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Your Association-'Serving Sages Since March 1985'



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 SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



FY 2006 VICE-PRESIDENT ADDISON MITCHELL





We spotlight 'Mitch' for his service to the Alumni, and his enthusiasm as the association's vice-president.

He is a lifetime member and has been very active in the association since he 'signed up.' Recently he was the 'Major Arranger' of the

association sponsored April 'WindDown,' and the 16th annual Spring Golf N'Getogether.

Mitch was born in Estill, SC, and joined the Air Force in March 1983. He served in AFTAC from 1998 to 2003 as the Superintendent of Systems Operations.

He retired in January 2004. Mitch's assignments include Hahn AB, Germany (1983-1984 & 1988-1992), Charleston AFB, SC (1984-1988), MacDill AFB, FL. (1992-1995), Gunter AFB, AL (1995-1998), and AFTAC (1998-Present).

Thanks Mitch, for your service to this country, AFTAC, and now the association. You have shown an early proclivity for involvement and getting the attention of possible new membership. Your contributions are meaningful and truly appreciated.

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denotes and represents all who served the mission throughout its inception and history

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ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER. OCT 13TH COCOA BEACH GOLF COURSE

CAROL SNYDER EMAIL, 5/10; FRANK HALL BOOKING

Mark your calendar for the 16th annual rendering of this event; 'Smokin' Joes' will cater.

WORLDWIDE REUNION, JUNE 7-11, 2007

FROM THE COLORADO NEWSLETTER, ECHOES, EDITOR BRUCE DEFFLER The Colorado Chapter will host a 2007 World-Wide Reunion in Denver. More information at 'Other Chapter's News' in this issue. The event details will be posted to both the Florida and California Chapters but please take a moment to get the word out to Alumni you know, but who may not be members of the chapters.

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

ASSN SPONSORS APRIL WINDDOWN EVENT

ADDISON MITCHELL, ASSN VICE AND EVENT ORGANIZER

Scene: The 'Outback' (behind the Hqs' building), there's folks. Active duty and Sages, food beverages and talk. Can it get better? (WindDown, page 7)

CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC, APR 8, 11-1700

Scene: Patrick AFB Survival Area. The day was beautiful and the area filled with Pre-Sages, Sages and children of all ages. (Picnic, page 7)

SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER, MAY 5TH

EDITORS,, CAROL SNYDER

Scene: May 5^{th,} 1300, Cocoa Beach Golf Course. The day was balmy, the sunshine was bright, the air was quiet and peaceful. (Golf, page 8)

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients

Mike Black 2005-Joe Goldian 04-Pat Snyder 03-Joe' Johnson 02 Jim Payne 01-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.

- 1. 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 650 Members, 556 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 89-00/05, Hospitality 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 96; 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 Alumi 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 157 members, 115 are lifetime.

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Boos, Booboos and Bulletins: We have additional information to the last issue's mention of the 'AFTAC SONG,' and the band, 'GreenLight,' you will read that in the 'Mail-Call' section.

Also, please note that we have placed the 'Alumni to Remember' section ahead of 'Mail-Call' with this issue.

As you read this, if all goes as planned, we will be traveling from Florida to Wellington, KS, for a family reunion and points west-Chris's brother in AZ and seeing a couple of friends along the way, RaeAnn **Coffey**, also in AZ, Rita and 'Alky' (Richard) **Summers** in LA, and Ray and Marva **Brust** in AR.

To make this possible, Judy **Milam**, a chapter perennial and current Secretary, offered to finalize this issue; we leave some space below for her comments. Thanks so much, Judy!!

Also, because of our trip and to have the issue draft as ready as possible for Judy, we asked for inputs a little early and we appreciate everyone cooperating in that request.

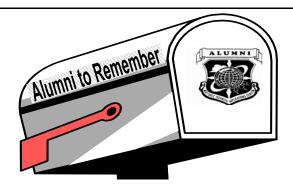
It's another great issue starting with the grand news that the Colorado chapter has announced the date of the next WorldWide reunion ... see page 1 and 'Other Chapter's News' for more on this. Start your planning now and we'll hope to see you there.

We've got lots of letters from 'new and renewal' members and its always fun to be reminded of people who have temporarily slipped from our everyday minds. Both fellow chapters have great stories that we glomed onto from their newsletters and we've got more great memories from several of our readers and some personal BS to pass on also. Enjoy, and now a 'hand for Judy.'

Judy adds:

I told John it would be a miracle if I was able to actually get this publication out, so we'll see if a miracle has occurred. It required me to break into his house to get the PoMo off his computer — thank goodness the neighbors were not looking. I had visions the police were on their way. We really need to thank John & Chris for all the time they put into this publication. They certainly deserve our applause. Clap! Clap!

It's with great sadness that I report the loss of a current AFTACer — Donna Bickham — who was on the verge of retirement. Many of you know that Donna (XP) and Sherry Andrews (formerly in TD & CV, now in TT) were sisters. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sherry and Donna's family.



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

Eunice Harris

Carl Gailey

Also For Those Not Mentioned But In Our Thoughts

In Memoriam

Caroline S. Forys (see following)
John D. Nolan (see following)
Dick Lema (see following)
Donna Bickham (see following)

Rest in Eternal Peace Caroline S. Forys

JOHN J. FORYS, LETTER, 2006.02.20

Caroline S. Forys of Carson, CA, died on January 23, 2006, at Empress rehab, Long Beach, CA. She was born in the Philippines on July 1, 1925. She was the wife of MSgt John J. Forys who spent 7 years with AFTAC with assignments at Dets 408,. 401, 418 and the Western Field Office. She worked for the government for 34 years. Her employment as secretary to the Commander at John Hay Air Base, Philippines, is well known by members of Det 418 during the period 1961-'66. When the det was activated in 1961 she was very helpful in providing office supplies at the onset. She enjoyed working with all members of the det and often mentioned how pleasant the members were.

John D. Nolan

COLONEL CLENTIS W BAILEY (USAF RET), EMAIL, 4/7

This is to advise of the recent death of Col John D. Nolan, a member of AFTAC for many years

Mike Black, our webmaster, did some online research and followed up with a 4/7 'e-all'-The following was obtained through the Miami Herald: Sign the guestbook at: http://www.legacy.com/herald/DeathNotices.asp?Page=SearchResults

NOLAN, JOHN D., Colonel, U.S.A.F., passed from our lives on December 22nd, 2005, leaving behind his beloved wife of over 50 years, Mary E. Williams Nolan; Son, Daniel J. Nolan of Norman Oklahoma; Daughter, Anita Nolan Shaw of Coral Gables; and Grandchildren Allison Nolan Shaw and Casey Nolan Shaw of Coral Gables and Summer Daniel Nolan of Norman.

He was born in Blue Ridge, Georgia, to Doctor and Mrs. J. Nolan and raised in Columbus, Georgia, and Phoenix, Alabama. At the height of World War II he enlisted in the Army Air Corps to enter Pilot Training. He served his basic training in none other than Miami Beach. After graduation from flying school he flew 38 combat missions with the 7th Group, 8th Air Force; operating from England and France as a Photo Reconnaissance and Fighter Pilot. At the end of the war he returned to Columbus, Georgia, where he became the Program Director of radio WDAK- NBC. He was astounded to learn Mary Evelyn Williams was the same young girl he had known in pigtails who had just returned from Mount Saint Agnes College in Mount Washington, Maryland. They were married a few years later.

On July 1st, 1950, he received orders to report for duty in support of the Korean Police Action. He proudly wore the Air Force Blue and served his county in dozens of stations as far apart as Alice Springs, Australia, to Wiesbaden, Germany. For the majority of his service he was a member of the elite AFTAC organization, described as one of the ten greatest secrets of the Cold War. He was constantly on the road, in the service of his nation, from obscure locations in Sub-Saharan Africa to the Arctic Circle.

