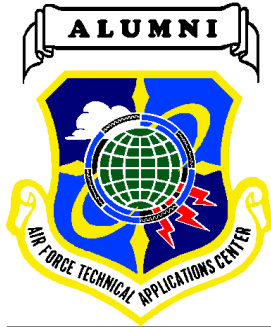


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The Alumni Anthem
Over the years and
at younger ages ...
'GS,' 'E' and 'O'
were our gauges

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



Sage Salute

Treaty Monitoring Center inducts three to its Wall of Honor



The Air Force Technical Applications Center here inducted three new members to its Wall of Honor at a ceremony held in the center's Doyle Northrup Auditorium March 27, 2018.

Lt. Col. Robert Wiley, Chief Master Sgt. Bill McClelland and Chief Master Sgt. Sue Spencer, all former members of the nuclear treaty monitoring center, were recognized for their contributions to AFTAC's long range detection mission by having their names engraved on the wall in the center's main lobby.

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

Recognized for 70 years
of service to our country
16 September 2012
1947 – 2017

A 70TH COIN WAS NOT MINTED



SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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ACTIVE DUTY SCHEDULE, SAGES WELCOMED

See 'Active-Duty' section for more information, if any.
Sage Contact for tickets, and questions, Carol Snyder
at carol.snyder@us.af.mil see calendar information below.

2018 AFTAC Spring Picnic
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NOTE: Alert updates are posted at our website: URL above,
Pg 5, 'Calendar,' has a listing of alumni/active-duty events.
You can also 'Auto-Receive' 'eALLerts' (deaths, breaking

SAGE/ACTIVE-DUTY EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

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

**AFTAC Alumni Members do volunteer for
Daytona 500**

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Snowball 2018
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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION *Deceased, (D)***Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (23)**

John Kemna/2017-Carol Snyder/2016-
 Frank Calenda/2015-Sean Ryan/14
 Lonnie Gibbons/13-Gene & Dee Melchior/12-
 Dale Klug/11-Jack Smith (D)/10-Jack Jackson (D)/09 Bob
 Wiley/08-Bill Schmied/07-Deborah Carson/06-Mike Black/05
 Joe Goldian(D)/04-Pat Snyder/03-Joe Johnson/02-Jim
 Payne/01-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000-John & Christel (D)
 Horsch/99-Frank Hall/98-Judy Milam-Henderson/97-Carl
 Gailey (D)/96-Clark Creery/1995

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

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

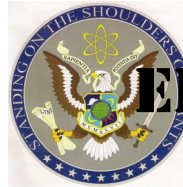
There is this Association and two Chapters

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

"PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01/10-Current; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster 96-16; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian (D), Treas, 03-17; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09; Sean Ryan-Sec, 09-15; Steve Revels, Sage Shop, 2010-2016.

2. Colorado Chapter: Formed Nov 1986, **\$5/year**, they publish a newsletter, 'Echoes', have several meetings and social events a year. See website at <http://www.aftacco.org> for additional information and email contacts.

3. California Chapter: Formed 1999, **\$10/year/\$75 lifetime**. For more, email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. The Chapter meets several times a year, publishes a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and has a website, <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>



"FROM THE HORSCHE MOUTH"



EDITORIAL SPEAKING

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

We start with a correction, and apology, thanks to Dale Klug, for our 'Personals' item in the last issue concerning Joseph Amerena. It was incorrect to write 'MSgt USAF Retired.' Joe was a US Marine Corps Veteran who firmly believed 'Once a Marine, Always a Marine' and ended his emails with 'Semper Paratus' He was at the 1155/TOD from 1967-99.

Next we'd like to shout out Alumni Congratulations to (LTC Ret) Bob Wiley, a past president of the Assn, (CMSgt Ret) Bill McClelland (Lifetime Member) and (CMSgt) Susan Spenser. They were selected for the AFTAC Wall of Honor, joining the 18-selected previously. Selection to the wall is AFTAC's highest honor for pioneer work and service to the mission.

Now some Post-Monitor news and update. Up to now we have provided hard-copy issues (vs electronic) at no extra charge. This has resulted in a shrinking budget that cannot be maintained at the current expense level. The board has requested we cut the number of pages in PoMo as a cost cutting measure. We will do this judiciously and, in most case, will keep every article you receive now. We do plan to shorten some items by referring you to a website(s), usually the Association, www.aftacaa.us, or the 25th Air Force site, www.25af.af.mil. We understand some Sages may not access the internet and we will keep that in mind as we try to control printing and shipping costs. The Assn President has written a detailed article concerning this and other changes you will read later in this issue. --finally, because of these, and time constraints, we were only able to highlight some of the newsletter articles from the two Chapters, CA and CO; they, too, have excellent websites that can be accessed for additional information.

Mitigating these changes are the improvements and information we present on the website. A great deal of this PoMo has been posted there for some time. We urge you, if at all possible, to use this source for new and updated information, and to receive the PoMo electronically vs hard-copy which really helps maintain our resources. In large part we are duplicating the website with the PoMo.

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

Editorially Speaking cont

Another on-going concern about the PoMo is the work and time involved; especially considering the website is right there for use by all. We have reached that point; Pete just cannot do both the web and PoMo, we thank him for the excellent work he has done, but truly understand that no one person can keep both professional and up to date.

--we are fortunate in that a fellow member, Judy Henderson, who has served the assn for all the years I can remember, has stepped up for the August issue only ... this PoMo will not be formatted as it is now but as a word document; and I know Judy will do one fine job --however, that leaves no one to put the PoMo together from August forward ... please, if any of you feel you can help us in this area, please let us know ... as one who 'did the duty' for over 20-years I can tell you it's very rewarding ... please consider giving us a hand

WALL OF HONOR

By Susan A Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs
Patrick Air Force Base, FL

The tradition began four years ago after AFTAC moved in to its newly constructed headquarters in 2014. The center's Heritage Committee was formed and its first order of business was to develop the criteria to establish a way to recognize individuals who profoundly contributed to AFTAC's global mission, while personifying the Air Force Core Values: integrity, service, excellence.

This year's selectees bring more than 75 years of experience and service to the Department of Defense's sole nuclear treaty monitoring center.

Wiley, a career physicist and nuclear explosion detection expert, spent a good deal of his time at AFTAC working in the Space Operations Division, managing the center's multi-million dollar acquisition support contracts for the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System. Many of the techniques he implemented during his tenure with AFTAC are still used today.

