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

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

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

Recognized for 60 years
of service to our country
16 September 2007
1947 - 2007



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



THE FY2009 BOARD

Elected at 1st Annual *Sociable September*
General Membership meeting/Elections



Office (Tenure) Name, AF/AFTAC dates, last active-duty position (rank); Assn position(s)

ELECTED: President (09) Lloyd French, AF/AFTAC77-07, AFTAC Superintendent, CCS (CMS); Activities, 04-07

Vice (06-09) Addison Mitchell, Civilian, AF83-03/AFTAC98-03, Supt, Systems Ops (MSgt)

Secretary (06-09) Judy Milam, Civilian, AF65-99/AFTAC65-71&72-99, Scientific & Technical Information Officer (GS-11); Sec 90-2000, Pres 04

Treasurer (03-09) Joe Goldian, AF/AFTAC68-91 (MSgt), Manager, Treaty Monitoring Operations Prog; Vice, 99

APPOINTED: Activities (09) CMSgt John Nederhoed. AF-83/AFTAC 87, Center Superintendent

Hall of Heritage (06-09) David Merker, AF/AFTAC88-92 Dep. Dir for Tech (LTCol)

Hospitality (01-09) Judy Milam, information above

Internet (97-09) Mike Black, AF72-92/AFTAC81-92, NCOIC Test and Analysis Branch (MSgt)

Membership (04-09) Randy Vlassick, AF/AFTAC79-03, Directorate of Nuclear Treaty Monitoring (SMSgt)

Newsletter (97-09) John (and Christel) Horsch, AF/AFTAC 58-87, Sen Enl Adv (CMS); Publicity, 87-90

Publicity-Need a Volunteer

Off-Line WorldWide Database (06-09) Clark Creery, AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt); Assn original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95; Internet Current News, 04-07

Sage Shop (96-09) Pat Snyder, Civilian, AF74/AFTAC90, Investigations & Inquiries, IGQ; Vice 04, Sec 05

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

SNOWBALL XI, JAN 31, TIDES ALL RANK CLUB

DEBORAH CARSON, MAJOR ARRANGER

Theme, **Korea, 'Moon Meeting Festival!'**

Since 1999 it has become custom for the Association to host a 'Themed Ball' at the start of each year. This is done for several reasons to include an event that does not involve playing a sport and held at a time that our alumni 'Sage Snowbirds' are in town. (page 3)

CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC (May 1st, see 'Reunion' below)

PAT SNYDER

Additional data, as known, will be posted at the Assn Website, 'www.aftacalumni.org,' 'Need To Know Now' link, and eALLerted to Sages whose address is registered at that same website.

"HAILING OUR FUTURE ... HONORING OUR PAST" WORLDWIDE REUNION, MAY 1-3, 2009

BOB WILEY, COORDINATOR

The Florida Chapter hosts this edition of the biannual WorldWide Reunion. This year we will highlight the conjunction of two important events-'New Beginnings' and '50-Years of AFTAC.' 'Radisson Resort at the Port' is 'the place' and May 1-3 is 'the when.' (page 3)

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ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

'Events' reporting begins on Page 6

FY 09 DUES NOTICE...ARE YOUR DUES DUE? Here's how to know ... check your address label. The 'Name Line' indicates when dues are due. If it reads: **"FY Dues Due in Oct 09"** it means you have not paid your dues for FY 2009 (began 1 Oct 08). If it reads "LT" (Lifetime), or the digits are greater than 05, it means your dues are current.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients****William 'Bill' Schmied, 2007-Deborah Carson 2006**

Mike Black 05-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 AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at the Patrick AFB, FL, NCO Club on March 12, 1985, and formed the association with a charter in 1986 (there is oral history that initial steps towards an assn was started by CC, Col **Meisenheimer** and Chief **VanDyck** in 1984). 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 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Randy **Vlassick**, RVLASSICK@cfl.rr.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triangular 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, newsletters and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; the 'Need to Know Now' section contains current event and 'Sages to remember' information.

Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage, 01-07; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-00/since 06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch, Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey, Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas since 03.

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.

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

Sage Communicators, Florida Chapter

Newsletter: John/Christel Horsch-**Information/Proofing:** Judy Milam/Pat Snyder/Deborah Carson-**Executive Review:** Frank Hall **Rovin' Cameras/Reporters:** Judy Milam/Bob Wiley/Clark Creery **Printing/Mailing:** Editors/Jack Jackson-**Web: Master,** Mike Black, 'NTKN' Link, Editors

"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES'

'58-'87

**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

The WorldWide Reunion plans move forward and you will find information and registration forms in this issue. These are also available at the alumni assn web-sites (see 'Chapter' section for URLs).

In light of this event, we have some very interesting and enlightening 'AFTAC' history relative to the overall 'Long Range Detection' Program history. As we developed an overall 'Theme' for this event it occurred to our 'Intrepid Insider,' the often mentioned, Pat **Snyder**, that this could be considered a '50th Anniversary' of the entity, 'AFTAC,' an organization title, so many of us served under. At the same time, we were lucky enough that the newly assigned historian, James **Moyers**, offered any assistance to define and delineate this 50th event.

In doing so, several pieces of correspondence of interest flowed between your editors and **Jim** (as he asks to be called). We thought this editorial space a proper place to introduce Jim, and these writings:

"I'm the new guy and your collective understanding of the history of AFTAC is without a doubt much greater than mine. I'm just beginning to digest the records in the historian's office; but what I would offer at this time is that 50 years ago the organization that is today officially designated AFTAC came into being. Official USAF organization lineage can often be awkward. Indeed the term AFTAC seemingly came into use in 1959; however, the official USAF organization designated and organized at the time, 7 July 1959, to fulfill the function was the 1035th Field Activities Group. That original order makes no mention of AFTAC. As a side note, it was not until the 1990s that historians at the Air Force Historical Research Agency, the official keepers of Air Force unit lineage, recognized 1959 as the "start" date for the organization that was redesignated AFTAC in 1980. AF-HRA historians for many years insisted that the official "start" date was 1960 when the 1035th Field Activities Group was redesignated as Headquarters, 1035th Field Activities Group—another nuance in what constitutes an official USAF unit. The words of the AFTAC historian writing the history of the organization in the early 1960s might best describe the relationship between the names: "For brevity AFTAC is used to indicate the activities of the 1035th Field Activities Group." Hopefully this sheds a little more light on what Pat correctly stated as AFTAC's official lineage. I'm sure we'll discuss this more at some future time."

And Jim not only discussed this but has provided a most informative and interesting article. We have used his article in conjunction with the reunion information and registration area (begins on pg 1, cont, pg 3).

As we prepare to celebrate another reunion, it is most helpful to review an earlier issue of the Post-Monitor. In the 2005.08 (September) issue we wrote extensively of the alumni association over the years ... there is information there about all three of the



chapters and much more, to include details on the reunions from the first time we are aware they were held. It is a very good primer to read prior to attending this 2009 event. This issue is posted at the website, 'Newsletter' link.

Recently we received a copy of an additional historical artifact from Clark **Creery**. Clark has been very involved in the assn from the beginning and thru the years, serving on the board and being a 'Sage Communicator,' both online and thru this newsletter. The artifact copy Clark sent was then Col **Clapper's** original handwritten note to personnel to DP; we have published that note in the 'Feature Articles' area.

We end with several notes, and a '**Bottom Line**' about an assn publication, the 'WorldWide Directory:' —Many years ago, thru our then 'Intrepid Insider,' Mary **Welch**, the assn made a hard-copy listing of all LRD personnel she, and others, could track down thru official records and any other means (word of mouth, correspondence, etc). This directory was available for \$25 and some 127 were sold. A remaining two have been for sale for several years at the 'Sage Shop.' These would now be sorely out-of-date and the board decided at the Oct meeting to remove them from sale. —This document was posted to the alumni assn website in 1997 and has been maintained by our Web-Master, Mike **Black**, since. It is as correct, and current, as 'Sages' have made it, i.e., names have been added and changes have been made as alumni have reviewed this listing and made them. Mike also receives changes from membership chairs and others. —Several years ago, Clark **Creery**, took on the task of updating, and maintaining, the 'Off-Line' copy (the original started by Mary and maintained by subsequent membership chairs). He receives updates and changes mentioned above and from the Florida Chapter Membership Chair, Randy **Vlassick**, and others.

Bottom Line: The 'Off-Line WorldWide Directory,' the successor to what Mary started, replaces the 'hard-copy' version originally offered. It is available to requesting, paid up, alumni assn members (see 'Sage Shop') via email pdf attachment or internet link.

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ALERT: SNOWBALL

We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the September elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. A highlight will be the recognition of our 'Alumni of The Year' who will also be honored at the 'Center Annual Award Banquet' usually held late Feb or early Mar in conjunction with the USAEDS Annual Conference.

This is 'SnowBall's' 11th Anniversary; each year we hope to see attendance grow. We were swamped last year with a record number in attendance. Everyone

had a great time seeing our comrades and catching up on what we've all been doing the past year. Seeing all the memorabilia from Det 421 and watching the slide show was very entertaining. Don't get left out this year, mark your calendars now.

It is also a tradition that the AFTAC Commander and Vice, Chief Scientist, AFTAC Superintendent, Directors and other interested active-duty personnel are invited.

As noted earlier, the 'SnowBall' always has a theme-past themes include Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Pine-dale, Wyoming, Thailand, and Australia, honoring locations where AFTAC had or has a presence. This year we will honor Detachment 452, Wonju, Korea.