Colonel Nolan retired in 1976 as a highly decorated veteran and was awarded the Legion of Merit by the U.S. and the Legion of Honor by the Republic of France. He consequently spent thousands of hours volunteering for the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami. Services were at the nation's resting place of honor, Arlington Virginia. Memorials may be made to the Bush Chapter of the Woman's Cancer Association of the University of Miami, 1010 S. Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, FL 33146. VAN ORSDEL - CORAL GABLES 4600 SW 8 St (305)446-4412

Dick Lema

JOE JOHNSON, EMAIL, 05.08

Col Pavik phoned; had a call from a former head of the lab who told him that Dick Lema died. Memorial service graveside in Portola, California, on 10 May. (obituary follows)

Richard A Lema

DALE KLUG, EMAIL 5/5, OBITUARY FROM PLUMAS COUNTY NEWS AND SACRA-MENTO BEE



Richard A Lema, distinguished retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, father of four and active community volunteer in Portola California, died May 5, 2006 at St. Mary's Hospital in Reno from multiple

health problems, including cancer.

Born in Oakland in 1934, to Alice (Long) Lema and Antone Lema, Richard Allen Lema's childhood and adult commitments were shaped by America's victory in World War II over tyranny. Attending college during the Korean War, he left U.C. Berkeley to join the Air Force, hoping to qualify for combat. The war ended before Lema completed his training, but not as a combat pilot. His less-then-perfect eyesight and extraordinary ability in math and physics presented him the career (and personal delight) he would follow the rest of his life-electronics and computers. Magic, he would call it.

The great U.S. concern during the Cold War was our enemies' development of enhanced nuclear weapons. Richard Lema was assigned with top-secret clearance to help develop detection equipment to monitor foreign atomic testing. His equipment flew on satellites, B-52s and the U-2.

He received numerous public patents for his work, as well as citations and awards during his three-decade career primarily at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento. He was Outstanding Airman of the Year in 1975, and met President Ford in the White House. He remained in contact with members of his squadron, who worked together in an underground lab at McClellan.

Lema moved to Portola several years after a heart bypass forced him to retire from the Air Force. He opened an electronics and computer business, and appreciated the irony of fixing a VCR or installing a computer for a local customer while his classified design skills had created equipment for surveillance satellites flying over Russia and China.

Richard Lema's major commitment to the community he loved was through Rotary International. He served as the Portola club's president several times, as well as treasurer. He appreciated the mission and energy of Rotary.

At uncountable Rotary events, his good humor

prevailed, interacting with Rotarians and the general public. His involvement with Rotary at the Beckwourth Fly-In and other events as Egg Meister was especially humorous since, while cracking hundreds of fresh eggs with other volunteers, he had hated eggs since childhood.

Apart from his professional and community service activities, he always was fascinated with the unknowable questions. Where did we come from? Why? What is our future? His own exposure in the Air Force to events and equipment led him to challenge people to think about the possibilities. There was magic in his considerations, and in the many presentations he made of evidence of visitation of Earth by other life forms. He also sold a plot outline for "Star Trek."

Richard Lema's personal signature was the perennial Donald Duck hat he wore. He was a total devotee of Walt Disney. He made yearly pilgrimages to the biggest computers on Earth-Disneyland and Disneyworld. In the unlikely event you didn't remember his name, you always remembered that guy in the Donald Duck hat.

Richard Lema was preceded in death by his parents and second wife, Alice, and is survived by his brother, Robert; four children, Rick, Danise, Michele and Linda; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A graveside ceremony was planned for May 10, 2006, at 1 p.m. at Whispering Pines Cemetery, Grizzly Road and Highway 70 in Portola CA. Those who are unable to attend the service but would like to send a tribute or condolence may do so at www.mannifuneralhome.com.

Donations are encouraged in Richard Lema's name to Rotary International of Portola, P.O. Box 1121, Portola, CA 96122, as well as to the American Heart Association, 28 Hanover Lane, Suite B, Chico, CA 95973 and the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 4142, Quincy. CA 95971

NOTE: Following the e-all concerning Richard's death we received several memoriam. These will be published in the next PoMo.

Donna Bickham

Rockledge, FL

FLORIDA TODAY—Obituary:

Donna L. Bickham, 55, passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2006. She was born in Washington DC and moved to Florida in 1978. Donna worked for the Department of Defense for 34 years. She is survived by her beloved husband of 34 years, Kevin Bickham; her son, Kyle Bickham; per parents, Ben & Doris Britton, her sister, Sharon Andrews, and her brother, Shawn Britton. A gathering to remember Donna

was held on June 9. Donna was loved by her husband, family, and friends, and will be missed by all.





Any requests for action should be sent to

Long Range Detection Alumni Association
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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.

LETTERS/EMAIL

Jack Dornedan-email 2006.03.04

(we forwarded a cartoon with a Studebaker car, Jack replied). Actually, that's a 40's era Study. Studebaker was the first maker to bring out a new post-war car, and that looks like a 46. Jack's reply stirred a 'Sage Story' within us ... see the BS section for our rendering.

Ken Breitwieser 03.06

Thanks so much for the quick reply (NOTE: request for the 'Fifty Years of Long Range Detection' history book published in 1997). Sorry to hear there are no more available. Would it be possible to ask around at your next Alumni meeting, if anyone may know of someone who has maybe an extra copy or two that they might give up?

Maybe some of those old timers just might know where I could locate one or two. I'm going to ask around here at our next meeting tomorrow night also, never know; maybe something will pop out of the wood work. Appreciate the help. Ken, herewith we publish your request. Good Luck.

Glenn Kennedy-email 03.10

At the end of Glenn's 'Alaska' series (last issue) he mentioned riding his motorcycle to the '05 CA reunion. We asked him about this; his reply:

Unfortunately:), "No" the military called:) We finally succeeded in breaking into DoD contracting with Navy SPAWAR here in San Diego, and we have a contract to provide network design and support for the Coast Guard Sector Command Center - Joint (SCC-J). Their mission is joint command and control along with Navy, Port, Na-

tional Guard and Immigration for the greater San Diego Ocean and harbor area.

Although the mission is entirely different, it's great fun being back in an "operational" military setting. The guys and girls have the same challenge we always had days and weeks of boredom separated by hours of chaos when something happens. Lots of other minor similarities also camera and radar sensor suites spread out on hilltops and piers microwaved back to the SCC-J. Lots of Antiterrorism/Force Protection communication links. All in all, a great system.

So, I had to scrub the reunion run....but for the best of reasons. Glenn, thanks again for your great series.

Gary Warfield-email 03.14

Last week while I was in Northern Georgia and reading the USA Today, there was a very interesting article on Pinedale, WY. The article states the once quiet cattle town has so much wealth that all fifth-graders get laptops. Teachers are the highest paid in the state. Unemployment rate is so low that the subway shop offers \$10 an hour to new workers. In the past three years, the county built hockey and riding arenas, a senior center and an addition to the courthouse. Two medical clinics are in the design stage. There is more than 1000 natural gas wells and thousands more are on the way. Amazing facts about your little home town. Chris thanks you for the 'hometown' update.

Michael Clark-email 03.14

(ePoMo Subscriber) It came in this time. (2mb file size as received, FYI). It reminds me that I need to sit down with 'keyboard' in hand and write a couple of pieces for the PoMo. My last one was a LONG time ago... Time for some updates!