"I hadn't really expected to receive this recognition," said Wiley, who is also very active in the AFTAC Alumni Association. "I've attended every ceremony since the wall was initiated, but never thought I'd be eligible for induction, especially when you think of some of the other fantastic people who have had their name put on the wall. I'm always impressed how the men and women of AFTAC do everything 'first-class' and today was no exception."

McClelland joined the AFTAC's long range detection team in 1964. During his career, he served at various overseas detachments in New Zealand, Ascension Island and Korea, as well as at the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron at the now-defunct McClellan Air Force Base in California. While the chief retired in

1984, he continued his tenure with the treaty monitoring center as a contractor, where he still serves today.

The chief's daughter was overcome with emotion after witnessing her father's induction. "This is so impressive," said Cheryl McClelland, choking back tears of pride. "My father has always been the best dad a girl could ever ask for, and seeing him recognized for a lifetime of achievement is incredibly overwhelming. I'm so thrilled for all of today's inductees, and can't thank the men and women of AFTAC enough for being like family to us. It's such an honor!"

The third inductee served 26 years on active duty. Spencer began her Air Force career as a pharmacy technician, but ultimately cross-trained to become an applied physics lab specialist. She was a gifted microscopist and oversaw AFTAC's trace particle program throughout the years. Prior to her retirement in 1999 and because of her vast knowledge and skills, she was selected to support the closure of the McClellan Central Laboratory and AFTAC's Technical Operations Division.

While Wiley and McClelland were able to attend the ceremony in person, Spencer was unable to make it to Florida's Space Coast. Instead, she asked to have former co-worker and friend Doris Bruner accept the award on her behalf. Bruner is the technical advisor for AFTAC's Director of Operations and said it was a privilege to serve as Spencer's proxy.

"When Chief Spencer found out she was being inducted, she told me it was an honor and greatly appreciated," said Bruner. "She was disappointed she couldn't attend the ceremony, and hopes to arrange a visit one day in person to see her name on the wall. She also wanted me to express her thanks and gratitude to all those who made this happen – she knows what a huge effort and time commitment it takes."

Bruner added, "Chief said the best part is she's now back in touch with everyone from the Alumni Association, and is thrilled to be in contact with so many from her AFTAC family, past and present."

Each inductee received a hefty medallion with an inscription that reads, "Let this medallion signify its recipient is a member of an elite and noble group of Airmen who stand in silent vigil for the good of all humankind."

Pictured on the medallion is an American Bald Eagle clutching a scroll in one talon and a sword in the other. The scroll symbolizes the Limited Test Ban Treaty and the sword illustrates military strength and might. Above the eagle are the words "Sapientia Potentia Est," Latin for "Wisdom is Power."

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WALL OF HONOR cont

Col. Greg Sawyer, AFTAC's vice commander, officiated the ceremony.

"Today, we honor our collective history and the legacy of three fellow Airmen whose distinguished service provides innumerable examples of innovation that outpaced and countered our adversaries," Sawyer said. "We honor their service and contributions, and we honor them for the inheritance they have provided this generation of AFTAC personnel. On this day, you join the ranks of our AFTAC forefathers and luminaries, and we are better for having shared its spaces and responsibilities with you. A significant portion of your lives and talents have been freely given to this organization, and for that we are eternally grateful."

Immediately following the medallion presentation, the inductees and their family members were invited to pose for photos in front of their newly-engraved plaques.

Dr. Mike Young, AFTAC's Historian, spearheaded the effort to induct this year's honorees.

"Selection to the Wall of Honor is no easy feat," Young explained. "The Heritage Committee meticulously reviews dozens of nomination packages of former scientists, analysts, engineers and technicians, and only three per year are considered for induction. The committee looks for nominees who demonstrated great character and whose actions truly discriminated them from thousands of other center employees, both military and civilian. The 2018 inductees absolutely exceed those standards, and it was a privilege to be a part of this process."

ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP* <<< Pg 1

Friday, 4 May

**AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)
Annual Spring Golf-n'GetTogether XXXII**

Venue: Manatee Cove Golf Course, PAFB.

Check-in: 1130;

Shotgun Start: 1300. (Format: 4- Person Scramble).

Cost: \$40 (Alumni Members)

\$45 (Non-Alumni Members).

Fee includes: Golf, Cart, Range Balls, and BBQ from Tides Club, served for Dinner.

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

Mulligan's packages will be on sale: \$5 for 1 mulligan, Red Bomb, & Nolan.

Team Mulligan Ball: Available for \$10.

POCs: Mr. Ed Lindsay -- piston_horse@hotmail.com -- 321-610-7548 (Unlisted)

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

Friday, 7 September

2018 AFTACAA Sociable September XXI/Annual Off-Site/Board/ FY19 Elections Luncheon/Meeting/AOY Board and Selection Meeting

(AOY Board follows. Select, members only.)

Location: Manatee Cove Golf Course (MCGC), (Putter Room), PAFB.Meeting: 1130 - 1230.

Pay-as-You-Go Lunch is available, before meeting, from Fairways Snack Bar.

For your early dining pleasure, lunch may be ordered at 1030.)

ACTIVE-DUTY ALERTS

Saturday, 12 May

2018 AFTAC Spring Picnic

Times: 0900 - 1500

Locale: Chevron Park, (Old Survival Area off Range Road), Patrick AFB

Note:(Subject to Change). Ticket Cost: \$5 for food ticket / \$25 max for family/ \$5 beer tickets (waiting to confirm if the dollar amount will be the same as last year).

POC: TSgt Trent Adams, trent.adams@us.af.mil

Events-What's Gone Off*<<< Pg 1**Team AFTAC and Team AFTAC Alumni Members do volunteer work for the 60th Running of the Daytona 500.**

By Sean Ryan



Boogady, Boogady, Boogady... Let's Go Racing Boys and Girls! Once again, it was the start of the NASCAR race season, from February to November! Sunday, 18 February 2018 brought 17 "Team AFTAC and Team

AFTAC Alumni Members" together once again, for the 60th Running of the Daytona 500 (200 laps, 500 miles), at Daytona International Speedway, in Daytona Beach, FL.