The Center's Chief, Knowledge Operations Management, Deborah **Carson**, has made arrangements with the Patrick AFB 'All Ranks' Club, (The Tides) to host us again this year and Deborah, with help from other members (Judy Milam, Pat Snyder, etc), will have the place looking very trendy in the "Korean" fashion.

Pertinent information:

Theme: Moon Meeting Festival, Wonju City
January 31st (Sat), ~\$35 per person,
tax & gratuity included.

Cash Bar, 6-7PM, Dinner at 7PM,
in the Ocean Lounge.

Menu: Korean Cuisine Specialties by Tides Master
Chef (Guaranteed to please
the discriminating palate).

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

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

ALERT: WORLDWIDE REUNION

Some of you may know that designs are being drawn up for a new AFTAC building here at Patrick. AFTAC is also planning to celebrate its "official" 50th birthday July 2009. All of us Long Range Detection Alumni believe we have already passed this milestone, but we are combining the two events in selecting the theme for this reunion,

Hailing our Future....Honoring our Past.

Due to conflicts which deter active duty participation in the golf tournament on Friday, the day we had scheduled it, it is being delayed until a later date. However, we have been invited to join them at the AFTAC Spring Picnic on Saturday after the Open House at the Headquarters building. You now have a free afternoon to visit with friends or go out on one of the afternoon gambling ship cruises. There are two cruise lines available (www.suncruzcasino.com/port-

canaveral.asp or www.lasvegascruiselines.com).

When you arrive at the Radisson Resort at the Port, there will be a registration desk for you to pick up your material and a hospitality room where you can socialize. Our organized activities will start with the Ice Breaker at 6 pm.

The Saturday Open House starts at AFTAC at 9 am and should be complete by 11 am. One of our own, Dr. Dave **O'Brien**, Chief Scientist, has agreed to give us an orientation briefing after which we will split into groups for short tours. The AFTAC Picnic begins at 11 am at Wickham Park. We are invited to have lunch with them and stay for the afternoon activities. We are trying to get the active duty to put together some horseshoe teams to give the alumni some competition.

Our banquet is Saturday evening, 6 pm, again at the Radisson. The guest speaker is Maj Gen (Ret) Jack **Leide** (former J2; Director of Intelligence under General Norman Swartzcoff in Desert Storm I). Dinner will feature a combination plate of chicken breast stuffed with mushrooms and cheese and grilled filet mignon. Dessert will be chocolate mousse.

The 'Registration Form' is on the next page. Make room reservations directly with the Radisson at 888-201-1718 (www.radisson.com/hotels/flcocoa) no later than 1 April 2009. Rates are \$109 double or \$149 king suite (plus 11% tax) and are good for three days before and after our reunion. All rooms were remodeled this year and are in outstanding condition. Registration forms with all information and a check should be sent to arrive at the PO Box NLT than 17 April 2009.

Any additions, or changes, will be passed on via emails (eALLerts) and posted on the alumni assn website (www.aftacalumni.org). Please have your information at the LRDA website up-to-date as that will be used to contact you. We also intend to provide information, and the registration form, at the website. Internet posted items will either be available at the 'Home Page' or at the 'Need To Know Now' link.

To properly place the 'AFTAC 50th' in perspective, we asked Jim **Moyers**, AFTAC Historian, if he would put together an article concerning this event. Thank you, Jim, for the following enlightening and informative rendering, it is one for the 'Sages Ages.'

AFTAC's 50th Anniversary

JIM MOYERS, AFTAC HISTORIAN

On July 7, 2009, the organization that is today designated Headquarters Air Force Technical Applications Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary. While the long range detection function AFTAC carries on is more than 60 years old, tracing its roots to 1947, the process under which official Air Force organizational lineage is computed does not recognize 1947 as the beginning of today's AFTAC. In fact, it was not until the 1990s that the keepers of Air Force lineage recognized July 7, 1959, as the beginning of AFTAC, hav-

ing insisted for many years that the organization's lineage began in 1960.

In the spring of 1959, an Air Staff study, that at least in part had its impetus in Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Curtis E. LeMay's direction to look at decentralizing Air Staff functions, concluded that the best way to move forward organizationally with the long range detection function was essentially to start fresh—create a new organization. On July 2, 1959, Air Force Headquarters Command issued General Order 39 organizing the 1035th United States Air Force Field Activities Group effective July 7, 1959.

At the same time the 1035th was activated, the named activity the Air Force Technical Applications Center was formed. In essence, a single group staffed two entities. AFTAC was the name of the extension of the Air Staff charged with formulating policy, providing guidance, and the like for the long range detection function. The 1035th USAF Field Activities Group was the operational unit. While distinct in their roles, the AFTAC staff and the 1035th "headquarters" staff [although General Order 39 failed to designate the 1035th as a headquarters organization] were the same individuals. Hence, Major General Jermain P. Rodenhauer, first commander of the 1035th was dual-hatted as chief of AFTAC.

This duality of Air Staff extension and operating command continued through several changes in status of the command. Effective May 1, 1960, the organization was designated Headquarters, 1035th USAF Field Activities Group. On June 26, 1972, the command became known as Headquarters, 1035th Technical Operations Group. The 1035th moved its headquarters in August 1972 from the national capital region to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Following the inactivation of the Air Force Headquarters Command, the 1035th was attached to Air Force Systems Command on July 1, 1976.

The attachment to Air Force Systems Command prompted in 1979 another study of the 1035th and its alignment within the Air Force. After much debate, Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Lew Allen, Jr., concluded the 1035th should be a Direct Reporting Unit to Headquarters United States Air Force. Thus, the 1035th was redesignated Headquarters Air Force Technical Applications Center on October 1, 1980, and in so doing became a single entity.

AFTAC has continued to undergo changes in status since 1980, including in February 1991 becoming a Field Operating Agency of the United States Air Force and, most recently, on April 1, 2008, changing to a subordinate unit of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency. Throughout these numerous changes the official organizational lineage begun in 1959 remains intact and on July 7, 2009, AFTAC will reach its golden anniversary—50 years of invaluable service to the Air Force and the United States of America.

"HAILING OUR FUTURE ... HONORING OUR PAST"

WORLDWIDE REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION (1 MAY-3 MAY 2008)
P.O. BOX 254892 PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE,FLORIDA 32925-0892

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED **WITH PAYMENT**
TO ADDRESS ABOVE **NLT 17 APRIL 2008**

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: LAST, FIRST, MI _____

NAME OF SPOUSE/GUEST _____

STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) _____

EVENT	COST	#	ATTENDING	AMOUNT OF MONEY
REGISTRATION FEE	\$15.00 PER PERSON	_____	_____	_____
ICE BREAKER (FRI,1 MAY 08)	\$25.00 PER PERSON	_____	_____	_____
OPEN HOUSE (SAT, 2 MAY 08)	NONE	_____	_____	_____
AFTAC PICNIC (SAT, 2 MAY 08) (expected to be about \$5 to be paid there)		_____	_____	_____
BANQUET (SAT, 2 MAY 08) (combination plate – grilled filet mignon+ chicken breast stuffed with mushrooms & cheese)	\$35.00 PER PERSON	_____	_____	_____

BREAKFAST (SUN,1 JUN 03) PAY cashier

TOTAL AMOUNT SENT: \$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

LRD ALUMNI ASSOC AND MAIL TO:
PO BOX 254892
PATRICK AFB FL 32925-0892

NO REFUNDS MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS/CHANGES AFTER 24 APRIL 2008

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'Events' reporting continues from Page one**EVENT: ANNUAL GENERAL MBRSHIP/ELECTIONS**

EDITORS

'Sociable September' Meeting/Elections were held resulting in several new faces. Members and guests present included Doris **Bruner**, Deborah **Carson**, Clark **Creery**, Joe **Goldian**, Bev and Frank **Hall**, John and Chris **Horsch**, Jack **Jackson**, Bob **Meisenheimer**, Gene and Deanna **Melchior**, Judy **Milam**, Bob **Morton**, Al **Moyers**, Jim **Payne**, Steven **Revels**, Pat **Snyder**, and Bob **Wiley**.

Elections were the first order of business and the slate presented (pg 1) was unanimously approved; the meeting followed (see 'Chapter' section for minutes). After that was a time of camaraderie and a chance to revisit old times and catch up on the 'new times.' We'd like to see many more at this planned annual event. Please make a note to be there for 'Sociable September, 2009,' to support and respect those who serve.

EVENT: 18TH ANNUAL FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER

PAT SNYDER

This year's 'Fall Golf n'Getogether' took place on Oct 17th at the Cocoa Beach Golf Course. It was a great day for this the Association's 17th annual Fall outing. The weather was warm with a nice breeze and we had 93 golfers tee off! WOW what a turn out!

We'd like to thank our sponsors; without them we would not have all the great prizes to give away. **AIS, Orange Business Services; BAE Systems, SAIC.**

Thanks also to **Brevard Co. Parks & Recreation, Spessard Holland Golf Course**, who donated 2 rounds of golf. We'd also like to thank all of the active duty, civilian, and alumni volunteers who came out to help us this year: Ms. Natalie **Yacoub**, A1Cs Aaron **Molock** & Meghan **Williams**, Pat **Snyder**, Carol **Snyder** and Judy **Milam**. **Smokin' Joe's** and the **Cocoa Beach Country Club** were excellent as usual. Thanks to them for all the hard work.

Last, but not least, we'd like to thank Addison Mitchell (**Mitch**) and Pat **Snyder** for all the hard work they did putting this tournament together. Mitch stepped up once again and did a fantastic job. And, without Pat's efforts, this tournament would not come together. And, of course, congratulations to all the golfers who had a great time.

