The fun was always offline, and away from serious operations monitoring.

Unlike B Systems, which had tons of work from the world's earthquakes, the rest of the systems rarely got any action (Thank God). So, it was a little easy to be lulled into the feeling that nothing serious would ever happen and then it did! I've been here long enough that I'm on swing shift alone. The alarms went off, and I was star-



ing at a signal that met all the criteria ... and no lightning or aircraft to explain it away.

I pull the procedures manual, confirmed my analysis and start generating the paper tape to interface with the teletype/crypto gear. I'm so nervous I'm shaking, but I follow the procedures. I go over to the teletype and enter the initial address group to get the message headed to HQ. I feed the header of the data tape in the reader and start the transmission.

I'm feeling pretty proud of myself, and day-dreaming about the medals headed my way for

outstanding operational excellence. With the teletype chattering away, my eyes drift to the tape trailing off on the floor and to my absolute horror I see the tape has been pulled into a fan sitting on the floor blowing cool air on the gear ... which is now covered with shreds of my tape. I watch as the chewed off end of my tape prematurely feeds through the teletype.

I cannot describe the feeling in my gut. It must be like a field goal kicker that just shanked the game winner ... only this time it's not a game. I imagine I've totally let down the Air Force and America ... my next stop being jail! It takes the bells from an incoming teletype to jar me back to reality. HQ is asking what happened and where's the rest of the message. I explain what I've done and wait for the worst ... then some nice soul on the other end takes pity on this scared kid and suggests I calm down, return to the Z2 system and simply punch out a new tape.

After I quit shaking, I calm down and do exactly that. The day is saved, the message transferred. But to this day, it remains my lifetime example of Murphy's Law. It also causes me to be understanding (only a little) of honest mistakes by operational people in my network security company.

Chapter 6 – The Chena River Pack Rats

I went up to DET 207 without Pat for the first few months in order to understand my job and get the feel for the town of Fairbanks (and also for this young couple to save money). Living in the barracks at Eielson, us



young guys quickly formed friendships and a real camaraderie. It turned out most of the guys loved the outdoors and we started an unofficial backpack-

ing group we named the "Chena River Pack Rats" ... and even made some patches, which I still have sewn on my backpack ☺ We had a facility at the DET to store our personal weapons, and we conned the supply Sgt to find a storage spot where we could keep our backpacking gear. The end result was that almost



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every time we were off duty, we would change clothes and hit the trails around the DET. It's almost impossible to describe the great time we had tromping around the woods ... we felt like we owned the wilderness around the DET and the Chena River. We saw Moose, Caribou, Black Bear and even once a Brown Bear (FAR Away). There was also a wolf pack that included the DET in their territory, and every once in a while, if you were lucky you'd get a glimpse of one or more of the pack crossing a road or trail. Beats anything I've ever seen on the "Outdoor" channel ☺

Our "Animal Planet" capers peeked one day when we were sitting in the DET ... Skeeter was looking over my shoulder, and all of a sudden he got that glazed far-off look that meant something



was up ☺ His fertile brain had just decided it would be really "Kool" if we took the rope off the safety board and las-
soed the

Moose that always hung around the domes munching on tundra salad ☺ Now, from the get-go this sounded bad even to me, but there was no dissuading Skeeter once he was on a mission. My minor claim to sanity was to volunteer to be the Forward Air Controller, so up to the roof with radio and binoculars I headed. Skeeter grabbed the rope and headed for a hiding spot, while the rest of the team started working around to move Mr. Moose toward the "trap." There must be a "God" that looks out for us fools, because after years of dealing with Blackdog there was no way that Moose was going to get trapped by us ☺, and although gravely disappointed, we all had to return defeated which is sooo lucky because that Moose would have kicked our @#\$.