Not the first year, by far, for many, and for fellow AFTACer's to do volunteer work at the Daytona 500 race, nor the last, to hopefully do further volunteer work for. The great day of excitement, fun, wrecks, smoke, burning rubber, and extreme engine noise, ...began at O'Dark Thirty. This year, was a Sunday, and began at 0230 hours for some, when the alarm went off to meet

Daytona 500 cont

up at the local Walmart parking lot by 0400, with other Team Members. There, we did a mini-brief of days activities, hand out parking passes, credentials to enter the track, and safety brief. Then it was off to a quick stop (for some) at Mickie D's for "java and a biscuit", and onto the I-95 to Daytona Beach. 75 miles North, to the back lot parking lot, thru the tall grass, fog, and trees, then catch a school bus to the track entrance with others. From there, it was sign-in and assignment to either a "chalet as a server" or a "chalet as a runner". This year, once again, we (my Wife, Michelle and I), lucked out as servers. This year, my server duty was with a chalet called "Power Design"...A multi-billion dollar industry that is a National Electrical Contractor, based in Tampa, FL. They are among Fortune Magazine's top 100 places to work for in the nation. And, what a "team" they are and were, ...some truly awesome folks to cater to for the day of race. Her chalet, as a server, was TORO. Next door to the one I worked. Another great customer to serve. In my chalet, there were 3 of us (only me as the AFTACer, a UCF student, and another individual working the bar). Duties consisted of keeping the buffet line stocked and rocked with food and beverages, condiments, flatware, table ware, etc. Assisting the bartender with drinks, was always a ++ to pristine customer service to the guests, throughout the day. I had not done bartending, bar back, or waiter in ages...but it all comes back, to memory, pretty fast.

What an awesome day it was. In the end, a total of \$2,300.00 was raised by volunteers for the event. Of which, \$1,300.00 raised in other chalets/booths by AFTACer's, and along with the \$1,000.00 tip, I personally and singularly earned, was donated, to the Booster Club, for my volunteer work with "Power Design". That truly, speaks volumes, for a day's work as a volunteer! In addition, my wife also donated her tip to the Booster Club for tips earned. Funds earned throughout the year, help to support the Annual Spring Picnic and Winter Social.

Great day, great event, and we'll definitely work/volunteer for, "Power Design" and "TORO", and at the track once again! Truly an awesome group of folks to service during the race! And an awesome day of volunteers representing "Team AFTAC and Team AFTAC Alumni"!

SnowBall 2018 Submitted By Gene and Dee Melchior

The annual AFTAC alumni "Snowball" was held on January 20th at the Holiday Inn Viera-Melbourne.

Our commander, Col. Stephen Gorski, provided an interesting overview of current AFTAC activities. His updates are always interesting and keep alumni "in touch" with the mission they served.

Attendees enjoyed a festive evening renewing old friendships and sharing memories. The menu for the event, Hunters Chicken Breast or Flat Iron Steak served with a delicious Mushroom-wine sauce, was enjoyed by all. Key Lime Pie topped off the dinner.

The "Mobile Sensors" theme honored AFTAC members currently serving aboard the ships that carry on our world-wide mission. Highlighting the evening was a presentation by Dr. Mike Young, our AFTAC historian. Mike provided models of the current ships, and answered questions for those who gathered around the displays. Our thanks to you, Mike!

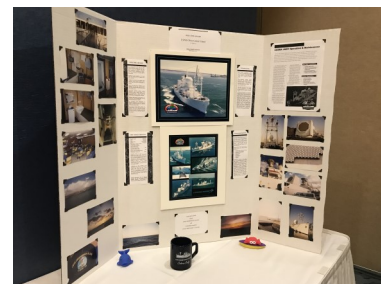
The end of the evening announced the AFTAC Alumni for 2017. It was John "Butch" Kemna, from the West Coast Chapter. Butch was announced at the worldwide reunion in Sacramento held in June 2017. This was our official announcement to finally welcome him in to the honored ranks.

Alumni member, Gene Melchior, (while working as a contractor with Lockheed Martin) provided pictures taken in 1999, while he was aboard the now decommissioned Cobra Judy ship "Observation Island." Gene was gratified that there was so much interest in his photos, posterboard and experiences.

Michelle Ryan and Judy Henderson added centerpieces adorned with nautical figures that were a complement to the ship displays. A hearty thank you, ladies!

Our thanks to Sean Ryan for his planning and great efforts in making this all happen. Also, thanks to all those that volunteered to help with the various tasks needed to provide such a great evening.

We look forward to next years "Snowball 2019" when alumni gather again!



2018 AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Snowball XX

Article By Sean Ryan

Photos – Michelle Ryan and Judy Henderson



Since 1999, the AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA), Florida Chapter, has 'thrown a themed event called Snowball' at the start of the new year. We like to entertain this event when our 'Sage Snowbirds' are in town. It is a grand way to introduce the newly elected and appointed board members, recognize Alumni and Alumni accomplishments, hold a festive and social get-together followed by a sit-down dinner and wish old friends and Alumni a great start, to a new year. It is also a great time to honor and recognize the Alumni of the Year (AOY) for the previous year. This year's splendid and outstanding event and evening was held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Melbourne-Viera, Florida, on Saturday, 20 January 2018. It is tradition at the annual Snowball, where we welcome the AFTAC Commander, Vice Commander, Chief Scientist, Director of Staff, Command Chief, Directors, Group and Squadron Commanders, all active-duty military and civilian, and any outlying area commanders, who are in attendance. We also pay special tribute to the spouses and significant others in support of Alumni members at the Snowball.

The night's festivities kicked off with a Social Hour where guests enjoyed reminiscing about AFTAC and catching up and socializing with old friendships and sharing memories of their time in the unit, around-the-world, or in the headquarters building at Patrick AFB thru the years. The bartender, "Ryan," once again, was truly superb in serving great cocktails and beverages throughout the evening. The yearly slide show, organized and built by Bob Wiley, with photos from various photographers, of previous Snowball's, Winter Socials, Golf Tournaments, Toilet Bowl and Winddowns, was continually shown. Memories of some good times for the year were shown with photos taken by Bob Wiley and Judy Milam-Henderson, among others that contributed.

This year's theme, was "Mobile Sensors", joining previous themes honoring Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, Korea, Nebraska and Colorado ... locations where AFTAC had or has a presence, among others worldwide. It honored unit members presently serving on, or those who have served on, the ships that continue to conduct a key aspect of the world-wide AFTAC mission, 24/7. Of special note, Dr. Mike

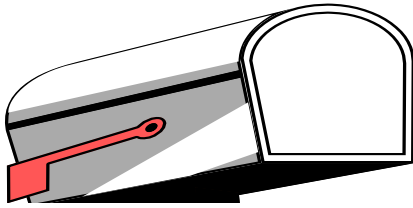
Young, the AFTAC Historian, provided 2 models of the respective ships for display, answered a Q&A with guests questions during the evening, and briefed certain aspects of their respective mission(s). Thank you kindly Dr. Young -- Well done and greatly appreciated!