Pictures of the 'Place Winners' follow on pg 9. Additionally, the following golfers shot well enough to be recognized: **Longest Drive-Men:** D. Wong; **Women:** Judy Ellingwood; **Closest to the Pin:** 2 **River** - Dennis Detsch; 5 **Dol-**

phin - Jorge Lopez

We were there for part of the tournament and stayed for the meeting. It was a lively group as they ate the 'Smokin Joe' chow and lied to each other about their play.

We were very disappointed to see SO MANY assn members leave as soon as the food and prizes were gone. Beside the usual board members who are always there, we do appreciate that Larry **Silhanek** and Don **Gilbert** were supportive enough to stay for the meeting which lasted all of 15-minutes. Thanks, Guys.

EVENT: AIRBORNE PERSONNEL REUNION

BUTCH KEMNA & CHARLIE PENN

Thursday night, November 6th, and action was non-stop on the Vegas Strip where 96 Airborne Reunion folks started swapping lies. What was supposed to be an informal "registration" for people to pick up their nametags turned into a great gathering that reunited people who hadn't seen one another for years.

Friday was the Nevada Test Site Tour for those who weren't too hung over and then it was back seeing who could outdo everyone with remembrances of past TDY's, aircraft mishaps and close calls, and chicanery that seemed to happen on a daily basis. Most of the attendees were part of the AFTAC's "A" system but we also had an Air Weather Service Navigator, who worked directly with our Ops Officers; and this character, Bernie **Barris**, who knows more about our airborne history than anyone at the reunion. We also had some Lab and ARE maintenance in attendance.

Saturday was the air show, 'Aviation Nation 2008,' at Nellis AFB; and was followed by a reception and banquet that was "first class." Tom **Witherell** and Rick **Larson** were the keynote speakers and they both praised the spouses and significant others who supported our absence during long periods of mission deployments.

Sunday morning was hangover cure time and bidding goodbyes to folks that hadn't seen each other for years. For those who could not attend, or didn't get the word, don't fret; this gig will happen again!



Junior SEO's in attendance; recognize anyone?



Seasoned SEO's. How about this group ... names anyone?



Personals ...

Wherein alumni let us know of events in their lives Sages should be aware of. Please send us deaths, births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements (military or otherwise), and other events.

In Memoriam

Carol Ann Pritchard
 Brian Swan
 Leo J. Cotter
 Mayme Gailey
 Raymond Keys
 William Tucker
 Marion Haines
 Wes Efurd
 Robert Barkhaus
 Dick Reid
 Ron Couch
 Gerard Leies

Rest in Eternal Peace

PRITCHARD, Carol Ann

DALE KLUG, 2008.08.17



Passed away at her home in North Highlands on August 6, 2008. A native Californian, she was born at the Presidio in San Francisco on October 22, 1936. She attended school in Rio Linda and graduated from Grant Union High School in 1954. She later attended American River College. In 1957 while employed at McClellan AFB, she met and married Orville Pritchard and began her career as an Air Force wife in Fairbanks, Alaska. While stationed in Japan, Carol became very involved in art and was one of the few foreigners to exhibit in the Tokyo Museum of Modern Art. She later became interested in needlepoint as an outlet for her artistic talents. In retirement she enjoyed cruises with her husband and relatives and considered Hawaii her favorite destination which she visited several times. A celebration of Carol's life was held on August 22, 2008 at MOUNT VERNON MEMORIAL PARK, 8201 Greenback Way, Fair Oaks, CA. *Published in the Sacramento Bee.* See link: <http://www.legacy.com/Link.asp?l=LS000115775745X>

Brian Swan

CAROL SWAN-EMAIL, 08.25



Dear friends, I am sorry to have to tell you that Brian passed away this morning at 3:25 AM. He had been getting weaker daily and Saturday afternoon he decided it was time to go to the hospital. Everyone kept saying his cancer was very aggressive. We, of course did not think it would happen this soon. He was allowed to die peacefully in his sleep with me at his side. Tim and Sam had spent time with him Saturday evening. Because of the speed of his passing, we were unable to get Mark home in time, but he did have several good talks with Mark over the last couple days. Thank you for

all your kind thoughts and prayers.

Brian Philip Swan, age 57, died quietly in his sleep at Maine Medical Center after a brief illness with lung cancer. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Carol Anderson Swan, their son Tim and his wife Shellene and children Kaila and Tyler of Dayton, ME. Brian graduated from Dirigo HS in 1969, and received a diploma in drafting from CMVTI in 1971. In 1971 he joined the Air Force and spent his 20-year career affiliated with AF-TAC and retired as a Master Sergeant. During that time he was stationed at Shemya, Alaska, Patrick AFB, FL, Keflavik Naval Air Station in Iceland, and Falcon AFB in Colorado. Upon retiring in 1991 he returned to school at Colorado Tech and received a Bachelors Degree in logistics. He worked at SAIC in Colorado Springs as a systems analyst and was head of the IT department until his retirement in 2005. At that time Brian and Carol moved back to Maine and built their retirement home in Dayton. His interests were fishing, hunting, woodworking, painting watercolors, carving fish, singing karaoke, and just being there to help out anyone who needed it. He will be sadly missed by all of his friends and family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Goodwin's Mills Fire & Rescue, 481 Goodwin's Mills Road, Lyman, Maine 04002. Website: <http://www.dennettcraigpate.com/obitDetails.asp?ObitID=264>.

Memorium, Brian Swan

EDITORS: JOHN AND CHRIISTEL HORSCH

We will miss Brian on several fronts ... first and foremost, he is a fellow Sage that we knew and respected highly. We recall Brian as a hard, intelligent worker with a great sense of humor. Later, when we began editing the PoMo, we learned he was a great writer with a superb memory for events and a keen observer of life. Brian wrote articles for the newsletter several times and they were outstanding examples of what we note above.

Clark **Creery**, who was an 'Uber Correspondent' with Brian, recently sent us a long list of Brian's writings about everyday life. Clark begins this series with a letter Brian sent his fellow Sages thru the pages of the June, 2005, Post-Monitor, 'Mail-Call' section. It reminded us of Brian's attitude and certainly pinpointed his thoughts about life in general, and AFTAC people in particular. We believe Brian's letter should be remembered and reread at this time. We can all benefit by contemplating his thoughts on several of life's most important factors. Brian wrote (2005.04.13): QUOTE:

"Just received March 2005 issue of Post-Monitor. Completely entertaining, as always. I'll let you decide if this warrants publication in the next issue, or if it is simply something to read and enjoy yourself and to share with others privately. It really doesn't matter because the true worth of any of this is the sharing of good times we AFTACers have enjoyed, and this will continue as long as there is an AFTAC and there are people who have served our cause."

Brian went on to write, '... revelation I had with this issue of the Post is the '... seemingly endless and endurable bond that exists within our AFTAC community. Look anywhere in the publication and you will see a community of people who proudly did their job, remain together as much as possible, and do not consider retirement the end of their commitment to each other to share the experience of true professionals. Since my retirement I have met countless retired military people from all services. I often ask them if they have an association like ours, if they stay in touch with each other, if they celebrate their accomplishments and the importance of what they once did on active duty. I rarely find anyone with the same "family" that exists in AFTAC. We have never been a group that makes the front page news, and we may never be such a group, and may not want to. For those in

the World who thrive on glory, and the public recognition that comes from glorious acts, AFTAC is not for you. And if you are a true AFTACer, you don't expect that level of recognition, and you don't need open recognition to know that whatever job you held was not trivial, and that whatever task you accomplished was not without value. My last revelations from the publication were that we enjoy hearing from members we thought were long lost, that we actively seek out others we have not heard from in some time, and we search for those that seem lost to us. This Alumni takes an active part in preserving our community – it is what sustains us as an entity. So, I offer the following information to you, hopefully to prevent some future search for my whereabouts. In a month or two I will "retire" again, leaving my position with SAIC. My wife, Carol, retired two months ago after 34 years in the Nursing profession. I couldn't have been more proud at her retirement party. I can't wait for mine. We will fulfill our life-long goal to move back to Maine, build a retirement home, and hopefully do nothing but enjoy the grand children, the country life, and the pleasures of old age. When I do establish a new email address I will contact the Post again, and continue to enjoy this fine publication and the memories that tie us together. I'll get connected again as soon as possible." Brian did and wrote us several times after the move.

Leo J. Cotter

BILL SCHMIED-EMAIL, 09.23, PASSES ON AN EMAIL FROM MEG HULME,

I am writing to let you know that my father, Leo J. Cotter, passed away 12/12/07, just two days short of his 79th birthday (12/14/28) from esophageal cancer in Gainesville, GA. Bill added, Leo has been a member of our chapter (CO) for 15 years -- since Sep 1993..

Mayme Gailey

YOUR EDITORS, 10.06

Mayme Gailey, wife of Carl Gailey, passed away early Sunday Morning, Oct 5th, at 'Holmes Regional Medical Center.' There was a viewing/service at 'Florida Memorial Funeral Home & Cemetery,' Rockledge, FL.

Memorium, Mayme John and Chris Horsch Remember We will miss Mayme for the times we saw and visited with her at alumni assn events, or in the neighborhood. Whether it was a grand social event or a 'get your hands dirty' task, Mayme was there, if at all possible. Especially noteworthy were the times we'd get together for the PoMo 'label/fold.' Mayme and Carl usually hosted these get events and they were instrumental in getting the newsletter printed and mailed. We have known Carl since the early 70's when he visited Korea to install a B-20 unit, and we met Mayme shortly thereafter. Carl brought us information on the area where he lived in 76 while we were in Germany and we became neighbors in 81 when we built around the corner from their home. These were grand times, times spent swapping stories and razzing each other about our AFTAC times, and our retired times. Mayme added a lot to these 'Sage Times' and we will miss her as we gather together and walk the neighborhood.