However, when the weather got really cold, we were stuck inside, and sometimes our penchant for mischief got the better of us. If there wasn't any fun seismic activity and there were no electrical storms around, it would tend to get pretty quiet in the DET. So, one solution was a 1000-point Hearts game that tended to run non-stop for a year and a half. In fairness, we always did our Cal's and PM's first, and set our Photo Dark-room timer so everyone would take a break and run the hourly checklist, but we did play some

bad Hearts and Spades games☺ In order not to get caught, our leader changed the patch panel that controlled the cipher lock to "our" code. That let us run back and forth to the kitchen, but would alarm if someone not in the "know" tried to enter the DET. A prompt hide-the-cards and change back to the official code, a look of innocence and the claim they must have hit the wrong button ... "Dan's Cipher Lock needs to get fixed" ☺

I did gain an interesting insight that has helped me over the years when I developed training programs. The formal skill training we had for our systems was really boring, and it was like pulling teeth getting us to keep our official career training on schedule. But it was amazing what we could do when we were motivated. Our fishing and horseplay required that one person got designated as "duty watch" that had to stay in the DET with the radio and watch everyone's system. Plus in fairness to us, there were times when the Det needed extra hands on chart changing, etc. The end result was that we developed our own unofficial On-The-Job training program that was incredibly fun and effective. Within the first six months at the DET every single young guy on shift could competently operate every system we had available, and do a good job of it. The training we had developed was fun, focused and effective ... later I tried to remember that, and pull the same kinds of motivation and focus into our training programs.

And, when we were done training, had played Hearts until we were crazy and it was still quiet out came the rubber bands ☺. B Systems had a huge stock of thin latex tubing that I think supplied the drum recorders with ink. We purloined extra rolls of tubing, cut it to about 3 feet long and double knotted it back into a rubber band. You made up your own color pattern and marked your bands with magic markers ☺ and started shooting them at each other. We actually turned this into a big enough game we had teams of 3 or 4 on a side, would turn out all the lights in the DET leaving the console glow and play "Tag" throughout the DET. Of course looking back now, we're damn lucky we didn't "Shoot Your Eye Out" to steal a movie line, or get hurt jumping over furniture but it was good exercise ☺

Probably the safest recreational activity was the DET picnics down at the lake, which I think was about 10 or 15 minutes further down the highway from the base. CBF had a bunch of cabins and

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picnic areas and in the summer it was a fairly regular all-hands week-end out at the lake ... DET 207 was fun. This picture of three young people sitting in the snow is Pat on the left, Skeeter on the far right and his wife in the middle.



Chapter 7

The great SnoCat "Radiator" heist

Friday nights always started our favorite time at the DET. For the next two days, all the shifts were covered by us younger guys with nobody senior around to check our shoe shines or haircuts ☺. One of our favorite activities was to fire up the DET Sno-Cats (I actually think they were



Ford Tracked vehicles) and head down to the Chena River in our eternal quest to get at least one damn Grayling to ever bite on a fly By the way, that never happened, and I think fly-fishing for Grayling is a myth ☺

Anyway, on this particular trip, we may have been horsing around a little too much in the Sno-Cat did I mention we weren't supposed to use the Sno-Cat for fishing ☺ and going over a drift, the radiator came off a mount and fell back far enough it hit the fan ... well that wasn't all that hit the fan. The engine immediately overheated and we radioed the DET to have the guys come out with "Big Green" ... our 2.5 ton rig that never got stuck and could pull anything out of trouble (even us).

When we got the rig back to our garage, a quick inspection revealed the problem ... and we knew we were dead this time. When our leaders came in on Monday, we'd be shining everyone's shoes for eternity ☺. Then Skeeter comes up with a brilliant idea (anyway seemed brilliant to us). When

he went back to the barracks that night, he would slip over to the Eielson motor pool and "borrow" a radiator out of a spare Sno-Cat. Seemed risky, but the alternatives seemed worse. So in best stealth style, Skeeter purloins a radiator that Saturday night and come Sunday swing shift, as soon as our system Cal's are done we're out in the garage changing out the radiator. We are racing the clock, and the sky is getting light before we're done with the swap and cleaning the garage and ourselves.