Thanks again for all the hard work, and for continuing to care for all us (old AND new) AFTACers..! All the best! (STILL serving the original mission, albeit from afar with CTBTO) :-) Mike, thanks; praise, and readers/writers like you, make it so worthwhile.

Clark Creery-email 03.14

(ePoMo) Once again - superb publication. My hat is off to you folks and how you do so well.....I was right when I twisted your arm to do this. Thanks, and we've been ever so glad about that twist!!

Glenn Kennedy-email 03.14

First, I want to say thanks for all the kind words, but the kind words really go to you two and the Alumni volunteer support group. It has meant so much to me to find the group and be able to share experiences, and I really appreciate and

applaud the group for their energy. And, I love Bob **Long's** story from this edition. Because of his story, I now know/remember the names of the two generators at the Det (and also why those air shafts smelled so badly:))

Having served at that detachment, I can really appreciate how much work his team did in preparing the roads, arrays, cabling, etc. that was in place by the time I got there. It also is fascinating to hear that Black Dog's predecessor was "White Dog":) Now we need someone to fill in the middle part of the story. I am also thrilled (relieved) to find that we were not the only group to use the Tucker to fish the Chena River.:) And with his story about coating the hood with graphite, I'm beginning to see a glimmer of hope we weren't the only pranksters among 99125ers:).

And I fully understand Bob's touching comment about pride, the flag and sharing our story.

Bill Stephan-email 03.15

Just received the March issue via Email. As usual, another completely outstanding effort. I also enjoy getting the Post-Monitor via Email. The article on Burnt Mountain brought back memories. I was there in '73 with Guy **Long**, Virgil **Griffin**, Dennis **Weist** and others from the 1155th for the initial installation of the instrument packages. Take care & thanks for a great Post Monitor. Bill, thanks for the history and the praise.

Jim Davis-email 03.26

Hi there John. Well now that being UNWIRED is fashionable I have finally become WIRED. See what old age will do for you John. My e-mail address firehead@cogeco.ca was selected to honor all my OLD flying buddies of 50-55 years ago who called me Firehead because of my red hair back then. Any way I'm on line but still a "dummy" because of lack of experience.

John, I'm still having trouble getting my AFTAC Newsletter. Don't know what the problem is but I suspect it has to do with the address. The post office won't deliver mail unless the address is correct. I e-mailed Tom Sullivan and the e-mail address rvlass@aol.com and asked them to check on it and use the address that I included and which I will include at the end of this message. Also Carl Gailey was asked by Gerry LaBarre to check as well. I hope I don't have the whole of AFTAC in a panic getting my address lined up. Our postal code is quite different from the ones down in the US and that may just be the

problem. Could be other reasons as well like the hurricane season could have been a factor as well.

The entire address is required, and the postal code is letter number letter space number letter number{LOS 1E3} Are you now confused? I've been up here for 33 years now and I still get confused with some of their ways. Take care John and thank you for looking after me. How great is this, an email from Red Davis, I'da never thunk it!!! Even if you are having to grouse after us about the newsletter!!! We'll definitely take care of you.

Frank Calenda-email 04.14

As you may have read elsewhere, changes are coming in the Tricare cost area. Frank's email addresses that issue and contains a URL with important information. The listed web site contains information of impact on all of our lives. It is a short explanation of some of the things that are happening to our Tricare benefits and pharmacy benefits. It includes a cost chart that shows what we will pay out-of-pocket for Tricare for the next few years. Remember the costs of the Tricare medical care refers to the less than 65 year old group but the co-pay costs for meds refers to all of us. Most notably, the Express Scripts costs are going lower (e.g. a 90 day supply of a generic medication is \$0 if ordered through their mail order). We have used this service for years and find it more than adequate. Your co-pay at drug stores will increase but the base is still free but their formularies are constantly changing and many drugs will not be available. The URL is 'http://www.tricare.osd.mil/stb/index.cfm, Frank, thanks.

Paul 'Mike' Pinnick-email 04.30

Passed on by WebMaster, Mike Black The last Post-Monitor newsletter had a bit of misinformation that I'm hoping you can correct via email to the alumni roster. The newsletter published a 'ditty' by Col Turner from the Annual Awards Banquet, 'I Love AFTAC.' In fact, those are lyrics I wrote, sung to the tune of 'I Love This Bar' by Toby Keith. It is one of the two songs Ray Bell and I (from the band GREENLIGHT) performed at the Banquet.

I'm not worried about the crediting to Col Turner - after all, I stole the music from Toby! What I'm hoping you'll forward out to the alumni is that a recording of 'I Love AFTAC' is available for download from the GREEN LIGHT website, www.greenlightband.com. I've set up an "AFTAC Page" link right on the band's home page. If you

click this link, it will take you to a page with pics from some AFTAC/GREENLIGHT events and the song. I hope to get pics from the 2006 Spring Picnic up soon. We did mention Mike later in the issue (page 18, 'At The Last Minute'), but did not specify the song was 'I Love AFTAC.' We appreciate the additional information and are most proud to 'spread the word,' and to provide the website URL for this group; in large part made up of 'Sages.' Their website is excellent and represents 'Sages' going above and beyond to celebrate the mission

NOTE: We could not immediately locate Mike's email address (looking for 'Paul' instead) to reply and sent the email and our note to Tony Calenda for review and approval. Tony is also another 'Sage' playing in the band; Tony replied:

Tony Calenda-email 05.01

Paul (who actually goes by Mike) wrote this song for one of our first spring picnic gigs. I would just like to add that we, 'Greenlight,' would be honored to become the Sage "house band." Maybe you guys could find a spot for us at some Alumni functions, where we could perform the AFTAC Song, live and in person.

'Greenlight' has 2 active duty AFTACers (pre-Sages), 2 Alumni (Sages) and an Alumni dependent. Maybe I'll try and write an article for a future PoMo on the "AFTAC band". Thanks, Tony. We don't know if the alumni could afford you guys or not but we'll sure try to book you for an event. You'd a been great at our last 'SnowBall' when we recognized the Det at Pinedale, WY.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL MAIL

APPLICATIONS VAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR

'Serial Sages'

New Lifetime Memberships

Jerry **Brown**-Burleson, TX, 'Received a postcard indicating my delinquency in paying my annual dues again...sorry but my memory, as Toby Keith sings...is not as good as it once was.

To alleviate this in the future, sending fees for a lifetime membership (should have done this years ago). Keep up the great job with the newsletter...I look forward to it.' Jerry, welcome aboard forever, and thanks for the compliments and invitation; we will remember.

John Forys-Carson, CA, 'Thank you for sending me a reminder of my dues. Enclosed is a check for life membership. Now I don't have to worry about it. I enjoy the newsletter very much. I spent 7 years in the organization, 1959-'66, overseas location, Philippines, and California. John, thanks for your support, compliments, and, especially, for the recent 'I Remember' article that you will see later in this issue.; Francis **Papineau** and Al **Spicci**, both from Roseville CA-Al wrote, 'Thanks! And we say thanks back for your support and readership.; John **Bright**-Suffolk, VA; Dave **Merker**-Satellite Beach, FL; and two pillars of the Colorado Chapter, Bill **Schmied** and Rick **Phillips**, Aurora, CO; Thomas **Palmer**-San Antonio, TX; William **Taylor**-McArthur, OH; Al and Rose **Villareal**-Melbourne, FL; Allen **Coates**-eCheck.