Raymond Keys

SUBMITTED BY JUDY MILAM, 10/17

Judy noted in her email: Lt Col Keys was the deputy to the Technical Director, Mr. Northrup, when we moved to FL in 1972, and was later moved to the Plans and Programs Directorate.

Raymond R. Keys, 79, of Satellite Beach, loving hus-

band and father, went to be with Jesus Wednesday, October 15, 2008. He was born in Salem, West VA, to Audra and Roy Keys. He lived in Alexandria, VA, before coming to Brevard County 38 years ago. Raymond was in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a Lt. Col., a Certified Building and Electrical Contractor, and Honorary Professor at Brevard Community College. He was a member of Satellite Beach United Methodist Church, Giddeons International, and Satellite Investment Club. He is survived by his adoring wife of 57 years, Gloria; daughters, Kimberly(Robert) Morgan of Arizona, Sharon Holly of Palm Beach, FL, and Karen (Col. Richard F.Gibbs, II) Gibbs of Memphis, TN; son, Raymond, Jr. (Alicia) of Walhalla, S. C; and seven grandchildren. Funeral Service was held at Satellite Beach United Methodist Church. Interment followed service at Florida Memorial Gardens. Beach Funeral Home East Chapel in charge. Guest Book At <http://www.legacy.com/floridatoday/Obituaries.asp?Page=SearchResults>. *Obituary, Florida Today*

William L. Tucker

DAVID TUCKER>ALUMNI ASSN WEBSITE>EALLERT, 10.19

To Whom It May Concern: My name is David Tucker, and I am the son of an AFTAC Alumnus, William L. Tucker, who passed away at Holmes Regional Medical Center on September 24th. His obituary follows: William Lee Tucker, 67, died suddenly on Sept. 24 in Melbourne, FL, of complications associated with undiagnosed cancer. He was born Jan. 4, 1941, in Langdale, AL, to the late Rev. William R. and Bama Tucker. He graduated from Valley High School in 1959. He entered the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, in 1959 and married Rebecca Sue Butler of Shawmut, AL, that same year. W.L., or simply W. graduated from the University of Alabama in June 1963, then entered medical school in Birmingham, where he worked in the Biomedical Department at Southern Research Institute doing cancer-virus research. He joined the U.S. Air Force in September, 1966 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant that November. He served for five years in Tucson, AZ, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, before entering Auburn University, where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1973. He served at Vandenberg (CA) AFB three years, and then earned a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, OH, in 1978. After graduation, he served as a Systems Manager with the Air Force Technical Applications Center, McClellan AFB, CA. In 1981, he was reassigned to AFTAC headquarters at Patrick AFB, FL, as Program Manager, where he retired in 1986. He became a Systems Engineer for Grumman Aerospace, Melbourne, FL, and retired 20 years later as Operations Manager in Avionics Engineering for the Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) program. He is survived by Sue, his wife of 48 years; his daughter, Linda; his sons, David and Michael; 10 grandchildren; and his brother, Ray Tucker of Lanett, AL. Funeral services were held in his beloved home state of Alabama, 01 October, 2008.

Very Respectfully, David L. Tucker Petty Officer First Class, USN Proud Son of W.L. Tucker

Marion Haines

BOB WILEY-EMAIL, 11.02-FLORIDA TODAY PAPER



MARION HAINES, Jr. PORT ST. JOHN Marion D. Haines, Jr., 59, died Friday, October 31, 2008, of pancreatic cancer. He was born January 22, 1949 in Louisville, KY, to Marion Delbert Haines and Bryna Singleton Haines. In 1951, soon after birth of Marions brother, Lawrence, Delbert Haines accepted a job with Western Electric in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Marion graduated from North Forsyth High in 1967, and attended North Carolina

State University. In 1969, he joined the United States Air Force, where he served 20 years in the Air Force Technical Applications Center. Marion was then employed by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners as a Networking Specialist from January 1990 until his death. Marion was a member of Indian River City United Methodist Church in Titusville, FL. He enjoyed his Fender Stratocaster guitar, was a Life Member of National Rifle Association and had been rated as an Expert Marksman. Survivors include his wife, Jackie Haines; son, Benjamin Haines. Visitation was held at First United Methodist Church of Port St. John, on November 3rd. Funeral Service was held at Indian River City United Methodist Church on November 5th. Final Service and burial was in Greensboro, North Carolina. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society or to the Indian River City UMC Operating Fund.

Wes Efurd

PAT SNYDER-EMAIL, 11.13

Wes Efurd died suddenly Sunday, November 9th. Wes worked at the McClellan Lab in the 70s, then Los Alamos National Laboratory. Funeral services were November 15th, at the First Baptist Church, Los Alamos. If desired, in lieu of flowers, contributions can be given to ones favorite charity or First Baptist Church in memory of Wes Efurd.

Bob Barkhaus

PAT SNYDER-FROM WADE RAINS-EMAIL, 11.14



I don't know what AFTAC would do when a former member passes. Follows obituary for CMS Barkhaus. He was a dear friend of mine and we both retired from AFTAC in 1996. His wife called me yesterday to inform me he passed on Veterans Day. I actually made his shadow box for his retirement. Ivy talked extensively with Sherrie Barkhaus yesterday and would be better able to answer any other questions not provided in the

Obituary. I know Chief was a popular guy and had a lot of friends. Ivy and I haven't been keeping up with AFTAC as it seems life just keeps getting in the way as we are expecting our 10th grandkid and the oldest is currently deployed to Afghanistan. Thank you. Wade, Maint Tech 45 FSS/FSCO.

Obituary Extract: CMSGT Robert H. "Bob" Barkhaus, USAF (Retired), USAF, age 63, of Highland, IL., died Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at his home in Highland, IL. He was born December 15, 1944, in Shawano, WI., the son of Louis R. and Hazel (nee Simon) Barkhaus. On April 7, 1966, he married Sherrie A. Barkhaus, (nee Zelke), originally of Oshkosh, WI, who survives. He was a member of American Legion Post 292, Mascoutah; Zion Lutheran Church-Mascoutah; Maximum Blood Donor for over 40 years. Born at Shawano, WI, grew up at Bonduel, WI on the family dairy farm; graduated from Bonduel HS in 1962; attended the Univ. of Wisconsin @ Oshkosh until being drafted in 1965. He entered the US Air Force on January 28, 1966. he served during Vietnam and Operation Shield/Desert Storm; retiring with 30 years of service on January 31, 1996. His duty was Communications-Computer Systems Manager. CMSGT. Barkhaus entered the service at Lackland AFB- San Antonio; he did his tech school at Sheppard AFB-Wichita Falls; from June 1966-June 1970 he was stationed at Travis AFB, Calif.; Scott AFB from 6/70-10/73; Incirlik, Turkey, from 10/73-12/76; Grand Forks AFB, ND from 6/76-12/81; Incirlik, Turkey, again from 12/81-6/84; Scott AFB from 6/84-8/91 and Patrick AFB, Florida, until retiring in 1996. Mr. & Mrs. Barkhaus moved to Highland, IL in November 2000. He enjoyed golfing; bowling, playing cards and yard work. He helped coach his childrens sports teams as they grew up...and he enjoyed an occasional beer. Survivors include Wife-Sherrie A. Barkhaus of Highland, Ill., Son-Scott K. (Erika) Barkhaus of Mascoutah, Ill., Daughter-Staci M. (Joseph) LaPorta of Highland, Ill., Daughter-Tami L. (Lt Col Rob, USAF) Gilchrest of Layton, Utah.

Richard (Dick) Reid

CAROL WARFIELD-EMAIL, 11.22



Richard William (Dick) Reid, of Knoxville, passed away suddenly Thursday, November 20, 2008. Dick was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a graduate of Ohio State University and completed his MBA at Louisiana Tech. Dick was a Group Leader with Data System Science and Engineering Group at ORNL. He was a member of Fox Den Country Club and enjoyed golf. Dick is survived by his wife, Ann. Dick retired as a Lt. Colonel with 27 years of service in the U. S.A.F., therefore, full military honors were conferred.

Ron Couch

FRANK HALL>TOM EDDLEMAN-EMAIL, 11.21



MELBOURNE, FL - Ron Couch, age 69 of Melbourne, FL. passed away Friday, November 21, 2008 at Holmes Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Dillon, Montana and had moved to Melbourne in 1979 from Alice Springs, Australia. He retired as a

Lt. Col. in the United States Air Force with 23 years of service and had worked as quality engineer for Boeing space program for 13 years. Survivors: wife, Marlene M. Couch, Melbourne Son, Craig Couch, Melbourne, Daughter, Savannah Lombardi, Hickory, NC, Sister, Karen, Walker, Beaverton, Oregon, Grandsons, Anthony and Christian Lombardi. Graveside services were held on November 25, 2008 in Forest Hill Cemetery, Haines City, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the college funds of Grandchildren, "Anthony & Christian Lombardi"-John Hancock Freedom 529, c/o David Sparks, Capitol Concepts, P. O. Box 3509, Hickory, North Carolina 286. *Obituary, Clark Creery from the Funeral Service*

Gerard Leies

CLARK CREERY-EMAIL, 12.05



COCOA BEACH Dr. Gerard M. Leies, 90, passed away peacefully at his home in Cocoa Beach, Florida on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Bonnie; their children, David and Caroline; his step children, Danny and Cindy; and his granddaughter, Olivia. Gerry was a World War

II veteran, spending almost three years in the South Pacific supporting the Guadalcanal and Philippines Liberation campaigns. He retired after 20 years of service in the Air Force as a Colonel. Gerry was one of our nations first nuclear physicists and served as a long-time Technical Director of the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base. He received numerous commendation and service awards as part of his military and senior executive service careers. Gerry was an inspiration to all who knew him; not only as a physicist, great father and husband but also as a devoted Catholic and someone who truly had a Christian heart. During his lifetime, he accomplished so much for his country but also was a man that meant so much to his family and friends. He will certainly be missed by all. Interment with military honors will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Marianists - the Society of Mary (Marianists) is a Catholic Religious Order of Brothers and Priests; www.marianist.com.