The day guys come in Monday morning, and I know my boss senses that something is up, and he just can't put his finger on what we've been up to ☺ All of us are trying to look nonchalant (and probably looking more guilty in the process), but we actually pulled it off as far as we could ever tell. Now, that I'm older and watch my own troops, I'm sure my NCOIC's were on to us, and simply trying to give us room to run as long as we were serious about the job and not causing TOO much trouble.

But these days, I do warn my troops not to try this stuff with me, because I trained under the best ☺. I do still wonder what the heck the base motor pool figured happened to the "missing" radiator which was RIP'ing at the bottom of the Chena River.

Chapter 8 – The Tanana River Race

Sometimes it gets boring in the great North, and you spend winter thinking of goofy things to do in the summer ☺. Seemingly someone figured out there should be a raft race down the Tanana River, and better yet, all the rafts had to be made



from 55 gal-lon drums ... 55 gal drums had been nominated as the State Bird of Alaska ☺

A challenge like that was something that DET 207 simply had to rise to ☺ If I remember, there were at least 2 and maybe 3 entries from the DET. Our Commander, Captain Gene Sanborn (Good Guy) and the second floor folks had a really nice conservative 4 person rig they constructed. Worked well, but it was just too you know, Second Floor.

The CRPR on the other hand created a mon-

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strosity that would have made Gilligan proud. I think it was a 12 barreler or so. It had a sail, a bicycle driving a paddle wheel, oar locks for 6 and massive beer storage. The biggest danger we faced was learning how to safely weld on a 55-gallon drum that had at one time contained "something." "Cause if the something had been gasoline, it could get real exciting. But with the help from the gang in the motor pool (better tool Gods) we got past that safety obstacle and had our rig.



The morning of the race (see, I kinda skipped over the part where we used all those Air Force resources to construct and move the raft) there were about 200 rafts on the river (I think this was the third or fourth time they ran the race). The gun sounded and we were off We all knew the winner immediately because it

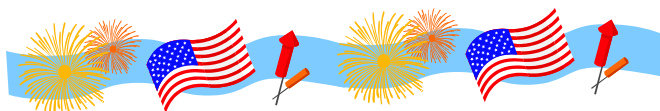


zoomed by with a huge paddlewheel driven by six guys pedaling ganged bicycles ... how boring ☺

We sailed, paddle wheeled and rowed ourselves to a respectable 12th place finish

and most importantly finished with all personnel still aboard the boat Which is seriously important given that water temperature and the sweepers in the river.

NOTE: One of our excellent supporters, Bob Long, has been moved by Glenn's recalls and has submitted a very touching, thoughtful tale we will publish as we finish Glenn's series. To add to your anticipation for this, it is entitled: 'The Birth of Detachment 207'



SAGE STARS

'Sage Success Stories'

... stories that exemplify the spirit of a striving sage going above and beyond the norm.

The following article not only highlights 'Sage Stars' (in bold type) but also updates and informs on events around a city many of us served around/lived in.

SATELLITE 'BEACHCASTER,' SEPT 2005, FROM THE COUNCIL DESK, VICE-MAYOR JOE FERRANTE

When I was watching the news of the Officer's Club fire, and the recent demolition of the Club, I thought about the outstanding times I had in the Club. There were weddings, dinners, Florida League of Cities parties, retirement ceremonies, Sunday brunch, and a host of other activities. I know many of you have similar recollections. The Club was a fixture, and now it's a part of history. But this article is not about the Club itself; it is dedicated to the active duty military personnel, Reservists, National Guard and veterans who live in Satellite Beach. Exact numbers are hard to find. The 2000 Census showed about 15% military; however, with the annexation of South Housing, that number will climb to almost 25%. But numbers aren't enough; it is the contributions of the military community that contribute to Satellite Beach's well recognized achievements. Samsons Island was preserved as a public park through the efforts of several military retirees, two of whom are Chuck **McBrearty** and Fred **Robitschek** (deceased). John **Fergus** and Lorraine Gott, both retired military, orchestrated the large number of grants which permit this city to add ball field sand beachfront property. Our founder, Percy Hedgecock, organized an effort to help POWs in the Vietnam War. Former Mayors Bob Bolin and Reg Leonard, and former Councilmen Bill Mayer, Gene Rocque, and the late Jim Harris proudly wore the uniform for a great number of years, and retired Colonel Harry Pawlak heads up Satellite Beach's Retirement Plans Boards. Other Satellite Beach retirees, such as Colonel Frank **Hall**, dedicate many volunteer hours tutoring elementary school children in math and science. Countless more veterans should be added to this list; your accomplishments are definitely appreciated. Our relationship with Patrick Air Force Base is well recognized throughout the Pentagon. During the annexation phase, the Air Force fostered a positive relationship with the City, and highly recommended to the Department of Defense that Patrick Air Force Base's south