'Sustaining Sages'

Yearly Dues

Larry Olson-Cape Canaveral, FL, 10 years-HQ AFTAC, Det 313, 1155TOD; Edward Winkley-Albion, NY, 99125U, Lowry 1964-65, Det 412 1965-70; John Costello-Tampa, FL, 'Ops, I did it again. Another senior moment. Anyhow, dues enclosed. Kudos to all for job well done.' Thank vou: Clifford Ferris-Redding. CA: Charles Gay-Citrus Hts, CA; Albert Genzler-Gilbert, AZ; Richard and Robia Grim-Fort Smith, AR; Nancy Marston-Hernando, FL; Robert **Mason**-Oak Ridge, TN; Bert and Maureen Miller-Belden, MS; Kenneth and Judy Oyer-Melbourne, FL; Vern Mikkelson-lowa Park, TX; **Lyon**-Magnolia, TX; Luther Unionville, VA; Charles Schuster-Valparaiso, FL; Robert Richardson-Columbus, MS; David Cullinane-Kearney, MO; Allison Carter-Jacksonville, AR; W E Braukman-Denver, CO; Tommy Badley-Warrenton, OR; Jay Bilyeu-Aiken, SC; Bryant Cochran-Little Rock, AR; Timothy Heenan-Indian Harbour, FL; William Hynes-Lincoln, CA; Robert Miller-Winter Springs, FL; Charlie McGehee-Del City, OK; Frederick Campbell-Palm Bay, FL; Hubert Dickinson-Indian Harbour Beach, FL; Curt Anderholm-Merritt Is, FL; William Harris-Albuquerque, NM; George Kraus-Plano, TX; Nancy McMonigle-Friendswood, TX; Eugene Killey-Las Vegas, NV (address change)

"ALERTS & EVENTS" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 ASSN SPONSORS APRIL WINDDOWN EVENT

The WindDown was a success! We were able to communicate Association benefits to more than 150 people in attendance. We also had current Association members in attendance socializing with the active duty personnel. Everyone enjoyed the pizza and thanked the association. Though we have not received any new memberships since then, we plan on doing it again.

CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC, APR 8, 11-1700

The food was the association's favorite, 'Smokin' Joe's, and plentiful. Everywhere everyone was involved and enjoying themselves. 'Shoeing' (horse type, that is) and 'Shined stories' were aplenty, especially over there by the BEvERage wagon, so valiantly guarded by a number of intrepid Sages. Seen guarding at various times were Curt & Eunice Harris, Carol & Doug Snyder, Mary Smith, Horsch's, Howard Dibble, Tony DeMarco, Geno Wagner, Judy Milam and Eileen Best ... thanks to their careful supervision not a drop of beer was wasted.

Our 'shoe' winners, after many harrowing matches, were Bob **Wiley** and Tom **Dunn**, and the big news continues, where did the talents of Tony **DeMarco** and Howard **Dibble** go ... will it ever return ... oh well, there's next year. Pics, pg 17

SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER, MAY 5TH

All of a sudden, 'start your carts' and pure organized bedlam reigned...the 16th annual association spring golf n'getogether was underway. What a sight as some 62-plus carts went their assigned (more or less) direction, each hoping to arrive at a designated hole to begin play.

Carol **Snyder**, President, identifies and thanks the following sponsors, volunteers and winners: **AIS Engineering, Inc.**, Mr. Abe Sylla and Dr. Royce Harrison; **MTC**, Mr. Don Emery; **SAIC**, Mr. Mike Timmons; **Riverside Research Institute**; and **QTSI**, Mr. Freddie Garcia.

Volunteers

Addison Mitchell (Mitch) -- Ran the golf event, Frank Hall -- Helped Mitch with event Judy Milam, Eileen Best, Pat and Carol Snyder, T. Highsmith (T-High), Andrew Nun, Shawna Priest, Rose McGuffin, John & Chris Horsch, Edna & Frank Calenda, Josh Williams

Place Winners-Individual Cash Certificates
First-\$50, Cad Eppert, Scott Harris,
Joe Hankins, Greg Riddlerhover
Second-\$40, Vern Lester, Frank Walker,
Ray Richards, Keith Devault
Third-\$30, Tom Andler, Dee Sheffield,
Harry Sheffield, John McDunnough

Other Shooters

Longest Drive-Eric Slater
Closest to the Pin-Eric Slater and Arlene Rolfes
Mulligan Drawings

Tour **Driver**-Addison Precept Mitchell— Odyssev Putter-Don Gilbert—#3 Utility Iron-Don Ely—#4 Utility Iron-Frank Hall—#5 Utility Iron-Bill Jones—Polo Shirts-Randy Pomeroy, John Muzzy, Gil Castillo, Susie Glasgow, John McDunnough, Donovan Cirino, Scott Harris, Stephanie Estrada—Straw Hat-Tony DeMarco, Larry Olson, Rich Figueiredo—Golf Towel-Chad Eppert, Lee Cote, Mike Baker, Jim Short—Cap-Lisa Matsubara, Chris New, Travis Myers, Ted Matteson—Visor-Judy Milam, Eric Morris— Wood Head Cover-Jason Horn—Umbrella-Pat Snyder, David Jones—Sleeve of Balls-Larry Olson, Joe Marshall, Brian Rice, Pat Murphy, Ed Kelley, Larry Ballinger

\$20 Dinner 'My Way'-Scott McIntyre, Matt Mohler, Dave Money, Carol Snyder, Joe Hauser— **\$20 Gift Cert.**-Ron Sliger—**\$15 Gift Cert.**-Jack Jackson, Ryan Yokum, Jerry Dulaney, Joe Marshall, Cody Peck, Brian Rice, Randy Hunter, Bob Klibowitz—**Tee Brushes**-Jeff Gentile

Thanks and Congratulations to all of you!!

SCENE SAGES, GOLF N'GETOGETHER



First place winners with Mitch (Vice and Major Arranger) on the left and Carol (Assn President) on the right



Second place winners with Mitch



Third place winners with Mitch and Carol



Terry Hammond, Rick Manley, demonstrating why bowlers should never teach golf lessons



NOTE: Our President starts this column making amends to several excellent, ongoing sponsors of our golf n'getogethers:

Please accept our most humble apology for not thanking the MTC and Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure Group for their sponsorship at our Fall Golf Tournament. It was a huge oversight on our part and we apologize. **Carol Snyder NOTE: Our new Vice-President, Addison Mitchell, then writes: Hello Everyone. It is a pleasure for me to be a member of the Long Range Detection Alumni Association (LRDAA), and to serve as your Vice President for 2006.

My family and I came to AFTAC in May 1998 from the Defense MegaCenter(DISA), Gunter AFS, AL. Once I understood the AFTAC mission I knew that I was in the right place to make an impact in the USAF. Now that I'm retired, I am still making an impact as a civilian employee in the Network Operations Branch of AFTAC.

As an 8 year member of AFTAC, I am very happy about my decision to join the Alumni. It took Carol and Pat Snyder (no relation) a couple of years of coercing, but I've finally made it, and I'm glad I did. Now it's my turn to make an impact in the LRDAA. I plan to do this by increasing awareness of the Association through membership solicitation and encouraging others to participate in Association functions.

We started this effort by sponsoring April's Active Duty "WindDown" with pizza and a window of opportunity to speak to active duty and retired AFTAC'ers. Additionally, on 5 May 2006, we had our Annual Spring Golf Tournament at Cocoa Beach Country Club. Awareness of the Association was furthered at these events. Best Regards, "Mitch"



Chapter Events 'Serving Sages'

(left) The Center CC, Col Turner, takes his turn in the dunk tank ... the line was long and accurate.

(right) Sage's doing their best to protect the BEv-ERage wagon from hostility. Here you see their guard down a bit as they watch and discuss the horseshoe situation.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members Elected

President-Carol Snyder Vice-Addison Mitchell Secretary-Judy Milam Vice-Addison Mitchell 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

A Minute with the Minutes

Membership: Randy Vlassick reported that we currently have 650 members in the Florida chapter of the LRDAA, of which 540 are lifetime members.