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MAIL - CALL

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Thanks' to all who write!! 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).

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First Sage to 'Report In

(ePoMo sent, 2008.08.12 @ 1230 EST)

Jack (Mac) McGettigan-email #1 @ 1PM

Hi, Got it and you guys did a great job as usual.

Thanks, Jack ... good work, #1 again!! I see Jim (Red) Davis's email coming up ... I Cc him as a ribbing.

Norm Metcalf-email #2 @ 107PM

Thanks for the link. I wanted to let you know that despite involving Windows Live I was able to open it in Mepis 7.0 and print it using Konqueror's PDF capability. You betcha, Norm ... and thanks for the technical info.

Jim Davis-email #3 @130PM

Hey! For some reason I'm having a problem receiving the PoMo...instructions-seem simple enough but maybe I'm doing something wrong or maybe not doing ... Good to hear from you, Jim ... even with the problem ... we are sending you a pdf attachment in case you get tired of trying!!!

Ron Cook-email #4 @135PM

Rcvd, thanks. You are most welcome, Ron.

Joe Marshall-email @300PM

Excellently done! I like the electronic copy much more than the snail mail one. Thanks, Joe.

Frank Calenda-email @322PM

Good issue, as usual and easy to get to. I'm going to print it out and read it in depth Thanks again for your hard, dedicated efforts - both of you. Thank you, Frank, its our pleasure.

MAIL

Failed Address(es): Lester J Jackson, 1245 Mohawk Tr, Richardson TX 75080. Since Lester will not receive this we ask anyone who can help to drop us a note.

Les Miller-email

08.28

Appreciate it if you can send me the site address that I can access all the Post-Monitors that you have put on the net. For some reason, probably old age, I deleted the June 2007 issue, my letter on Det 430 was in it, and I'd like to print a copy of it. Keep up your good work in getting the MONITOR to us via the internet.

2008 has been a hectic year for me. In January I was diagnosed with throat cancer. Then the hectic times started, between the chemo and radiation treatments it kept us on the go. My doctors had me taking the chemo and radiation treatments at the same time. The radiation treatments were Mon-Friday for 7 weeks. So for 1 day each week I received both chemo and radiation treatments. The last follow-up I had, the throat doctor scoped my throat and showed me a picture and then compared it to the original picture that showed the tumor, and said, see, the tumor is gone. So we're hopeful that the treatments were effective. Only time will tell.

Other than that, I'm enjoying life and golf in sunny Conway, and look forward for each copy of the Monitor. Thanks for all the help you can provide. And thank you for your kind compliments and update, and permission to publish same ... your fellow Sages wish you the best possible results.

Tim Heenan-email

09.03

I have been trying to find out how to sign up for the online Monitor & I can't figure it out. After receiving the LAST mailed Monitor today, I decided I'd better ask for instructions. Thanks, PS - A hundred years ago when I was on active duty, I would have just asked a 99 & would have been enrolled most skosh. I am sure there are still some who can help!!! First, we'd like to note the PoMo will still be available thru USPS mail; only the 'Membership Directory' will only be available via electronic means. Now, to your 99 help ... here we are ... we received your request from ex-99 Mike Black (webmaster), and will add your name to the ePoMo subscribers, also notifying ex-99 Randy Vlassick, Membership Chair, and Clark Creery, ex-99 and 'Off-Line' Database Maintainer.

Jay Bilyeu-email

09.17

I am sorry to hear you are converting to a less frequent schedule. I for one would be glad to pay additional dues (your 'annual dues' cover PoMo costs) to receive it quarterly. PS I enjoy the printed version. I read it at my leisure, and it usually takes a few days. I seldom read anything long over the Internet. We appreciate your sentiments. Hopefully, what will result, is no loss of content with lowered printing and mailing costs; that is our goal. We, as you, enjoy a printed copy. Some of our electronic subscribers print the PoMo to read but that does entail additional time and expense.

Clark&Joyce Wilberg-email

10.25

I had the pleasure of speaking with Ron Couch (Editor Note: Ron deceased 11.21) today in Austin, Texas. We were on a family shopping outing to Lakeline Mall and

we had paused for some lunch. I recognized Ron-- although it took me several minutes to put name with face. When he came back and sat down, I went over and said "hello". Joyce came over and we had a pleasant couple minutes to share memories of AFTAC and our working together.

Strange that you can meet folks in out of the expected environment, at distances far removed from the original association. I'm always amazed at the closeness of the AFTAC family. Well stated, Clark. Upon hearing from Clark, we emailed Ron to make sure he was not on a secret mission to Texas and would not mind us 'sharing this with Sages,' ... Ron replied: We just got back from Austin where we attended Marlene's family reunion. I can tell you that the highlight of the trip for me was running into Clark and Joyce - what would be my odds of a chance meeting in a crowded mall in the middle of Texas of meeting a couple AFTACer's I haven't seen for 16 years. Hopefully it won't be another 16 years before we meet again.

And, no I wasn't secretly in Texas so you can use this in the PoMo. My best to all, Ron Thanks, Ron

New Law, Veterans' May Salute During Anthem

JOE HAUSER-EMAIL, 11.07

WASHINGTON (Oct. 30, 2008) -- Veterans and active-duty military not in uniform can now render the military-style hand salute during the playing of the national anthem, thanks to changes in federal law that took effect this month.

"The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "This provision allows the application of that honor in all events involving our nation's flag."

The new provision improves upon a little known change in federal law last year that authorized veterans to render the military-style hand salute during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, but it did not address salutes during the national anthem. Last year's provision also applied to members of the armed forces while not in uniform.

Traditionally, members of the nation's veterans service organizations have rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and at events involving the national flag while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The most recent change, authorizing hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel, was sponsored by Sen. Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma, an Army veteran. It was included in the Defense Authorization Act of 2009, which President Bush signed on Oct. 14.

The earlier provision authorizing hand-salutes for veterans and out-of-uniform military personnel during the raising, lowering or passing of the flag, was contained in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, which took effect Jan. 28, 2008.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Late in the PoMo preparation cycle we learned from several sources, which we are trying to officially verify, that several people have had beneficiary changes to the 'Retiree Account Statement' they did not initiate. As 'Tax Time' nears it is time to take a look anyway ... while doing so, take time to verify your information. Check at '<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>'.

MBRSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE(S)

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

'Serial Sages' (New Lifetime Members): Darrel R. Kline; John Nelson; Charles Braud; John Doberstein (Dobie)
'Sustaining Sages' (Annual Mbrs, new and renewals): John Nederhoed; Ken Oyer; Joe Goldian; Carl Gailey; Mary Anderholm; Charles Derosier; William Metts; David Cullinane; Richard Gullett; Franz Mettner; Thomas Gehman; Alex DiSanto; Frank Garner; David Bagby; William Harris; Jack Tucker; Vern Mikkelsen

Address Changes: Ethel Jones-GA, Ray McKissack,-TX, Al Moy-WA, Bruce Varnum-FL, Fred Allen Geohagan-FL, George Beasley-CA, John Forsys-CA

SCENE SAGES, PICTURES FROM THE GOLF

N'GETOGETHER BY JUDY MILAM

Identities may, or may not, be in order!!!



First Place-Justin Beeler, Steve Miller, Joey Vermillion, & Bo Howard (one of your editor's [2nd fm left] and Lloyd French [far right] just had to 'jump in' [and below] to celebrate with these guys.



Second Place-Addison Mitchell, Mark Lambert, Ron Courtney, & Code Peck (here we are again)



Third Place-Frank Walker, Vern Lester, Larry Silhanek, & Ray Richards (and we just won't leave). Lloyd pretends he needs to be here by presenting the prize money!



Mid-Place (15th)-Jody Clor, Golf Director, Manatee Cove, presents 4 free rounds of golf to Mike and Tom Dunn, Marsha & Scott Wierschke (no way we'd pose with this bunch)

PREZ

FROM
THE TOP

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I must first—and foremost—extend a standing ovation to Bob Wiley for his staunch dedication to the LRDAAs as President. As you may have guessed from who the LRDAAs elected as his replacement, they are in critical need of contributing members! Bob's focus on cost reductions and income generation leave me with a clear way ahead to sustain the LRDAAs's financial viability. The challenge I inherit from Bob—and others before him—is that of sustaining the volunteerism that comprises the foundation of the LRDAAs's existence. The surest sign of a person's commitment to a business, organization, church, or other activity is how hard they will work for it **for free**. It is commitment that explains why businesses will hire an averagely-talented intern over the stellarly-credentialed outsider.

It's hard to buy commitment! There seems to be an invisible division between current and former AFTACers. The current AFTACers think they can't belong and participate in the LRDAAs and the former AFTACers feel they no longer belong to the organization. The truth be told, we are all AFTACers—some of whom have lost their commitment.