A very delicious dinner for the evening was served consisting of Hunter's Chicken Breast w/Mushroom Wine Sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley, or Flat Iron Steak with Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable Medley and Wine Mushroom Sauce or Portobello Mushroom Napoleon w/Fresh Vegetables and Red Pepper Sauce. Accompaniments included House Salad, Dinner Rolls and Butter, Iced Tea, Water, Coffee, and a delightful and delicious dessert of Key Lime Pie. After a brief break after dinner, the AFTAC Commander, Colonel Steven Gorski, provided an outstanding Power Point slide mission brief and overview of AFTAC's current activities and status. His Status of Command slide show, was truly "spot on" and brought the AFTACAA "in tune and current" with the mission they once served in, and what is on the horizon for AFTAC down the road.

The evening ended with the announcement of the AFTAC Alumni of the Year for 2017. TSgt(R) John "Butch" Kemna, from the West Coast Chapter in Sacramento, CA, was selected. Butch's name was initially announced at the June 2017 Worldwide Reunion in Sacramento. The AFTACAA officially announced his name to welcome him into the honored recipients of the AOY ranks. Florida Chapter Alumni member, Gene Melchior, graciously provided photos and memorabilia of the now decommissioned Cobra Judy ship ("Observation Island") that he collected while he was a contractor aboard the ship in 1999.

Judy Milam-Henderson and Michelle Ryan made centerpieces decorated with nautical figures and "sea like" items, that were an awesome compliment to the ship displays. Thank you Judy and Michelle...It added so much color and "theme diversity" to the guest tables. A special thanks to all Team AFTAC Alumni Members and Spouses that volunteered to help with the various tasks and support required to provide for an awesome evening for all in attendance, once again. We look forward to the 2019 Snowball XXI in January 2019, when the Alumni gather once again to mingle, socialize, and reminisce of the times we were in and the current AFTAC of today and recognize 2019 AOY.





Personals ...

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

In Memoriam

Rest in Peace

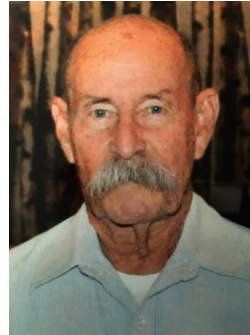


Arnold Herman Wunder - 4/10/2018

Arnold was born on May 11, 1933, and passed away on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Arnold was a resident of Nebraska at the time of passing. Survived by wife, Joni Wunder; daughters, Vicki (Al) Fugate, Lynda (Jeffrey) Booth, Lisa (Dan) Shull, Laura (James) Christenson, Holly Wunder; 14 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren. 16 Apr 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM John A. Gentleman Mortuaries - Pacific Street Chapel 14151 Pacific Street Omaha, NE 68154 With a Wake Service at 7:00 PM 17 Apr 10:30 AM St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church 15353 Pacific St. Omaha, Ne 68154 Calvary Cemetery 1761 W Linden Ave. Fremont, Nebraska 68025 memory of Arnold.



Delbe D. Solari—1933—2018



Delbē D. Solari passed away peacefully at home on March 9, 2018, surrounded by his loving family. Delbē was born March 30, 1933, in Santa Barbara, CA, to Lucille and Emmanuel Solari. He was raised in Carpinteria, CA, alongside three siblings, brother Joe and sisters Irene and Marianne. Delbē attended Carpinteria Union High School where he graduated in 1951 and after a short stint at Cal Berkeley he enlisted in the US Air Force and served in Korea.

In 1955, while stationed in Wyoming, Delbē met the love of his life Mildred (Mickie) Bartos. They were married the following year and this past September they celebrated their 61st anniversary. Mickie and Delbē lovingly raised their four children Susanne, Shelbē, Stephanie, and Joe while being stationed in Wyoming, Alaska, Virginia, and Florida.

Delbē retired from active duty in 1974 as a SMSgt but continued his career as a civil servant physical science technician for AFTAC (Air Force Technical Applications Center). He transferred to Patrick AFB in 1976, where he worked until his full retirement in 2014 after 62 years of service and was described by his AFTAC Commander as "...the hidden backbone of the seismic mission."

Delbē loved family time and having PBRs or "Tanqs" (Tanqueray Gin, olive juice, and two olives) with friends and was sometimes allowed to bring limburger cheese into the house. He enjoyed being outside doing yardwork or feeding the local squirrels and blue jays of which he acquired a large following. Delbē was a humble, selfless man of few words but a man full of love and support putting friends and family before himself.

Delbē is survived by his wife Mickie, children Susanne, Shelbē, Stephanie, and Joe, grandchildren Drew and wife Katie, Kathryn and husband Randy, Greg, Taylor, Matthew, Shelbē, Marc, Piper, and Finley, great grandson Kale, sons-in-law Brian, Kurt, and Nick, daughter-in-law Wendi, sister Marianne Hudack, sister-in-law Sue Solari, best friends Bill Alexander and Dave Rice, and many nephews, nieces, and friends.

Funeral services were held on March 16th, 2018. In lieu of flowers, Delbē's family requests donations be made in his name to Hospice of St. Francis or Holy Apostles Episcopal Church, Satellite Beach FL.

Online condolences may be left at beachfuneralhome.com

Published in FLORIDA TODAY on Mar. 14, 2018



Bev Hall - 12/26/2017



Satellite Beach - Beverly Frith Hall of Satellite Beach passed away on December 26, 2017, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease and lung cancer. Beverly was born in Columbia, South Carolina. She was predeceased by her parents Carl and Esther Frith, and her brother Curtis who died at age 29 from diabetes.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Frank Hall of Satellite Beach, her daughter Deborah Davidson, and son Scott F. Hall; her children's spouses, Steve Davidson of Melbourne and Scott's wife Eleni Hall Manolaraki of Merritt Island; her grandchildren, Shelby Davidson of New York City and Tyler Davidson of Hurlburt AFB, Florida; her sister Brenda French, Brenda's spouse Al French, and Brenda's children.

Beverly graduated from Dreher High School in Columbia, South Carolina, and attended the University of South Carolina. In 1956, Beverly met her future husband, Frank, while working as a secretary for the SC Highway Department in Columbia; Frank was attending USC and was also working at the Highway Department. On December 28, 1956, Beverly married Frank, after he had entered the Air Force. For the next 30 years, Beverly was with Frank in Europe and numerous assignments in the continental United States and Hawaii, ending their military traveling at Patrick AFB in Florida. Beverly traveled and lived happily with him and their children. Beverly was also a member of the Officer's Wives Clubs for over 30 years.