Post-Monitor: In several cases we have more than one address for a member. When this occurs we have authorized the mailing center to select the most logical choice at the time of mailing, e.g., cold in the north, use southern address.

WindDown, **04.14**: Addison Mitchell reported the assn sponsorship was very well received.

Golf, 05.05: Addison Mitchell reported the 16th Annual Spring Golf N'Getogether was a success. **SnowBall, 2007**: Planned for Jan 27th, Tides Club (previous, NCO Club). Theme, Thailand.

LRD 50th Anniversary Coins: Pat Snyder reported there are twelve coins remaining. Pat suggested the LRDAA might want to buy the coins for our use in presentations. It was also suggested we try to get the coins flown on a Shuttle mission so they can be used for special award presentations. Status: A letter, by your editors, has been forwarded to the appropriate NASA office and, in coordination with one of our webmasters, Clark Creery, Senator Nelson was notified. He replied offering assistance in tracking the progress of our request.



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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/

WAY BACK WHEN

by Richard E Burry

A word from long ago. In checking the alumni list I find only two who were at McClellan, 1952 – 1955. They are Laughlin and Ripley. The Supply group was at Camp Kohler in the old gym. The Supply team also lived at Camp Kohler and went back and forth to McClellan for meals. The 1009th headquarters was on McClellan in buildings S-34 & S-39. Col Reed was the commander.

At Kohler were LtCol Little and Capt Ireland with Smallwood, Sweaney, Yantz and myself in the office. Georgia Magness (at that time Wiggins) was the secretary. In the warehouse was Clippinger, Gelmet, Bell, Refermat, Arvell (died 12/98), Grogsklags (died 11/00) Jim Smith, Middleton and Shaffer. Later Capt Godwin & Maj Stotz came to Supply. Col Reed was at S-39 and later went to DC. We had great times and the softball & bowling teams were #1. Also there was great trout fishing and deer hunting in the mountains. I was just wondering if there are any others left. Richard E Burry, 305 SE Corder, Lee's Summit MO 64063. Ed. Note: Thanks Richard, you've quite a story there. How about it you guys? Any alumni out there who were here during the same period as Richard? Let's hear from you!

DETACHMENT 448, CHUCHON KOREA SEP-TEMBER 1967—SEPTEMBER 1968

by Wayne Reese, great pics

Recent news items noted about Chunchon Korea and Camp Page, APO 96208 being closed and functions transferred to Camp Eagle, Wonju, Korea, have stirred up memories of Det 448 and its successor, Det 452.

In the mid sixties, world events required expanded world wide seismic operational sites. Two of the new operating locations would be located in one country and the third in South Korea

I was alerted for change of assignment from 1155 TOS to Det 448, Chunchon, Korea, as Chief Operator and proceeded to the detachment, arriving on 1 September 1967 at Kimpo Air Base. Det 448 was located 11 miles northeast of Chunchon. Camp Page was located within the city area. The Det was co-located with C Battery, 5th US Artillery, on a terraced hill and was known to be Bunker Hill. The main compound was located half way up the mountain. It provided space for the Army battery personnel and equipment as well as space for the Det equipment vans, sheltered pads for the instrument array, and billeting and mess facilities for the detachment staff: 1 officer, O-3; 1 E-6, 3 E-5's, and 4 E-4's. It was fortunate that Det 448 people met me, as I probably would not have found the unit in the year I was in country. Jerry, the E-6 I replaced departed Korea as I arrived. The supply clerk had already left and was temporarily replaced by Terry Scheffler. In 30 days all the original staff was gone and all new people were on site. Captain Joe Augustini arrived in October to assume command. In November SSgt Darrell Hoffstetter arrived to relieve Terry, who returned to 1156 TOS. Hawaii.

I was advised that a survey crew led by Joe Johnson was working in the Wonju area looking for places to establish a permanent seismic array. I went to Wonju to provide assistance to Joe and his crew. A week later, I was replaced by the Captain, as I was developing a medical problem that required a 5 day stay in the Army Dispensary at Camp Page with an allergic reaction to penicillin.

During the fall of 1967 and spring of 1968 I reviewed intelligence reports and after-action reports. Hostile actions by the North Koreans intensified in the DMZ and South Korean and US soldiers were killed or wounded in the actions. In January 1968 the Pueblo was intercepted in international waters, the crew and ship was captured; the crew interred a year before being released. The ship was not returned. The result was a rapid build up of US personnel in South Korea. Our main support base was Osan, 50 miles south of Seoul. What was once a quiet support air base, overnight became a crowded tent city.

In March, I was TDY for a week visit Dave Broman, at one of the other sites, and on the return trip Dave would visit Det 448, as mutual assistance. When I left Korea, the Captain gave me some money to purchase the biggest motorcycle possible, and the remaining money would buy a

new lens for his Nikon camera. On arrival at Tachikawa Air Base. I walked off base, found a Cycle Shop, informed the owner of my needs, and purchased a Kawasaki 125 cc motorcycle. He said he would have it ready to ship when I returned in 5 days. I was at that site for 4 days, and then Dave and I returned to Tachikawa. We went to the shop and it was full of blue packages all over the shop. The smiling owner started loading the blue packages into a three-wheel pickup. When loaded, the three of us drove to the base post office and mailed the motorcycle to the captain at APO 96208 (Camp Page). Dave and I then went to the BX and I purchased a nice telephoto lens for the Nikon. We caught the Korea aircraft for the trip back. When we arrived at Det 448, the motorcycle was already there. Since I had seen the cycle in one piece, I had the responsibility to reassemble the bike, then I had to make the first ride to prove it was safe to operate. The Captain rode it all over Korea. He sold it to a Korean major when he left Korea.

In the summer of 1968, the decision was made to relocate Det 448 to Wonju, Camp Long (KMAG DET L) determined to be a safer location for personnel and equipment. When I arrived, the Detachment had eight S&W .38 cal revolvers for security and classified materials transmission. Upon the increase of hostile actions by the North Koreans, I requested ten M-1 Carbines for detachment security.

When the moving day came, the detachment was augmented by a team from Hawaii, led by Joe Johnson. The Army's C Battery, 5th US Artillery, whose support of the Detachment had always been excellent, provided people and equipment, prime movers and encouragement. Even now, 37 years later, I wonder if I thanked them enough.

Wonju was approximately 50 miles east of Seoul, with a mountain range in between. In 1968, the closest access road was a 15 MPH unpaved mountain road. The other option was north to Chunchon then south-west to Seoul.

The newly established Detachment 452 (Formerly Det 448) vans were located on a weapon storage compound adjacent to Camp Long. The equipment set-up was in progress when September arrived, and I was reassigned to the 1155 TOS where I remained as a Quality Control Inspector until retirement in November 1973.

Ed. Note: Thanks Wayne, super story & pictures! How

about it guys & gals? Please send us a story or two.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Business/Member meetings are 1st Tuesdays quarterly at the Lions Gate restaurant at McClellan Park, **6 Jun, 5 Sep, and 5 Dec 2006** (Call our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at <www.AFTACwest.org>.)

MAIL CALL

Don't forget our E-mail address: TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com Larry Myers Email: 8 Mar 2006. I'm retiring this year and am trying to line up support from my installations to fly my retirement flag. I was stationed at TOD from Feb 86 - Feb 92 as Sgt Myers. I worked in Supply with my final 1.5 years as the Hydroacoustic Item Manager in Bldg 1080. I don't know if anyone is still using that facility. Is it possible to have my retirement flag flown at that facility? Thanks for your support. Major Larry Myers, Chief, ICBM Sustainment. HAF / A4MW

DSN 225-0877 (703) 695-0877 Ed. Note: Offered to fly the flag for Larry & sent him a membership application.