If we could 1) recover that commitment by way of LRDAAs participation; 2) encourage AFTAC military and civilians who presently serve or formerly served to attend meetings and functions; we would regain the sense of pride and kinship that went missing years ago. We have the potential to learn much from each other—young, old, active, retired—every thought shared has value. Every memory kept, comparison held, and metaphor lost peels away the armor of an organization and mission that is older than the Air Force itself.

To the current and active members of the LRDAAs: Thank you for the commitment that keeps this heritage alive; to those who can help and have not: Tell me what we can change to get you to rejoin a group that exists to protect the heritage, image, and future of the best, little-known, important mission in the world...

AFTAC!



BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-**Lloyd French** Vice-**Addison Mitchell**
Secretary-**Judy Milam** Treasurer-**Joe Goldian**

Appointed

2009 WorldWide Alumni Reunion Coordinator-**Bob Wiley**
Activities-**CMSgt John Nederhoed** Hall of Heritage-**David Merker**
Hospitality-**Judy Milam** Internet-**Mike Black**
Membership-**Randy Vlassick** Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**
'Off-Line' WorldWide Database-**Clark Creery**
Publicity-**Need a Volunteer** Sage Shop-**Pat Snyder**

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A Minute with the Minutes

WorldWide Reunion, 2009: Bob Wiley is our 'Major Arranger,' Pat Snyder Co-Chairs, see page 1 and the assn website, 'www.aftacalumni.org,' 'Need To Know Now' link for updates. Additional Volunteers are needed, consider lending your 'Sage Skills.'

AFTAC Cares Program: This ongoing program supporting deployed active duty AFTAC members continues to receive good support from Sages. (see active duty section and alumni assn website for details)

Membership: Chair, Randy Vlassick reports Membership is 621, 578 lifetime.

Post-Monitor: On Schedule.

SnowBall: 2009.01.31 SnowBall XI, will be held at the Tides; theme 'Korea' (see page 1).

Hall of Heritage: Plans are underway to approve space for a 'Hall of Heritage' in the new building, if and when one is approved. The timeline of the mission will be reflected in the Hall of Heritage.

Golf: The 18th Annual Fall Golf N'Gettogether was delayed a week (10.17) due to weather. The 19th Annual Spring Golf N'Gettogether will be held on May 1st, in conjunction with the WorldWide Reunion (see pg 1).

LRD 50-Year Commemorative Coins: The coin that recently 'flew in space' will be presented to the AFTAC Commander during an appropriate ceremony and will subsequently be displayed in the 'Hall of Heritage' (at the HQ's building). The remaining 11 Coins will be presented to deserving alumni. Closed

LRD 60-Year Commemorative Coins: Now available for \$4 (see 'Sage Shop'). These coins were struck with an erroneous Sep, 2007, date, but otherwise meet the high standard of previous coins. Closed



Publicity Chair: We are in need of a Sage to fill this position. Please step forward if you'd like to help your association in an important area.

OTHER CHAPTERS

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2008.08/10

DEPOT FALLOUT

Jack **Allison**, President; Dennis **Nolan**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Orville **Pritchard**, Asst. Chairman of the Board; Dave **Tarquino**, Director At Large; Charlie **Penn**, Treasurer; Butch **Kemna**, Asst. Treasurer; Ken **Breitwieser**, Secretary; Bob **Baker**, Asst. Secretary, Dave **Price**, Membership; Newsletter Editor-Dale **Klug**; Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob **Fitzgerald**-Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>.
Membership: 157, 132 are Lifetime

Events Calendar

The chapter schedules several meetings and activities annually; see Website for latest information (URL in officer listing above). **Member meetings are 1st Tuesdays** quarterly at the LionsGate Restaurant at McClellan Park; confirm before coming.

Florida Chapter Editor's Note: Bob Fitzerard, CA WebMaster, wrote on 09.13 their website had been down for several weeks and he had moved to a new website ... see new URL above.

FallOut Mail-Call

Tom Wentz Email: 30 Mar 2008. Thanks for the newsletter. Again this year we will be gone for the picnic, we will be at Altus AFB for our granddaughter's graduation and our son's change of command and retirement ceremony. We are well and enjoying our travels in our motor home. Just got back from two weeks in Mexico with friends from our retired military travel group. Hope we are home for the next event.

John Johnson Snailmail: 13 Mar 2008. Sorry my dues are late. Any extra may be used for postage to non-emailers. Also enclosed are three photos, circa 1963, taken on a C-118, field trip with Col Frank Griffith, WFO Commander. As assistant to Lab Director, Lt Col Bob Rowden, Phd, I had just been promoted to "bird" colonel and temporarily assigned as Special Assistant to Col Griffith before going to War College. Do these pictures evoke any "Way Back When" memories?

Marian Chambers-Jordan Snailmail: undated. Thanks, as always for the great newsletter! We do not have a computer so can not send you e-mail info.

However, will see you at the picnic. Have lots of pictures, tape & memories of "days-gone-by", but seem to have shortage of time to dig them out. Will try to do better.

Ralph Simonton Snailmail: May 2008. It is about time I rejoined Alumni West. I think I did years back, but let my membership lapse. I would take a life membership, but not sure it would be cost effective at my age.

I read some of the newsletters on the net, and found the only name I could remember was that of Dale Klug, and I can't put a face on him. Perhaps he can do better with me. I hope to attend one of the get-togethers you have from time to time; might find someone else there I remember. It is a long trip from Lancaster, but at least I am in the same state.

I came to WFO as a TSgt after attending SPINSTRAS, as best I can remember in early 1965. I left in the fall of 1966 to go to I played alphabet soup in my career, starting out in Z, then Q, then O, with an abbreviated course in U thrown in just before going to the 1157th. O Technique got me TDY's to places I never would have gone otherwise. Not sure that was a plus. After that I spent a couple of years at Hq in Virginia, finished up my enlistment at the 1157th. I retired at the port upon my return stateside in 1972.

Wondering if the new prez is the former Major/LC who used to go to Lackland to hand-pick the new recruits. Maybe someone could drop me an email and let me know. I came over from the regular Air Force, so never met him in that capacity, but assume he screened people like me from their records.

AFTAC was, in some ways, the best thing that ever happened to me. I was in a dead-end situation at McGuire AFB in the early sixties, where an old boy network decided promotions and my boss was a civilian with no clout. I kept applying for different things in an attempt to get away, and AFTAC rescued me when I applied for "Special Electronics Technician," without a clue what it was. A SSGT at the time, I made Tech on a school quota while pipeline at Lowry, and went to work with people who were definitely above average in most respects, including basic intelligence. I managed to retire as a MSgt, something that, in all likelihood, never would have happened otherwise.



This picture of Building 628, Western Field Office - 1155 Tech Ops Squadron - Technical Operation Division was taken on 2008.08.22 by Dale Klug, newsletter editor.

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2008.09

ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice, Earl **Pierce**-Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-
Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley**/Publisher, Ken **Behrens**-
Webmaster, Bill **Harris**-Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>.
Membership: ~105

Events Calendar

The Colorado Chapter schedules several meetings and activities annually; see their Website for latest information (URL in officer listing above).

RSVP to Jack Smith, 303 428-1812 or email
COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM

Florida Chapter Editor's Note: There are two new names on the ECHOES roster above, Jerry **Moxley** and Ken **Behrens**. We have corresponded with both of them and look forward to working with them as fellow LRD Alumni Assn communicators:

—**Jerry** writes: I do this for them because I enjoy all kinds of computer nerdy stuff. I retired last year after roughly fifty years in the electronics world. Almost twenty years with AFTAC "Q" and "O" Systems, and the remainder in computers as technician, programmer, data base administration, web master, et nausea. (We had mentioned in our mail to Jerry we often 'glom' ['borrow'] items from both the CO and CA newsletter)

"Glomming" is gooooood! It informs those in other parts of the country of people and places they might have run in to during their service. MOX (Just a nickname) Jerry (Another one) Jurell Moxley
AFTAC 1956-1975 Dets: 3XX. 422, 329, 5XX, many TDY's, and Lowry AFB.

—**Ken** writes: I was in AFTAC working in B systems my entire Air Force career from July 1963-July 1969. After my discharge, I worked for Teledyne Geotech in the Alexandria, VA lab, University of Utah Geophysics Department in Salt Lake City, and Bell System in Denver for over 26 years retiring in 1999.

My Bell System career included working in outside plant installing key telephone systems and various programming jobs in Information Technologies. After my retirement I started my company MicroBlue Software, LLC which includes a consulting practice, building custom computers for both home and corporate users, and document design and printing.

I publish the electronic and hard copy versions of the Echoes newsletter for the Colorado Alumni association which is compiled and edited by Mox Moxley

Echoes Mail-Call

8/15/08 Email from Phil Korzilius: Thanks for the update. Hope everything is going well for the AFTAC Alumni team in Colorado. I imagine things will be busy in downtown Denver with the political convention in progress next week. Best Regards to all.

8/14/2008 Email from Tom McCarty (New member to our chapter.) Thanks for the response. I finished my training at Lowry in November of 1968 and still have photos of utility pole climbing training that we did out at Rocky Mountain Arsenal. That was a good month to do that training as it was cooler and dry. It sticks in my mind due to one of the guys had his spikes slip and I have often wished that I had stayed in the Air Force but after I was transferred out of the 1035th I lost interest. There was so much scaling down at that time due to Viet Nam. I did have an opportunity to live in Australia for 3 ½ years in the 80s when I worked for Sperry. Canberra is a very nice city but I still am more fond of the Alice. **8/28/08 Follow-up Email from Tom** I was a 99125B. I went to school at Lowry AFB in 1968 and was stationed in Alice Springs Australia until May of 1970. After that I was in both SAC and TAC. I was in Denver this past week and met with Al Doughty whom I served with in the Alice. He informed me of the association and showed me some of his items such as the anniversary book and a 'coin'. Both were very impressive. I knew the organization as the 1035th Field Activity Group which was part of Headquarters Command. Names change but the mission is the same. I will be going back to Alice Springs in October to avoid my 60th birthday. I spent my 21st birthday in the Bull Bar in the Alice. I will fly out of LA on the 15th and arrive in Sydney on the 17th so in theory I will not have the birthday. So much for theory. I would appreciate your letting me know how I can become part of the alumni group.