Beverly devoted herself wholeheartedly and cheerfully to supporting the Air Force mission and the various communities where she lived with Frank. She served her military and civilian friends in her capacity as an officer's wife, as a volunteer on and off the base; additionally, as a Sunday school teacher and eight years as a school tutor at Suntree Elementary. Beverly lighted the lives of those around her with her kind and gentle humor, her interest in other peoples' lives and experiences, her many wonderful stories from decades of traveling, and her superb cooking skills. Over the years, she hosted many great parties and put guests

in her debt with her generous hospitality and her amazing meals and desserts.

Beverly's life was full and gratifying in every respect. Her love story with Frank, and their family of children, spouses, and grandchildren was—and still is—her most beautiful creation. Beverly was a blessing to those who knew her and to those she reached through the invisible bonds that tie us all together.

Beverly was a faithful attendee at the Chapel on Patrick AFB for well over 20 years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the USO.

Online condolences may left at beachfuneralhome.com

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Mark Sharratt - 12/29/2017

Ron Prudhomme wrote on Facebook: "Mark Sharratt's Daughter sent the following: "It is with a heavy heart that I inform you all that my dad passed away unexpectedly on Friday night.

Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers over the past few months." NOTE: AFTACAA Database list's Mark as having been in the command from 85 to 89 and stationed at Lowry for school and TOD for work. Later Ron sent the obituary link: <https://www.frenchfunerals.com/notices/Mark-Sharratt>



Mark Sharratt, 51, beloved husband, father, and brother, was called to his eternal resting place on December 29, 2017.

He entered this world on June 8, 1966 in Wilmington, NC, born to David and Zelda "Rusie" Sharratt. He is survived by his wife, Kim; father, David Sharratt; daughters,

Brittany and Megan Sharratt; sister, Wanda "Bugg" Sharratt; nephew, Kane Provencher; niece, Kinley Provencher; along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Rusie; grandparents, Rolland and Irma Sharratt, Madeline and Martin Gore.

Mark lived a life full of adventures as he served in the Air Force on the Honor Guard from 1985 - 1989. His time in the corp prepared him for his next journey working for the United States Geological Survey which took him around the globe for 23 years. He was incredibly proud to say he had been to all seven continents and it was easier to look at a globe and see where he hadn't been rather than where he had. Proceeding his career as a seismic field engineer Mark became a systems operator for PNM and remained there for the final five years. Aside from his working life Mark enjoyed several activities in his free time, beginning with cooking where he would often get very experimental, and anyone who knew Mark knows no one can cook quite like he could. Some other things he enjoyed were gardening, restoring lawn tractors, fostering kittens and puppies for the local shelter, smoking cigars, and cracking a cold one with the boys. However, being a supportive father was his favorite thing to do, which also became quite the job as he traveled all across the country to attend dance competitions and volleyball tournaments for several years. The adventurous life Mark lived allowed him to touch the hearts of many, and he will be dearly missed.

A Memorial Service was held January 5, 2018. Burial to take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.



Frederick Kenneth Brewster - 12/19/2017



Frederick Kenneth Brewster, age 85, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on December 19, 2017. Fred served 22 honorable years in the U.S. Air Force, and went on to work 20 years as a Letter Carrier with the US Postal Service. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Catherine, his son,

Mark, his daughter, Nancy, their spouses, and numerous grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Cathy. He was loved by all who knew him and will be dearly missed.

Comments made by Fred's son, Mark, to the WCC Webmaster at the memorial service:
In the 1950's, before "AFTAC" and while stationed in New York, Fred was a member of the Air Force Honor Guard. Besides being assigned to the 1155th TechOpsSq at McClellan, Fred was also stationed with Bob Fitzgerald in the late 1960's at an AFTAC unit at Eielson AFB, Alaska. Fred retired from AFTAC and the USAF in 1973.

Fred was a good man who always had a ready smile that brightened your day. He will be missed by all who knew him. - Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster



Joseph M. Steele - 4/24/1974



DET 412 - Joe in front of "U" Technique

After enlisting in the USAF in 1969, Joe attended USAF Basic Training at Lackland AFB. While at Basic Training, highly selective screening identified Joe as a candidate to attend Special Electronics Technician Training at Lowry AFB. Here Joe was assigned to the 3428th School Squadron for Electronics "Fundies" and then attended the new "I" Tech-

nique School at Det 057 on Lowry. Upon graduation, Joe headed off to his first assignment at Det 412. Joe was part of the initial contingent that manned the "I" Technique following takeover by AFTAC from the Army SRU11. Joe's dedication to the AFTAC Mission and solid work ethics contributed to a successful transition of "I" Technique from the Army to AFTAC at Det 412. Joe then decided to PCS from Det 412 and head down to AFTAC Det 441. Here Joe joined three other Det 412 Alumni serving at this unique remote Island assignment. Following the shutdown of Det 441 in late 1971, Joe was released to the regular AF and took an assignment at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton Ohio. Sadly, this would be Joe's last AF assignment as he developed cancer while at Wright-Patterson and passed away in Apr of 1974. Joe was a classic "old school" 99125... He was a hard worker who helped make the transition of the "I" Technique from the Army to AFTAC a complete success at two different locations. Joe was always ready to chip in and help with any Det required task, and was a true friend to many of us during his two AFTAC assignments.



Claude Ciuper - 1/17/2018

Claude Ciuper, 64, of Palm Bay, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. Arrangements were made by Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care.

Col. Whitfield Martin - 8/18/2007



Whitfield A. (Whit) Martin, 87, a retired Air Force Colonel, died Saturday, August 18, 2007. He was born in Ft. Smith, AR and raised in Tulsa, OK. He came to Brevard County from Alexandria, VA in 1973. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in September 1975. Colonel Martin was a member of the VFW Post #10131, DAV Chapter #123, American Legion Post #22. Survivors include his daughter, Judy Shapiro of Merritt Island; son, Whitfield Anthony (Tony) Martin III of Cocoa Beach; grandchildren, David and wife, Terri Shapiro, Heidi Shapiro, Beth Shapiro; and a great-grandson, Justin Vance. Colonel Martin was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Evelyn and by his older daughter, Terry.

MAIL - CALL



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Missives requesting no action may be mailed/emailed to the editor, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com.' Those may be edited for clarity and space but not normally for punctuation, wording, etc; opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy.

Thanks to all who contact us! We publish all correspondence, unless otherwise requested, so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled. Normally, we will not include personal information, e.g., address, phone number, etc, unless you ask or seemingly appropriate (e.g., follow-up).