Wayne Reese Letter: 18 Jan 2006. I set up a scrap book with some info on Dets 448/452 at the Reunion, but few people saw it. Use what you want. If you can scan the photos & return them I would appreciate it but the world as we know it will not end if you don't. Take Care. Ed. Note: Thanx, Wayne. Used Wayne's input for a full two-page article in this issue.

Ben Lazare Email: 15 Mar 2006. Hi, I am Bernard Lazare (Ben). I would like to contact Raoul Gonzales, could you send him my email address? I would appreciate it. Ben Lazare, 702-413-1202, trini-con@cox.net> Ed. Note: Sent Ben the email address for Raoul & a membership application.

Tony Rubertino Email: 21 Feb 2006. Sorry Dale, I almost forgot about sending you my info. The best way to get me is usually by phone-even if I'm never home. Ph 332-4200. Hope things are going well for you. trube@cwo.com Ed. Note: Sent Tony a picnic invitation. When he shows up we'll see that he gets a membership application.



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ECHOES

President, Jack Smith-Vice President, Earl Pierce
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WORLDWIDE REUNION 2007

DENVER, COLORADO, 7—11 June, Double Tree Hotel—Stapleton Plaza

The Colorado Chapter will host the reunion. Any and all personnel that have served with AFTAC, SWS, 1009th, AFMSW-t, AFOAT-I, 1035th FAG, WFO, Worldwide Dets, etc... are invited and encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome. Questions, comments, plans of attending please contact: Jack Smith, e-mail coaftrmkt@aol.com or call 303-428-1812. REGISTRATION packets and AGENDA INFORMATION will be available at a later date.

Members of Det-426, 1962-1967, RAAF ST, Pearce, West Australia, will be attending the reunion. This group of veterans has formed an E-Det to share memories, stories, pictures, and renew friendships. E-Det 426 has over 20 active members, and is still looking for these Det 426 personnel: Harold Adams, Frank Barre, Art Davies, James Harris, George Kale, Ed McDaniel, John Nielson, Bill Thompson, John 0 'Keefe and William Woodard. Contact Don Dike, e-mail msgdike@yahoo.com

Other Events, Plans and Schedules

RSVP, Jack Smith—phone, (303) 428-1812 or email COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM

September 23, 2006 General Membership Breakfast - 08:30 am at the Aurora Hills Golf Course.

November 12, 2006 Dinner Aurora Hills Golf Course - menu and details TBD

Note: see the CO Website (above) for updates.

The **September (2005) breakfast** had a large turn out. During the breakfast TSgt Randy **Blomstedt** (Det 45 NCO of the year) and SrA-Jacob **Rundel** (Det 45 Airman of the year) were presented with Gift Certificates by the Alumni for their outstanding work and dedication to Det 45. SMSgt Frank Woodard was introduced as the new Detachment Superintendent.

Major **Robertson**, Commander, presented a slide briefing of Det 45's organization and current mission. The slides featured new versions of the

GFU, gaseous collection systems and particle analysis system. He also passed around a promo flyer from AFTAC with a prominent picture of an 'air burst'. How things have changed! For the 'old timers' watching the briefing brought back memories of their first 'mission briefing' when all of the above would have been done behind closed doors with the utmost of secrecy. I suspect more than one cold chill went down the spines of the Alumni.

'Lest We Forget'

Maurice J. Walsh, age 72, died February 11, 2006.-Maurice 'Mo' Walsh, was a Ft. Sill graduate selected by Maj. Lester Jackson to assist in installing Det 421 along with other Ft. Sill graduates (Harold McCarter, Terry Wilkinson, George Kraus and William Rumsey). He returned to college after four years of active duty, earning a BS in electrical engineering. He retired from industry after a long career in the Chicago area. Mo never forgot his Air Force days and cited them frequently as among the best years of his life. He died of cancer.

Colonel B.R.Kuntz former Director of Personnel of AFTAC and former Commander of the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron and the 1156th Technical Operations Squadron. He commanded the 1156th Technical Operations Squadron during the buildup of the AFTAC force in the Pacific to accomplish the AFTAC mission through the period of 1961-1965.

'Way Back When'

ED MCKENNA, DET 204, CIRCA 1963-64, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA, 'B' AND 'Q'



The Det crew stayed at the Fort Wainwright Army Base located on the eastern edge of Fairbanks, Alaska, and

drove on Farmers Loop road, to get to the Detachment. With the permafrost conditions in Alaska, the road driving to and from the detachment got real interesting. In late spring; at times it was like riding on Jell-O. Then in winter driving, there were times you were almost half way to the site before the frozen square spot on the trucks tires rounded out. In between time, you might have a Moose wanting the road.

MONITOR ing Active

Duty Doins' from around the AFTAC World

Command Section



Col. Guy D. Turnerf

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.



Information below, and some on the following page, is extracted from the April, '06, active-duty publication, 'AFTAC Family.' which is also at the assn website in its entirety. This publication was prepared, and provided, by Sergeant William Lindner. Bill has now retired and we recognize him here for the awesome support he always provided your newsletter; we look forward to that continuing with his replacement.

AFTAC Annual Award Winners

Airman - SrA McAllister NCO - TSgt Mantell SNCO - MSgt Kline CGO - Capt Bivens

AFTAC Civilians of the Year

Junior-Level - Ms Hall Mid-Level - Mr Edie Senior-Level - Mr Henry

Center-Level Sommers Award

Mid-Level - Mr Griffieth Senior-Level - Mr Farrell

Community service...

Det 489 goes to the dogs-23 Teams participated in the race, which was won by Melanie Shirilla. Det 489 recently volunteered to help with the International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Race (IPSSSDR) as it passed through Pinedale, Wyoming. The IPSSSDR is the largest sled dog race in the lower 48 states. Det 489 has been volunteering for the IPSSSDR for over nine years. The race stops in a different community each night, where festivities are often held such as banquets and parades.



Congressman Dave Weldon (Rep., FL) recently visited AFTAC for a mission update. The Congressman first visited the Center nine years ago shortly after being elected to Congress. During this visit, hosted by the AFTAC Commander, Col. Guy Turner, the Congressman received a current AFTAC mission briefing, toured the facility, and met with Center personnel. Dr. O'Brien is also shown.

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CMSgt Lloyd French, Center Superintendent (right side), recently completed his last flight. Wetting and welcoming him is the Center CC, Col Turner. Chief French is stepping down from his position soon and will serve several more months within the center. Chief Herrick has been selected as the new Center Superintendent

AFTAC Pamphlet

NEW PAMPHLET PROVIDED BY DEBORAH CARSON, TEXT FOLLOW:

Introduction: Soon after the end of World War II, General Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized the need to monitor nuclear programs; in 1947, he directed the Army Air Forces to he able to "detect" atomic explosions anywhere in the world." In 1949, a sampler aboard a B-29 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-1950's.

For more than 50 years, the United States' **Long Range Detection Program**, currently run by AFTAC, has developed, operated, and maintained the detection systems necessary to monitor compliance with nuclear treaties, support our nation's space programs, and help protect everyone during emergencies involving nuclear materials.

Mission: The Air Force Technical Applications Center is the sole DoD agency operating and maintaining a global network of nuclear event detection sensors called the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System (USAEDS). Once the USAEDS detects an event underground, underwater, in space, or in the atmosphere, AFTAC analysts review the event for nuclear identification and report their findings to National Command Authorities through Headquarters, Air Force.