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housing be incorporated into the City. It was definitely a love-love relationship as we voted for it overwhelmingly and the Pentagon recognized our sincerity. Today, with almost all permits issued, and 551 military homes being built in our city, it's easy to see the close relationship we share with Patrick AFB. Active duty personnel and families of Patrick Air Force Base are major contributors to Satellite Beach. In 2004, over 500 children of military families were registered at our schools: Surfside, 38, Holland, 79; De Laura, 116; and Satellite, 279. With a very large registration of children from military families, each of our four schools consistently scored the highest rating (A) in FCAT. These "A" ratings did not come easily, but were a combination of an outstanding school faculty, administration, staff, students and dedicated parents. Active duty personnel also shop in Satellite Beach and use the vast number of businesses we have to offer. In turn, many of our businesses, such as our outstanding movie theater, complement the military through discounts. The City of Satellite Beach clearly recognizes the contributions of its active duty personnel, and has taken several positive steps to show our commitment. First, the City compensates employees called up to active duty and who suffer a pay cut as a result. Satellite Beach contributes the difference in pay for any City employee called up to active duty and, of course, a job is always waiting. About two years ago, the Neighbor Helping Neighbor program was started to help Satellite Beach residents. This program has grown rapidly, and volunteers now assist many military families where the spouse has deployed and help is needed. Many active duty and retired military members serve on our all-volunteer boards and play a vital role in our future development. This City is proud of each person who wears, or has worn, the uniform. We are a community proud of our heritage and the contributions of our veterans and active duty members. We will always remember the members of our community who keep our nation secure.

BSTALES!

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be 'Barely Substantiated' and/or 'Boldly Stated (BS).' Forward your BS to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch** (4 articles), Ben **Vlassick**, (deceased), Brian **Berenbach**, Mike **Gin-**

grich (2), Frank **Liberatori**, Bill **Taylor**, Frank **Calenda** (2), Ron **Cook** (2), Walter **Franks**, Ken **Oyer**, Bob **Chadwick**, Frank and Nedra **Szachta** (4), Chuck **Wallace**, Jon **Kempe**, George **Kraus** (2), Bud **Horrell**, Mike **Steskal**, Ray **Copeland** (4), Geno **Wagner**, Harold **Huhs**, Jack **Wagley**, Leroy **Jones**, Jack **Dorneden** (7), Clark **Creery** (2), Richard (Alkie) **Summers**, Les **Miller**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS; THIS ISSUE WE HAVE: , Frank and Nedra Szachta

EMAIL, 8/30/05

While stationed at 1159th at McChord AFB, WA. from 67-71, our Sq. CC Col Mike & wife Eleanor **McCallister** were relocated to become CC of 1156th TOS at Wheeler AFB, Hawaii. Since wife Nedra never had an overseas site (although I traveled the world in airborne duties) due to her assignments usually in the "barefoot & pregnant" role, Col. Mike invited her to join me as guests in their new 3-bedroom CC Villa at Wheeler, as I was attending an A-Systems (airborne) Conference at Wheeler for a week in Feb 68 (I think).