RE: December 2017 Post Monitor

John, this has to be one of the most comprehensive PoMo's you've put out. It is chock full of great things to know and definitely keeps the readership well informed. Thanks for your dedicated work. Your appraisal of Pete Gilbert, our Alumni Webmaster and PoMo formatter couldn't be more accurate. He is worthy of any and all the praise that comes his way. His attention to detail and correctness is unmatched by many people I know. All of our volunteers deserve a note of praise, but at this moment, Pete leads the group. My thanks to him too.

Regards,
Frank Calenda

RE: December 2017 Post Monitor

Pete, John, Judy, and Frank Hall,

I finally got through the Dec PoMo. That was a lot of stuff, so I had to take it in small bites. And my retention is not what it used to be (not much of an iceberg left for those penguin storage cells), so had to read some parts multiple times.

You all did a stupendous job putting out a top-notch newsletter. It never ceases to amaze me, the dedication that ya'll have to still churn out a premier publication. I take that back, maybe not so surprised because I know the caliber of people that you are. I guess I am more humbled that you would allow me to be part of this Association and rub elbows with the great professionals of the Alumni.

A big thank you to all that you do to put this thing together and get it out to the world to see. I especially liked Arlin's Christmas wish. I hope it comes true and we get many others that I know have much to contribute, step up to be more involved.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe & Happy New Year,
Ed Lindsay



PREZ Ed FROM THE TOP Lindsay SEN

Hello to all of our AFTAC Alumni near and far. It is time once again for an excerpt from the mind of the Alumni President. So hold on for a short review.

Last year ended with good times and sad times for the Alumni. The Headquarters had their Holiday Open House and again invited the Alumni to join them. It was held Dec 22nd, the Friday before the long Christmas/New Year week. Dr. Mike Young, the AFTAC Historian, had arranged for the Alumni to join the Command section. 24 Alumni decided to participate. Frank Calenda put together a great article that can be found in the activities section of the Website. That weekend, the Alumni family got the news that Beverly Hall, life-time partner of one of our founding and most active members, Frank Hall, had gone to meet her maker. I know Beverly touched many of the AFTAC family's lives throughout her years and we are all better for having her as part of AFTAC and this world.

The next few months were full of some very nice get-togethers, but there was also another death that hit the AFTAC family hard—that of Delbe Solari who spent over 62 years working at AFTAC as a physical science technician in the seismic technique. See Delbe's obituary included in this issue. On a happy note, AFTAC held their Winter Social the 12th of January and this time it was at the Brevard Zoo. That was something out of the ordinary, but then again, AFTAC is no ordinary organization. The Alumni joined in the activities and we helped with selling tickets and raffling off the Winter Gift Baskets. The week after that, our annual Snowball was held at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Viera/Suntree. It was great to see friends that we hadn't seen lately. The theme was Mobile Sensors and Colonel Gorski, the AFTAC Commander, gave a nice brief on what has been going on with AFTAC missions the past year and how the Mobile Sensors tied in. We again announced Alumni of the Year for 2017, John "Butch" Kemna, from the West Coast Chapter.

February saw the Headquarters holding their Annual Awards ceremony. This was not a banquet or a luncheon as in previous years. This was a Star Wars themed event held in the Base Theater that was, once again, out of the ordinary and out of this world. I was honored to be able to accept the Alumni of the Year award on behalf of John Kemna. It was a very interesting snowglobe with a mushroom cloud and black snow to signify fallout. A few Alumni helped out again at the Daytona 500. Sean and Michelle Ryan and SMSgt Rob Christman made sure the AFTAC Boosters Club got some assistance and a large sum of money to help in funding their events.

On 27 March, AFTAC had their Wall of Honor ceremony. The Alumni were once again included and this time they decided to have a special seating section for us, just behind the Honorees. It was an added bonus, because one of our own very active members, Lt. Colonel (retired) Robert Wiley, was one of the 3 honored. The other two were, CMSgt (retired) William McClelland and CMSgt (retired) Susan Spencer. Very nice ceremony. Read all about it in this PoMo.

That is all I have for now. Much of this you may have seen at our website, aftacaa.us, or you will be able to read about it in this issue of the Post Monitor. Enjoy the issue and thank you to all those who make this happen. Pete Gilbert does practically all the formatting and preparing of the info provided to put this publication together. It is a huge amount of work and I am very thankful for his great service to the organization. John Horsch, Judy Milam-Henderson, and Frank Hall do a wonderful job reviewing the articles and other items to make a quality publication. There are so many others that help throughout the year and I am very thankful for all of them. You should be too. They are keeping the fires burning for those that have come before us and that continue to hold the torch for AFTAC.

Until next time, Ed Lindsay

Happy Spring fellow AFTAC Alumni Members

The past few months we have been going over the financial status of your organization. We have looked at the past 3 years of Income and Expenses. We knew that we were operating at a loss, but did not fully know to what extent. This has been captured in the minutes of the previous 3 months minutes, but I wanted to get the word out officially on the proposed steps to ensure our Association is viable for all the years to follow. We put together a budget using averages of the past 3 years.

First of all the numbers. Based on our records, for the past three years we have been operating with a negative sum balance. The average comes out to about \$850 a year that we have been losing.

The only Income (realized), we have is our Annual dues (30 x \$10), new Lifetime Members (approx 4 x \$75), some funds from Golf Tournaments (\$200), Sage Shop sales (\$50) and random donations from members/sources (????).

So this is \$850 plus donations we may receive.

The biggest expenses come from those mediums that get the info out to our members to keep them informed and connected with other members. Printing costs of the Post Monitor (\$1000), mailing costs (\$600), Website fees (\$170), Snowball (\$300), Alumni of the Year Items (\$55), PO Box & Misc (\$130).

For a grand total of \$2255 in expenses (website is a new charge and PoMo has been getting bigger, thus costing more).

So this means, with the proposed budget, we will be losing approx \$1400 each year.

We took a look at where our biggest disparity was and determined what could be done without cutting out the things we provide to the membership.

First was the Snowball...There is no way we should be losing money on this event. We decided to make this an event that breaks even at a minimum. So ticket prices at the Snowball will now be set accordingly to meet that standard. This was poor management and falls clearly on me. It will be corrected.

Next was the Post Monitor expenses. These are \$1600 dollars which is driven by pages printed, amount of issues printed, and size/quantity of issues mailed. Currently we print 300 issues. Of those, 250 are mailed to the members who have chosen to still receive hard copies. 50 copies were used for distribution to the Dets and throughout the Headquarters bldg.

We decided to reduce the size of some of the articles included in the PoMo. Many of which are articles that are available in newspapers and on the internet. About 35% of the PoMo is these articles...we will now only have the byline and source for where the rest of the article can be found. We also decided to reduce the amount of issues we will provide to the Dets and HQ to maybe 10 total (yet to be finalized).