SUMMER PICNIC (Above) Back row left to right: TSgt Doug Thomas-Schpeler, SSgt Cyrus Freeman, A1C Jason Robertson
Front row left to right: Maj Brian Chellgren, SSgt Larry Bouchard, A1C Alex Barrera

(Below) From left to right: throwing shoe Amn Patrick Shanahan, SSgt (s) William Thompson, A1C Alex Barrera, Maj Brian Chellgren, SSgt Larry Bouchard, and Chuck Toner



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Command Section



Col Lisa Ann Onaga

Commander (CC), 2008.08. AF1985/AFTAC2008. The Col has served the AF in many capacities before coming to AFTAC. Most recently she was Director, Collection Management and Dissemination, Multi-National Forces - Iraq, Camp Victory, Iraq. Col Onaga has an MAS from Embry-Riddle and has attended the Air War College at Maxwell AFB Ala.



CMSgt John Nederhoed

Superintendent (CCS), 2008.04. AF1983/AFTAC1987. The Chief has served AFTAC in many capacities and at many locations to include TOD, multiple detachments/positions and recently, First Sergeant and Superintendent, DO at HQ. Education: All NCO Academies (Distinguished Grad, NCO Academy) and has earned several Associate of Science Degrees.



Col. Lisa Ann H. Onaga

Col. Lisa Ann H. Onaga is the Commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. AFTAC operates and maintains the United States Atomic Energy Detection System to monitor foreign compliance with various treaties limiting nuclear testing. The focus of AFTAC's 800 professionals is to detect special events in the atmosphere, underwater, underground and in space, to determine if they are nuclear and to report them to national command authorities.

Colonel Onaga entered the Air Force as a distinguished graduate of the University of Michigan's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1985. She is a career intelligence officer and weapons instructor and has served in a variety of intelligence and information operations positions at the squadron, wing and agency levels. She deployed to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the Chief of Intelligence for AWACS during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. As an instructor at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Colonel Onaga served as the Operations Officer for the Intelligence Division and was responsible for orchestrating the school's composite force graduation exercise. While at the Air Intelligence Agency, she was selected to be the Operations Officer for the Air Force's first information operations squadron.

Colonel Onaga has commanded an information op-

erations squadron and an intelligence squadron. She was the first Deputy Commander for the 57th Adversary Tactics Group, comprised of nine squadrons responsible for analyzing and teaching adversary threat capabilities and ensuring they are accurately represented by U.S. Air Force Aggressors. Her previous assignment was as the Director of Collection Management and Dissemination for Multi-National Forces - Iraq.

EDUCATION; 1985 Bachelor of Arts in Communications, The University of Michigan; **1989** Squadron Officer School (correspondence); **1992** U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev; **1995** Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; **1998** Air Command and Staff College (correspondence); **2004** Air War College (correspondence); **2005** Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; 2005 Master of Strategic Studies, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS; 1. July 1985 - February 1986, student, Armed Forces Intelligence Technical Training School, Lowry AFB, Colo; 2. **February** 1986 - March 1986, student, Defense Intelligence College, Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.; 3. **April** 1986 - April 1987, Chief, Air Defense Analysis Section, 6th Tactical Intelligence Group, Osan AB, Republic of Korea; 4. **April** 1987 - June 1990, Chief, Intelligence Team, 12th and 44th Tactical Fighter Squadrons, Kadena AB, Japan; 5. **June** 1990 - June 1993, Deputy Commander, Intelligence Flight, 552nd Air Control Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla.; 6. **June** 1993 - July 1996, instructor, Flight Commander, Assistant Operations Officer and later Operations Officer, Intelligence Division, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev; 7. **July** 1996 - July 1997, Chief, Unit Requirements Combat Forces Support, Directorate of Operations, Air Intelligence Agency headquarters, Kelly AFB, Texas; 8. **July** 1997 - May 1999, Operations Officer, 690th Information Operations Squadron, Kelly AFB, Texas (May 1998 - September 1998, Chief, Weapons and Tactics, Intelligence Directorate, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia); 9. **May** 1999 - July 2000, Executive Officer to the Commander, Air Intelligence Agency, Kelly AFB, Texas; 10. **July** 2000 - July 2002, Commander, 39th Information Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.; 11. **August** 2002 - June 2004, Commander, 18th Intelligence Squadron, Schriever AFB, Colo.; 12. **July** 2004 - June 2005, student, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; 13. **July** 2005 - July 2008, Deputy Commander, 57th Adversary Tactics Group, Nellis AFB, Nev. (**June** 2007 - July 2008, Director, Collection Management and Dissemination, Multi-National Forces - Iraq, Camp Victory, Iraq); 14. **August** 2008 - present, Commander, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION: **Second** Lieutenant May 4, 1985, **First** Lieutenant June 18, 1987, **Captain** June 18, 1989, **Major** April 1, 1997, Lieutenant **Colonel** Oct. 1, 2001, **Colonel** April 1, 2007 (Current as of August 2008)



MGen. **Koziol**, commander of AF ISR Agency, adds the eighth AF Organizational Excellence Award ribbon to AFTAC's guidon held by CMSgt John **Nederhoed**, AFTAC CCS, during the assumption of command ceremonies Aug. 7. (USAF photo by Jim Laviska)

AFTAC EARNS ITS EIGHTH AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

MASTER SGT. PATRICK MURPHY, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

10/2/2008 - PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- The Air Force Technical Applications Center has earned its eighth Air Force Organizational Excellence Award.

Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency Commander Maj. Gen. Craig **Koziol** presented the award to AFTAC and its new commander, Col. Lisa Ann **Onaga**, during a recent assumption of command ceremony.

AFTAC earned the award for exceptionally meritorious service from Jan. 1, 2006, to Dec. 31, 2007.

During that time, the center formed new partnerships and spurred collaborative efforts across government and international lines. AFTAC led the way in meeting national responsibilities to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization, and sought and obtained International Monitoring System certification for three seismic array platforms.

"This demonstrates the center's commitment to upholding its treaty obligations, but perhaps more importantly, it furthers our diplomatic credibility with the various host nations where our platforms reside," General **Koziol** said.

The center defined new domestic roles, mission capabilities and responsibilities with the Air Force ISR Agency and Headquarters Air Force A2, and also formalized its role to the FBI's National Technical Forensics Program. AFTAC is now recognized as a critical domestic nuclear rapid response team member.

"AFTAC has not only played a vital role in shaping our nation's nuclear posture, it has even impacted the collective response of the international community to significant nuclear events," the general said. "AFTAC took the lead in confirming North Korea's claim of a nuclear test. Armed with information provided by AFTAC, the United States supplied the scientific evidence to justify international sanctions against the North Korean government."

In addition, AFTAC's hard work and dedication toward developing forward-thinking technologies and techniques in the area of Nuclear Debris Collection and Analysis culminated in the award of the prestigious Air Force Science and Engineering Award for Exploratory and Advanced Technology Development for 2007.

Previously, AFTAC earned the AFOEA for the time periods May 31, 2001 to May 31, 2003; Oct. 1, 1998 to Sept. 30, 2000; Oct. 1, 1995 to Sept. 30, 1997; Aug. 1, 1993 to July 31, 1994; Aug. 1, 1990 to July 31, 1991; April 28, 1986 to May 20, 1986; and Jan. 1, 1984 to Dec. 31, 1985.

AFTAC's subordinate units - including its detachments and operating locations around the world - will share in the award.



See program details, and needed items, at the Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link.

We have learned Haywon **Kim** has stepped aside and Gay Ann **Bedard** is Haywon's replacement. The good work continues as AFTAC Active-Duty spouses distribute items needed by deployed AFTACers. You can contact Ms. Bedard @ 'birdiebedard@gmail.com.'

Ms. Bedard writes, "Thank you for all you are doing for AFTAC and a big thank you for your support with our deployed troops. Gay Ann Bedard

Booster's Club-Officers: Capt David **Gwilt**, Pres; TSgt Rafael **Nunez**, Vice; TSgt Raphael **Grace**, Treas; SSgt Ronald **Mitchell**, Secretary; TSgt Monica **Robinson**, Clothing Sales; AFTAC/LSLN, Hot Dog Sales; Ms. Rebecca **Lehnerz**, Public Affairs.



FEATURE ARTICLES

NOTE: SOME AVAILABLE 'FEATURE ARTICLES' CATEGORIES LISTED ON OUR CONTENTS PAGE **DO NOT** HAVE INPUTS.

We list them there anyway in the hope it will trigger a **Sage or two to sit down and share a tale or two.**

It is also a powerful reminder of our **dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!!**

Forward inputs to 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net' or mail to the Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column).

I REMEMBER ...

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your **unclassified** career memories (events, people, etc.).