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 (LTBT). This treaty prohibits all nuclear tests except underground tests, and also prohibits the venting of nuclear debris or radiation from those tests into the atmosphere outside the country's national borders.

Two other treaties AFTAC monitors are the Threshold Test Ban Treaty of 1974 (limits the size of under-

ground nuclear tests to 150 kilotons), and the Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty of 1976 (monitors the testing of nuclear devices outside of agreed treaty sites). AFTAC is also the designated U.S. laboratory system providing technical support to the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency.

USAEDS: Our nuclear detection monitoring mission is accomplished through the US Atomic Energy Detection System. This system is designed to detect events, identify the source, and collect debris from the event in instances where it is vented outside national boundaries.

The system consists of: seismic and hydroacoustic sensors; satellites, and airborne and ground-based gas and particulate samplers. The sensors can detect explosions in the atmosphere, underwater, underground, and in space. The samplers provide hard evidence that the device was a nuclear, not chemical, weapon.

Directorates: **Operations** (DO)-Coordinates and operates AFTAC nuclear event detection systems. Collects, processes, and analyzes USAEDS data, reporting initial results to National Command Authorities. Directly supports treaty monitoring mission.

Logistics and Systems (LS)-Directs the supervision, control, and accomplishment of mission and enterprise system support. Provides life-cycle management for communications, information, and logistics systems.

Advanced Technology Applications (TA)-Leverages advancements in remote sensing technologies to improve current mission capabilities. Conducts R&D to develop new capabilities.

Materials Technology (TM)-Collects, analyzes, and reports on particles and gaseous materials released from nuclear events. Performs R&D of new detection technologies to enhance treaty verification and limit proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

Nuclear Treaty Monitoring (TT)-Analyzes data collected from seismic, hydroacoustic, infrasonic, and space-based systems that detect, identify, and locate foreign nuclear detonations. Provides data management and final evaluation.

Plans and Programs (XP)-Provides guidance for planning, programming, budgeting, and resource control. Oversees military and political affairs through Air Force, DoD, and Department of State channels to secure operating rights in foreign countries.

Booster's Club Update

JOHN OAKES, PRESIDENT

The booster club is looking for volunteers for the Pepsi 400, which takes place June 30 & July 1st. The spring picnic that took place in April was a big success and we appreciate the alumni coming out and supporting this effort. We are getting prepared to start prep work for the winter social.

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'Lear, 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 Binkerd, 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, Tom Dunn, Bob Long, John Bright (this issue), Vern Mikkelson (this issue)

John Bright 2006.02.20

I enjoyed reading the December issue of the Post-Monitor as I saw and heard from two other Long Range Detection personnel from years ago. First on page 16 was a picture that included John **Lanigan** (not Lanigin) in Detachment 418 in 1959-60. In October of 1951, this same John Lanigan arrived at an overseas location as my replacement. John's time in LRD goes back into the 40's. We just re-met after 54 years at the World Wide Reunion in Sacramento last May. John belongs to the Sacramento Chapter.

Also on Page 3 of this same December issue was an article from John **Allred**. This is the same John Allred that I graduated with from the Radiological Equipment Operator-Technician Course Number 78000, class number 09219, 2 May 1950. I am enclosing a graduation picture.

After graduation, I was sent to Sacramento for some OJT and in October was sent to an overseas location. One or two of the others may have been at Sacramento also, but working 3 shifts around the clock, I lost contact soon with the others. John Allred remembered that I live in Suffolk, Va., and on Feb. 5, 2003, I got a call from him, our first contact in 53 years. We have talked on the phone and via email. John Allred, John Lanigan and I were all members of the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron in the 50's.

I would like to hear from the others in the picture if



On the front row(L-R) Richard Brown, John R. Bright (Myself), and Vaughn Lancaster. The second row(L-R) are Robert Vogt, John Stephensen, John Allred, and Sam Carter.

they see; email Johnrobright@Aol.com.

Vern Mikkelson 2006.05.09

The article in the March 2006 of the "POST MONITOR" by Bob Long of his account on the Birth of Detachment 207 spurred me to writing this article. So, I thank him for the inspiration to finally set down and do this while I can still remember my name:

The Birth and Death of Detachment 206

This is submitted in tribute and memory of all those who were a part of the start up of the Detachment 206 for their fellowship, hard work, sacrifices for this service and their separation from family. Their assignment in AFTAC was not of their choice. I thank each of them for serving with me in this very far north.

Detachment 206 was born from an American Car Foundry (ACF) contract camp site called "Cake Eater" just south of the United States Air Force Puget Sound & Drake air strip. The air strip served the town of Barrow, Alaska, along with support for locations in the old DEW Lines.

Having been around aircraft before & coming into the USAF in the 304XX AFSC assigned to Flight Facilities, I was interested in the type of NavAids used at Point Barrow's runway. The only NavAids was a Com Radio and a Marker Beacon located in a resident's house (antenna transmitter) in the city of Barrow, Alaska. This house was exactly in line with the approach end of the runway & at an exact distance. This same landing procedure was used in all types of weather, namely to fly over the cone of the marker beacon, turn to a heading of 90 degrees from the runway heading. Make four procedure turns to come back over the cone marker and start a let down for your type of air craft. If you flew a square & came out over the cone marker you would be aligned with the

runway. During my tour at Point Barrow I only saw one missed approach and that was at 200 foot mins. Wein Airlines have made landings with weather conditions such that one could not see the other end of the runway. The saying that there are no "Old Bold Pilots" in Alaska is very true:

The USAF personnel make-up was as follows (to the best of my knowledge):

Capt James Shouse – Commander, Lt Kelly Sherman – Operations, TSgt Vern Mikkelson – NCOIC, SSgt Robert Chandler –Maintenance, SSgt Bill Strader - Shift Supervisor, SSgt Jackson - Shift Supervisor, SSgt Wilson - Shift Supervisor, A1C James Fishler - Shift Operator, A1C Hanna - Shift Operator, A1C Hobbs - Shift Operator, SSgt Dorsey - Supply NCO, Admin - Can not remember his name. If I have forgotten someone or have the wrong name, Please forgive me:

There were three or four ACF personnel on site at the time of our arrival. However, they departed the next day leaving us with a major job of antenna work, supply inventory, operational problems and general house keeping work. All of this was done before the winter set in and we were a part of the "R" system net work.

I also recall a lot of phone calls from Col Jernigan (1155). To say that these were just Loud conversations is true and very kind: We went from 24 hours of sunlight in July to very little sunlight in Dec. That process does strange things to your mind and body. The camp cook (non-military) was the man who could make eating a meal the joy of the day. Some of his pastries would even become legal tender in some of the camps weekly poker games: The cold weather required procedures to be followed that were a matter of life and death when traveling to and from the site or the town of Barrow. Temperature drops during ice fog conditions could be from -30 degrees F to -60 degrees F in a matter of an hour. I have never been anywhere that it was so cold, and I was raised in northern Minnesota. The work was 24-7 and there wasn't much to do besides work anyway. We had setup BX and commissary accounts for the AF personnel at Elmendorf AFB so we could order a few things that way.

We received the Phone call (1155) to shut down and pack up to leave in late Dec. The Detachments data to the net work was no longer needed. To most of the personnel that was 'Home for Christmas.' Except for me and three others, it was orders for ADAK, Alaska, to run a site that was manned by people from Stanford, CA, under contract to AFTAC, I believe. There I learned what a navy's "Captains Mass" was. Anyway that's another long story: SSgt Chandler and the remaining people finished the job of closing and shipping the system to Calif. Detachment 206 died that year but it left a lot of memories to those of us who lived and worked with it.