As we arrived a few days before the Conference started, we went for a stroll with Col. Mike & Mrs. Mike, Eleanor along the north beaches of Hawaii. We chivalrous men walked in the water (up to our knee's) while the women (Eleanor & Nedra) walked higher up the beach, with their toes getting wet. Just then, a high wave swept shoreward, and then started to rush back into the sea at a fast speed. My feet started to sink in the soft beach sand, as I saw wife Nedra sweeping past me into the "undertow" surf. I grabbed her, and my legs started to bend toward the sea, as the surf action tried to pull us into the sea. Since I am the "swimmer" in our family, Nedra was petrified, as I held her from sweeping into the sea.

The wave dissipated, and we four all quickly got out of the surf. My knee quickly showed a knot and bump on the right side, where I had sprained it, as the wave twisted my leg in a way that nature did not allow for. So for our week of A-System Conference, I was a "gimpy" grounded pilot. Of course, we reviewed the Hawaii maps at Col. Mike's home after this event and found that the beaches we were strolling all carry "red flags" for high winter surf, and the note reads, "do not enter the waters in these areas". Now we know.

AS USUAL FOR YOU GUYS, A GREAT STORY.



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TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

The 'trivia' concept was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom Ciambone (deceased), who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send ideas for this series and to provide additions or corrections. Tom would have been so pleased with the amount of additions received on his last query about the number of aircraft.

Tom wrote his column several issues ahead. When he died, we asked his wife, Terry, if we could use the remainder of what he had provided. She replied, 'Yes,' that she thought '...that is what Tom would have wanted.'

NOTE: This is the last 'Tom's Trivia' question he personally provided. Hopefully, membership will 'rise to the challenge' and provide **unclassified** content to continue what he began.

Tom's Final Trivia Question:

"What AFTAC Detachment had the largest number of personnel?"

(answer-pg 23, bottom right)

At The Last Minute

'NEED TO KNOW' JUST IN

Mail-Call

Feedback, Tom's Trivia

(continued from page 3)

Jerry LaBarre-email, 11/25

After giving the subject a lot of thought, I decided that although I don't usually do this kind of stuff, my input to Tom's Trivia might be of interest to some of the Alumni. In addition to the 16 types of aircraft listed I can add a few more. B-36, B-52 At least 3 models. (B, D & F I think maybe someone with a better memory can help with the model numbers), WB-47, YC-121 (Turbo Prop Super Connie), SR-71

I might add that SEOs did fly as aircrew on all the aircraft except the following - U2R, SR-71, F-4, F-15, P-3, B-57C & B-57F. I did get a joy ride on a B-57F once but only to an altitude of about 51,000 feet because I was not equipped with a pressure suit.

CMSgt French, AFTAC Superintendent adds:

SEO's did fly on P3's in support of JCS-directed mission in the broad ocean area of the Pacific. Kathy Leggett (Todd), Don Gilbert, Tim Asch, and Jim Rickner are a few of the names. They logged hundreds of hours. Not only do we get added planes, we get great stories also.

In Memoriam

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Richard Pettitt

EXTRACTED FROM THE 'NEWS TRIBUNE' (TACOMA) ON 11/11/2005

Richard (Dick) Z. Pettitt Age 81, passed away on November 8, 2005. He was preceded in death by his first wife Betty Zane Pettitt, his brother Don Pettitt and his sister Jan Reopelle. Dick was born in Joplin, Missouri, on October 8, 1924. He spent 28 years in the Air Force retiring in 1975. Dick enjoyed his family, travel and meeting people, and could describe an event or tell a story for nearly every person he met throughout his life. He was also an avid golfer playing as much as time would permit. He is survived by his wife Callie Harbke-Pettitt, children Karen Slomenski (Hank), Susan Ekdahl (Carl), Richard Pettitt Jr. (Sue), Cheryl Anderson, and Wendy Holt (Tim); stepchildren Kathy Switzer (Terry), and Michelle Lemcke (Ben); brothers Roger Pettitt (Kee), Lon Pettitt (Pat), Bill Pettitt (Jeri), Bob Pettitt (Dee), and George Pettitt (Marcia); sisters Barbara Turner (Wayne) and Patricia Williams (Bill), thirteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Lupe Maria Martinez