The final step was two fold. First to try to encourage those that still receive the hard copies to get their PoMo access via our website (same content, printable, and you get the PoMo much quicker). For those who choose to still get the hard copy mailed to them, we will start charging \$5 a year to help pay for the printing and mailing costs.

The \$5 fee to cover printing and mailing costs was to go into affect with the August 2018 issue. I am keeping this option on hold for now. Primarily to see how the reduction in size and printing affects our costs with the April issue. But probably the biggest reason is to get feedback from the Association Members. We want to make sure that we are providing the best to you, while keeping the Association running for all the years to follow. The Association has a wonderful heritage and it is important to us to honor our commitment to all of the Alumni, to keep us informed and engaged.

We do not ever plan to neglect providing info of Alumni and AFTAC happenings to any of our AFTAC brethren and we will never do that. It was brought up at our monthly meeting today to ask for donations. Discussion ensued. So i will, on behalf of the Association, ask that if you feel we provide a valuable service to the membership, that you might provide a donation, if you feel it warranted. No donations, no problem. We are AFTAC and will make it work.

Please feel free to contact me with any of your comments or concerns at piston_horse@hotmail.com and continue to look for updates at our website aftacaa.us. [NOTE—Donations may be mailed to AFTAC Alumni Assoc at P O Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL 32925-0892]

Forever AFTAC,
President, Ed Lindsay

Board Members (elected positions)

President-**Ed Lindsay** Vice-**CMSgt Jim Whidden**
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HO/**Bob Wiley**, Hospitality-**Judy Henderson**, Membership/Master
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Publicity-**Sean Ryan**, Sage Shop-**MSgt John Goll**. Website
Manager-**Frank Calenda**
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A Minute with the Minutes

Historian: Dr. Mike Young discussed the Wall of Honor and said the next inductee ceremony will be on 27 Mar at 1400. He announced that the latest selectees are Robert "Bob" Wiley, Susan "Sue" Spencer, and William "Bill" McClelland. He also discussed providing stories from the Nucleus for publication in the PoMo.

Membership Report: Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported there are 594 Florida Alumni members (564 lifetime and 30 year to year). He discussed sending out postcards to those members receiving hardcopy PoMo's to describe the cost sharing of printing and postage of the future hardcopy PoMo's

Website Committee Report: Frank Calenda said he and Pete Gilbert have been working on a project to provide extra protection to our website and make it more proprietary. He discussed some on those procedures and updates including allowing elected members of the alumni access to the data base with read-only privileges.

Post-Monitor: John Horsch reported that he will be calling for submission of articles for the upcoming PoMo in the very near future. He said the pricing of the hardcopy PoMo will take effect with the Aug 2018 edition.



WEST COAST CHAPTER NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS

DEPOT FALLOUT

2018-19 Board: Rod **Hinkle**, President; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); Dave **Tarquino**, Asst. COB; Dennis **Nolan**, Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; (vacant), Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Sec; Dave **Price**, Membership; Don **King**, Newsletter Editor; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>. **Florida Editor's Note:** *The 1st Page of this 'Fallout' is available at the website - full earlier issues are also available. This editor can personally attest to the value of reviewing CA's posted issues. There are articles of high interest for Sages not available elsewhere, better yet, become a member..*



SPRING PICNIC BBQ & POTLUCK

by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster & Vice President

The West Coast Chapter will hold our annual SPRING PICNIC BBQ & POTLUCK once again on ARMED FORCES DAY, Saturday, 19 May 2018. Please note that all AFTAC'ers (Military, Civilian, Spouses, Kids, & Grandkids), and even your non-AFTAC friends are welcome to attend this FREE event. John "Butch" Kemna our chief Picnic Guru, myself and our BBQ Chefs promise you will have a lot of good food, a really good time and possibly even good weather - which we've ordered for this event. Full details and the required sign-up form can be found in this issue as well as on our website.

ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL COMING IN NOVEMBER

by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster & Vice President

On Saturday, November 11th the West Coast Chapter will have our annual Fall Social at the Olive Garden restaurant in Citrus Heights from 11:30am-2:30pm. This restaurant will allow us each to order from their full menu and will bill us separately for our meals & drinks. More details and the required sign-up form will be available on our website soon and published by our July or September issue. Please put this event on your calendar now so you won't forget! □

[Note: We had reported last issue that we were planning to have this event at the Spaghetti Factory in Roseville, but it turns out that their requirements do not fit our needs regarding restricted menu selections, one group billing, etc.]



COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS

ECHOES

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

WORLDWIDE REUNION 2019

Fellow Alumni and friends, we have started the preliminary work on hosting another alumni worldwide reunion next year, 13 - 16 June 2019, with the informal social icebreaker on Friday evening, 14 June, and the formal dinner on Saturday, 15 June. We have met with the folks at the Hilton DoubleTree in Aurora and they will give us a special room rate of \$119.00 per night (plus tax) which includes a full breakfast buffet each morning. This is the same hotel where we hosted our 2013 reunion - it is significantly remodeled (scheduled to be finished this May).

Before we sign a contract with the hotel, we would like to get an idea of how many people will be attending the two evening events and also how many rooms will be booked at the hotel (this will help us to lock down the hospitality room).

Please let us know if you are:

1. Definitely interested and will be attending
2. Definitely interested but may not be able to attend
3. Just interested and it's really iffy

We would also like to hear any feedback you might provide regarding the 2013 reunion and any suggestions you may have for the upcoming 2019 reunion. Please "reply all" to this message with your response - it will be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,
AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado

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Command Section



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

Bio: <http://www.25af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC.aspx>



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

Bio: <http://www.25af.af.mil/Units/AFTAC.aspx>

Grass does not grow under this octogenarian's feet



With 82-plus years under his belt, a long and storied career with the federal government, and elbows that have rubbed with the likes of astronauts, diplomats, presidential appointees and renowned international scientists alike, one would think he'd have slowed down by now.

One would think. But that's not the case for Dr. Bob Kemerait, a senior scientist and Defense Intelligence Senior Level executive at the Air Force Technical Applications Center here. On the contrary, Kemerait shows no signs of seeking out retirement community living or hanging up his proverbial lab coat – at least, not just yet.

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AFTAC Hockey Team receives special Congressional recognition

Before the anthem was sung and the puck dropped at center ice, Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center hockey team were recognized by a member of Congress for their charitable fundraising efforts at a game versus Florida Institute of Technology March 24.