Respectfully submitted by SMSgt Vern Mikkelson

(Ret) **Note**: Vern also sent some outstanding pictures, with captions, of significance; please see those on page 18 of this issue. Vern advises 'the pictures are kind of old but they are the only one's I had. And we think the 'old' adds to their charm.

Outstanding stories! Thanks to both of you for being inspired by previous articles by our Sages, and being moved to write. If only each one of our readers would write one story we'd have enough stories for issues until the end of time.

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@jearthlink.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, 1 story), John Horsch (5), Ben Vlassick, (deceased), Brian Berenbach, Mike Gingrich (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 your editors make another appearance:
As noted in the 'Mail-Call' section, our email exchange with Jack (**Dornedan**) stirred this 'Sharable Sage Saga''

'A Studebaker and a Story'

JOHN HORSCH

Jack, excellent to hear from you, and receive this info. We are Studebaker fans since the 50's and hesitated to push the model in the email we sent back that early; and did not know the 'war' fact.

My first car, out of tech school (59), was a 48 Stude-baker. I bought it from, I believe and you probably know him, Bob something; I remember his favorite saying better than his name. 'Finer than frog's hair' was something he was always saying! Does that shake any memory cells on your part?

It was a \$100 car that leaned to the right (as most of us do when we grow older) and had a coat hanger for an antenna. I had to put new tires on it to drive it. My classmates, Fran **Endler**, Phil **Barr** and I drove this to our first assignment, Pinedale, WY. When we got there after several days of traveling, and after having checked in at Hill, AFB, UT (our closest support base), we stopped in Pinedale and asked for directions to the 'det,' that place where the AF guys work. The townspeople pointed the way and we headed out with tons of snow piled along the way.

About five miles out of Pinedale we spotted this 'quonset' building with a locked gate. Not wanting to 'go too far' on these roads we drew straws to see who would trudge thru the snow, thru the ditch where it was waist high, over the barbed wire fence, and then tap on the door. I lost and when I finally got to the door and tapped, we found out this was the town air-

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port! The det was several more miles down the road. We finally got there, and as happens so often with AFTAC people, we had a great story as a bonus. To this day, I am very disappointed that I never took a picture of that car.

TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

The 'trivia' concept was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom Ciambrone, 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. We now hope those who remember Tom will 'rise to the challenge' and provide unclassified content to continue what he began.

HONOR ROLL: Tom Ciambrone (3 trivia's), John Horsch

Dale **Klug**, editor of the California chapter's newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' provides this month's trivia. Dale asks, "What was the most Northern detachment? The most Western Detachment?"

Answer(s) at bottom of the 'Sage Shop' page

THE FOLLOWING 'FEATURE ARTICLE' CATEGORIES DO NOT HAVE INPUTS FOR THIS ISSUE AND AWAIT YOUR CONSIDERATION!!! We list them here as a reminder of our dependence on you, our readers AND writers!!

SAGE STARS

'Sage Success Stories'

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

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'SAGE STARS' INPUTS

A FAMILY AFFAIR

LRD FAMILIES ... OVER THE YEARS

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Some families have served the mission over several generations. With this column we ask those families to share that history. Forward to us at 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or ATTN Family Affair column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2). These brave souls have stepped forth, Curt Miller, Tony Calenda (with a 'father's response' by Frank Calenda), and Mark Smith (with a response from dad, Curtis [Smitty] Smith). We hope to hear from the others we are aware of, Randy Vlassick, Curt Stephens, Nick Kappel, and Mark Smith. If you are aware of others, please let us know.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'A FAMILY AFFAIR' INPUTS.

WHERE ARE YA?!!!

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Where we attempt to get you to let us know "where ya are" and "'what'cha been doin" - Forward these updates to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Updates column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'WHERE ARE YA?!!!' INPUTS

SCENE SAGES, PICNIC

CC, Col Turner, 'throws and goes.' He and Sara fought the shoebattle for a short time, later he got very wet for a good cause

Two hard workers led by the 'workiest' of them all, Pat Snyder.







'whippin' em all until you stood tall!!!



Howie Dibble and Randy Vlassick on their way back from down the way

NOTE: These, and other picnic photos by Bob Wiley and posted on Clark Creery webpage, 'Happenings' - go look!!!

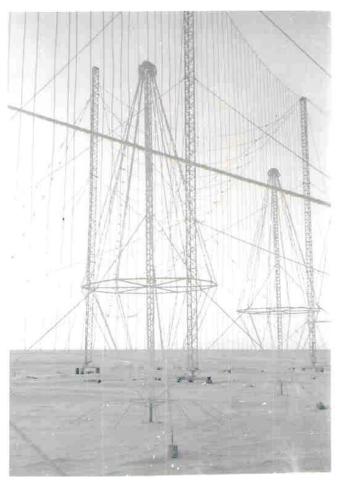


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'Det 206,' (Cont'd from pg 14)-original, and his only, pictures donated by author, Vern Mikkelson. Now if that does not represent 'Sage' commitment, what does?



Vern's Caption: These buildings make up what is called our site. The receiver van on the left next (to) the maint room and the east two are supply rooms. On the other side is the kitchen, the orderly room and the power room.



Vern's Caption: Antenna arrays.

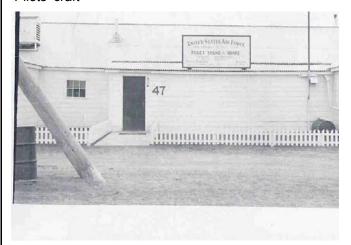
Editor's **Note**: 'A Fifty Year Commerative History of the LRD,' page 121, discusses the 'R' Technique, i.e., 'Backscatter Radar' and lists 206 as activated in Sep, 1961. In Dec '62 the concept for this technique was changed from 'worldwide' to 'limited.'



Vern's Caption: Taken by the console in the Receiver Van. SSgt Strader sitting, A1C Hanna sitting with shirt off, SSgt Chandler standing.



No Caption, but gotta be one of those 'No Old Bold Pilots' craft



No Caption, a magnifying glass to the sign results in: (first line) 'United States Air Force'; (second line) 'Prime Contractor'; (third line) 'Puget Sound & Drake'; (fourth line) 'General Contractors'; (next line) 'Point Barrow, Alaska.'-There are also some words we could not discern.

CALENDAR

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

VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER (321) 494-6867, patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil BEFORE COMING —WindDowns scheduled for first Fridays' WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd —Meetings scheduled for Second Mondays'

WHEN: 1730 (5:30PM)
WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building
HOW: come to rear entrance

July

7, 1530 WindDown at the Outback10, 1730 - Board/Membership MeetingAugust

4, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback8 - AFTAC Change of Command and Col Turner's Retirement

14, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting **September**

1, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback 11, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

Scheduled Events

EVENT CONTACT—PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867 patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil

Traditional Annual Events

(for planning purposes)

January—March

-SnowBall IX, **Jan 27**, **2007**, **Theme**, **Thailand**-Center Annual Awards Banquet

April—June
-Center Annual Picnic
-Assn Spring Golf n'Getogether

July—September

-Summertime, the livin' is easy, but PAY YOUR DUES

October—December

-Assoc Fall Golf n'Getogether and Annual General Membership Meeting, Oct 13th, Cocoa Beach Golf Course, 'Smokin' Joe' caters

-Center Winter Social, December time frame ANNUAL (FY07) DUES ARE PAST DUE (1 OCT)

WorldWide Alumni Reunions

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'Tom's Trivia' Answer

(DO NOT LOOK-first read the question on page 17)

-The most **Northern** detachment:

Thule, Greenland, 76.34 degrees North Latitude -The most **Western** detachment:

Det 208, Adak, Alaska, 176.35 degrees West Longitude

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