TERESA ALSHIRE EMAIL, 11/16

...retired TSgt Joe (Joey) Martinez lost his wife in a tragic automobile accident Sunday morning - San Antonio Express-News newspaper extracted article below. (Joey worked here at the Wing (DOO) as a 9S100 until he retired on or about mid 2002, he presently works at the CPSG. Please keep him and his children in your prayers)

"A mother of three died Sunday morning on the Northwest Side when a vehicle skidded through a red light and ran into her car. Lupe Maria Martinez, 41, died at the scene, police said. Martinez had a green arrow traffic light to turn north. At the same time, the driver of a Honda CRV traveling south saw her light turn from yellow to red. The Honda tried to stop, but slid through the intersection, striking the Toyota Corolla. Firefighters had to work to free the foot of Martinez's 3-year-old daughter, trapped inside the Corolla. The girl and Martinez's two sons, ages 7 and 8, were recovering at University Hospital on Sunday. By Sunday afternoon, charges had not been filed. Burial services were on 11/18 at the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery."

Kathy Lindsay

TONY DEMARCO, EMAIL, 11/20

We received some very sad news yesterday; an email from Keith Lindsay telling us that Kathy passed away yesterday afternoon after losing a three year battle fighting non-hodgkins lymphoma.

As I mentioned to Keith in my e-mail, our original Det 377 family has lost a very special person.

CALENDAR

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns
Association Board/Membership Meetings
All Alumni are heartily invited to these events.

VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER (321) 494-6867,
 patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil **BEFORE COMING**

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

WHEN: **1530 (3:30 PM)**

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building

HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd

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

WHEN: **1730 (5:30PM)**

WHERE: **AFTAC HQ's Building**

HOW: come to rear entrance

January

6, 1530 WindDown at the Outback

9, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

February

1, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

13, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

March

3, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback

13, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

Scheduled Events

EVENT CONTACT—PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867
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Traditional Annual Events (for planning purposes)

January—March

-Assoc SnowBall VIII, **January 28, 2006**

-Center Annual Awards Banquet, **February 25th, 2006**

April—June

-Center Annual Picnic, April time frame

-Assn Spring Golf n'Gettogether, **May 5th, 2006**

July—September

Summer time and the livin' is easy

ANNUAL DUES DUE AT START OF FY (OCTOBER)

October—December

-Alumni Assoc Fall Golf n'Gettogether, Oct time frame

-Center Winter Social, December time frame

ANNUAL FY DUES ARE PAST DUE (OCTOBER)

WorldWide Alumni Reunions

(normally, scheduled on a biannual basis)

The Colorado Sages are currently planning

WorldWide Reunion 2007-details as available

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	MED	LG	XL	XXL
JACKETS , Unlined/Royal Blue, \$20	0	0	3	0
-All White Logo (2 'Alumni'/1 'Alumnus')	0	0	3	0
-Multi-Color Logo	1	0	0	4
GOLF SHIRTS , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	1	3	2
Jade (medium green)	2	6	3	2
Navy	2	2	2	0
Red	2	3	1	2
White	2	2	2	2
Royal Blue	3	4	2	2
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	3	4	0	1
Black	2	1	2	2
T-SHIRTS , no pocket - \$7.00				
Light Blue	2	3	3	3
Royal blue	2	2	2	2
Navy	2	2	3	1
Ash Gray	2	2	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	1
Stone Washed Green	1	0	1	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	2	4	2
Black	4	2	3	3
SWEATSHIRTS , Ash Gray, \$15	2	2	1	0

HATS - \$6.00 # MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#

Green	1	50th Commemorative	
Gray	0	Coin	\$3.00/91
Red	6	Logo Pin	\$3.25/235
Royal Blue	0	Logo Disk	\$5.50/3
Light Blue	0	Alumni License Plate, QTY 4	
Navy	0	\$7 Members; \$10 non-members	
Blue/		WorldWide Directory, \$25/2	
Gray	15		

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'Tom's Trivia' Answer

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Sagey sez, What a great issue and hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed receiving all your inputs and putting them together.

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