Rob Medina, Director of Community Relations for Rep. Bill Posey (FL-15), presented a Certificate of Special Recognition to team captain Bill Hungate before a charity game with FIT at the Space Coast IcePlex in Rockledge, Fla. Medina also presented a signed Letter of Commendation from Posey to each player thanking them for their service, devotion to duty, loyalty and outstanding achievements.

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25th AF commander immerses into treaty monitoring mission

The commander of 25th Air Force visited the Air Force Technical Applications Center here to meet with senior leadership, learn more about the AFTAC mission, and discuss her priorities with center personnel.

Maj. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien paid her first visit to the nuclear treaty monitoring center Feb. 20-21, and traveled with her command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Stanley Cadell, to ensure enlisted areas of concern were also addressed during the visit.

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Industry Day brings high-tech companies to AFTAC

The Air Force Technical Applications Center hosted a Nuclear Treaty Monitoring Industry Day Feb. 9 to give high-tech companies an opportunity to network with center scientists, engineers and technicians and share ideas about the capabilities contractors can offer that affect AFTAC's mission areas.

Held at Patrick AFB's Shark Center, more than three dozen agencies attended to discuss topic areas ranging from geophysics and seismology to directed energy weapons and air and space operations.

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AFTAC hosts annual WiSE Symposium

For the fourth time in as many years, the Air Force Technical Applications Center hosted its annual Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) Symposium Feb. 7-8, with Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson as the featured keynote speaker.

The symposium was established in 2013 to bring attention to and highlight the value that gender diversity brings to the science, technology, engineering and mathematics workforce. It also focuses on encouraging mentorship and networking opportunities for those interested in pursuing and excelling in STEM careers.

SecAF briefed on AFTAC role in nuclear explosions

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson visited the Department of Defense's sole nuclear treaty monitoring center Feb. 8, 2018, to get a first-hand glimpse into the role the center plays in worldwide nuclear event detection.

The Air Force Technical Applications Center hosted Wilson while she was in town for AFTAC's annual Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) Symposium. AFTAC commander, Col. Steven M. Gorski, briefed Wilson on current operations and ongoing analysis of recent nuclear events in the Korean peninsula. A robust question-and-answer session ensued, which provided Wilson a greater understanding of precisely how AFTAC operates the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System and ensures signatory compliance to established global treaties.

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Holmes, Batten pay first visit to nuclear treaty monitoring center

The commander of Air Combat Command paid his first visit to the Department of Defense's sole nuclear treaty monitoring center recently to meet the Airmen responsible for providing forensic-level scientific data to support ACC and national decision makers.

Gen. Mike Holmes, accompanied by his command chief, Chief Master Sgt. Frank Batten, flew in to Patrick AFB and spent the day learning more about the organization that falls under their command. Col. Steven M. Gorski, commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Dr. Glenn E. Sjoden, AFTAC chief scientist, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph, AFTAC's command chief, accompanied the ACC leadership team throughout the visit to introduce them to the scientists, engineers, analysts, operators and support technicians who execute the AFTAC mission.

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Airmen travel to Earth's southernmost point for annual maintenance

With 24 hours of daily sunlight in their favor, a team of seismic technicians traveled to the southernmost point on Earth to conduct annual maintenance of the equipment they use to monitor global nuclear treaties.

Six members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center made the trek from their home base at Patrick AFB, Fla., to Antarctica to troubleshoot and replace seismometers that contribute to the International Monitoring System.

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*******SAGE SCHEDULE*******

1. **WindDowns**-(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place to the west of the HQ building.

2. **Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings-Normally-2nd Mondays** at 1600 just inside the HQ Building, #10989. Park across the street and the meeting will be in conference room just to the left as you enter the front entrance lobby.

a. If a **Federal Holiday**, the meeting will be the next day.
b. **Quarterly**-meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted below. **NOTE:** Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. Other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Marina, Dining Facility), and off-base sites, may be considered for any meeting.

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.

BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE

AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITOR

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May

04, 1530—Wind Down

04, 11:30—Golf-n'Get Together, Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick AFB

12, 0900-1530—AFTAC Spring Picnic. Chevron Park, Patrick AFB

14, 1600 - Membership Meeting, HQ AFTAC Bldg

June

01, 1530—Wind Down

11, 1130 - Membership Meeting, Off-Site, Beef O'Brady's

July

06, 1530—Wind Down

09, 1130 - Membership Meeting, HQ AFTAC Bldg

August

03, 1530 — Wind Down

13, 1600 - Membership Meeting, HQ AFTAC Bldg

Event Plans and Timeframes—for planning only—dates and months may vary

A. January-April, (months may vary)

1. SnowBall
2. Center Annual Awards Banquet
3. Center Annual Picnic

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

1. Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication
2. Annual Association Spring Golf N'Gettogether

C. September-December, (months may vary)

1. 1st Friday of Sep, (**07 Sep 18**), Annual Board, General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September X**' will be at Manatee Cove on a **Friday at lunch** to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni & active-duty.

--**Alumni of the Year (AOY) Selection Committee** (prior AOY's) meet following the annual meeting

2. **Oct or Nov**, Annual Association Fall Golf N'Gettogether
3. **Oct 1st**, Alumni Assn **ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**
4. **Dec TBD**, (usually second Friday), Center Winter Social

D. WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled 'every other year.' Hosting rotates. Normally scheduled 'every other year.' Hosting rotates between the Association and the two chapters. Last host, CA- 2017.06, FL-2015.05, CO-2013.06 and CA-2011.05.

The next reunion is scheduled to be hosted by the Colorado Chapter 13-16 June 2019.

*******SAGE SHOP (SWAG)*******

Orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: AFTAC Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, **MSgt John Goll** Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. Also reach MSgt Goll, by phone: 321-494-9489 /email: john.goll@us.af.mil

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

A link to additional information on these items is available at <http://aftacaa.us> — enter the Sage Shop

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

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

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

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

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

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

SWEATSHIRTS/WINDBREAKERS/HATS

Long sleeve fleece sweatshirt - \$20 (most sizes/colors)

Windbreakers - \$25 Royal Blue, colored Alumni emblem

Hats - \$8.00 Blue/White

COINS/PINS

AFTAC Alumni Association Coin: \$10

AFTAC Alumni Association Pin: \$3

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

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

99/9S Coin: \$10

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

AFTAC Top 3 Coin: \$10

AFTAC Logo Pin: \$3

CLEARANCE ITEMS (while supplies last):

Golf Shirt \$5 - Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'; 2-Large, 4-XL

Nylon Jacket: \$10 – Royal Blue, w/white emblem with 'Alumnus'; 1-XL

SAGE SHOP MERCHANDISE FROM OTHERS

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

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