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** (deceased), 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**, Vern **Mikkelsen**, Brian **Swan**, Bruce **Deffler**, Les **Miller**, Clark **Wilberg**, Lloyd **French**, John **Bright**, Tony **Balentine**, Wayne **Myers**, Clark **Creery**, Gary **Warfield**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO 'I REMEMBER ...' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE WE PRESENT: CLARK CREERY AND GARY WARFIELD (WITH A FOOTNOTE FROM RICHARD SUMMERS). WE LEAD OFF WITH CLARK:

Recall we mentioned a copy of a 'handwritten' note from then Col **Clapper** being received from Clark; what follows is that handwritten note (we apologize that it is a little difficult to read, but hope you enjoy the Col's prognostication capabilities):

HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER (AFTAC)
PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 32925

Office of the Commander

DP

8 DEC 1984

- I would like to explore the possibility of establishing an "AFTAC Alumni Association".
- Toward that end, I would like you to draft a letter for my signature to go to as many AFTAC retirees whose addresses we have which asks whether there would be interest in organizing such an Association.
- The basic philosophy would

JAMES R. CLAPPER, JR., COLONEL, USAF
Commander

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be that they would have to make the organization "go" -- but we could provide limited administrative support. The object: to facilitate "staying in touch" with us, and with each other.

- ESC has recently established an Alumni Association, and they publish a Directory, ~~and~~ put out a newsletter, and sponsor social events. ~~we could~~ We could obtain cys of their Constitution and by-laws, directory, ^{Retiree} newsletter, etc, so that if a group were interested in taking the lead in organizing one for us, they'd have something to go on.

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- My thought would be that we could have two chapters, one here and one at Neckles.
 - Perhaps we could enclose a questionnaire, which the retirees could fill out, as a means of gauging interest.

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NOTE: This was followed by a letter, and other activities, that you will find documented in the 2005.08 issue referred to in our editorial. SMSgt Rick **Gordon**, HQ/DP, was very active at this early stage.

WE FOLLOW THAT WITH THIS ITEM FROM GARY, AND RICHARD'S FOOTNOTE:

Les **Miller**, a contributor noted above in the 'Honor Roll,' recently emailed a question about the origin of the AFTAC Supply Term, 'Snowball' (not to be confused with our annual event so named because of the time of year we normally schedule the event).

We turned to one of the best AFTAC Supply Men we knew, Gary **Warfield** ... he replied within 8-minutes of our query, a true 'SnowBall' reply!!! Gary wrote:

"There was a three digit number (cannot remember the number ... NOTE following information) that was used by depot to ship all materials to detachments, etc. The three digit number identified the shipment as Project Snowball, which was a Joint Chiefs of Staff special project for Headquarters Command, 1035 TOG.

In peace time there was no higher priority for shipment of materials, some equal but none higher. I can remember transportation calling me at Det 4XX that a project Snowball was received on base. They would record the date and time received; date, time and who they notified for pick up and once i picked it up they would record that date, time and person who picked it up.

Whenever transportation received a Project Snowball shipment, it went on the very next available aircraft, Logair, etc. Hope this helps. Maybe some of you Supply Guys out there can help Gary with that three digit number.

Richard (Alkie) Summers quickly replied: I would of answered sooner but I was afraid Les would rekindle the fire barrel incident (Richard told this story in a previous BS). But sure enough, (the 3-digit number) I-18 was directly related to Project Snowball and the mission. It used to upset the supply depots because of the rush and extra paper work involved, sort of like registered mail or a flash message.

BS TALES

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

HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd** (1 story), John **Horsch** (6), Ben **Vlassick**, (deceased), Brian **Berenbach**, Mike **Gingrich** (2), Frank **Liberatori**, Bill **Taylor**, Frank **Calenda** (3), 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** (3), Richard (Alkie) **Summers** (2), Les **Miller**, Jon **Richardson** Mike **Higgins**, Kenneth **Stanford**. Dick **Grim**, Bob **Chadwick**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.

THIS ISSUE WE PRESENT: RICHARD (ALKIE) SUMMERS SECOND BS!!

NOTE: As you just read in the 'I Remember ...' series, Les started a dialogue with the AFTAC Supply guys and we just knew what was going to happen-one of them would just have to come up with a wild story related to 'Project Snowball.' Sure enough, Richard Summers, whom we just visited, came up with a good one, and he identifies the 3-digit number Gary mentioned.

(In his initial email, Les also questioned 'who did what' and mentioned a 'toilet paper' project that someday he would write about; Richard beats him to the punch here)

The toilet paper project was when **Kidd** was the supply person, but it too was a highly classified task given to Det 405. We had several boxes of toilet paper sent using Project Snowball as cover. (Richard advised in a follow-up email this became necessary when it was not possible to obtain the paper, in a timely manner, any other way)

We created a large igloo looking structure using the toilet paper as building material. It started out easy enough but the difficulty level increased with every beer consumed.

When the structure was completed, we were crawling around on all fours to 'perform the needed intricate detail work!'

We placed a team member inside the structure with instructions to 'create a disturbance.' It can now be revealed that this was the first operational test of the I technique. Sad to say this test was a failure as all the empty beer bottles got between the 'event' and the recording device.

"WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ..."

This Alumni Website link provides Sages a method to attempt to locate each other. Realizing that some do not access the internet, we post those searches here also:

Are there any '69-70 430 Yanks out there?
ir4rd3@gmail.co

I'm trying to find Joel K. Collins. He was stationed in Turkey, Australia, and Florida during the 1990's.
sjpadilla1@yahoo.com

Trying to find an old friend - Dudley Townsley, ex airforce major - would appreciate some help - thanks
pipbaxter@hotmail.com



SAGE SCHEDULE

-Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns
-Association Board/Membership Meetings
All Alumni are heartily invited to all events.
BEFORE COMING, VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER
(321) 494-6867 OR patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil

—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: 1700 (5:00PM)
WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building
HOW: come to rear entrance

January
2, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
12, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

February
6, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
9, -Board/Membership Meeting

March
6, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
9, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

April
3, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

Traditional Annual Event Timeframe(s)
 (some tentatively scheduled [**Bold**]-others for planning only)

January—April
-2009.01.31, SnowBall XI, Tides Club, see pg 1
-Feb-Mar, Center Annual Awards Banquet

May—August
2009.05.02, Center Annual Picnic, see pg 1
-Assn 19th Annual Spring Golf n'Getogether

September-December
-'Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting,'
 designated, 'Sociable September' and held at the
 'Tides' Club (vs the HQ's Building) to encourage atten-
 dance by all members and alumni
-Oct, Assn 19th Annual Fall Golf n'Getogether
ANNUAL FY DUES DUE (DUE 1 OCT)
-Dec AFTAC Winter Social

WorldWide Alumni Reunions
 (normally scheduled on a biannual basis and hosting rotates between
 the three chapters)
The Florida Chapter plans the next Reunion for May
1st-3rd, 2009. See details on Page one.

SAGE SHOP

Mail orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range
 Detection Alumni Assoc, ATTN: Sage Shop, PO Box 254892,
 Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. **Add \$5.00 for shipping and**
handling plus \$1.50 for each additional item
 No s/h charged on logo pins

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (2008.12)

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
GOLF SHIRTS , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	1	3	2
Jade (medium green)	3	7	3	2
Navy	2	2	0	0
Red	2	2	1	2
White	1	1	1	2
Royal Blue	1	3	0	2
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	11	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	2	4	0	1
Black	2	1	1	1

T-SHIRTS, no pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	1	3	3	3
Royal blue	2	2	2	1
Navy	2	1	2	1
Ash Gray	2	2	2	1
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	0
Stone Washed Green	0	0	2	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	3	1	1
Black	4	2	0	3

SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15

NYLON JACKET , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'	0	0	0	4
White emblem with 'Alumni'	0	0	1	0
White emblem with 'Alumnus'	0	0	1	0

HATS - \$8.00	#	MISCELLANEOUS	Cost/#
Blue/Gray	8	-50th Commemorative	
Red	4	Coin:	\$3.00/76
Blue/White	24	*NEW: 60th AF/LRD Commemo	
		rative Coin	\$4.00/194

*Flawed: AF Date imprinted 12 Sep vs correct date of 18th. We tried
 a solid year with vendor to correct to no avail

-Logo Pin: \$3.25/233

-Alumni License Plate: \$7 Mbrs,
 \$10 Non-Mbrs/2

Florida Membership Directory available at no cost via email
 to paid-up assn members. Email, 'chrisjohn2@earthlink.net.'
 There is also an expanded listing of those who serve/served,
 and we have record of, 'searchable' at the Florida Chapter
 Website, 'www.aftacalumni.org,' 'Member Locator' link. This
 'WorldWide Directory' is also maintained 'Off-Line' and is
 available, via email, to paid-up members by request. Contact
 Clark Creery, clark312@earthlink.net.

SPECIAL OFFER-AFTAC Top-3 Coin made available by
 the Top-3 Association, \$6. Order per instructions above.

'Tom's Trivia' Answer(s); see preceding page(s)

We disappointedly report no Sages submitted trivia for this PoMo feature.

We Need A Trivia For Next Issue

Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc
P.O Box 254892
Patrick AFB, Florida 32925-0892

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



(<<<)This emblem used by the alumni assn was in active service from 1970 to 2000. The association continues with this version because so many alumni served while it was 'on duty.'

ADDRESS CHANGES: Incorrectly addressed mailings cost your assn and we have several every quarter. Send corrections via email to alumnidb@aftacalumni.org or, if this is not an option, mail to the Florida Chapter address at page 2, left column.

FY 09 DUES NOTICE...ARE YOUR DUES DUE? Here's how to know ... check your address label. The 'Name Line' indicates when dues are due. If it reads: **"FY Dues Due in Oct 09"** it means you have not paid your dues for **FY 2009 (began 1 Oct 08)**. If it reads "LT" (Lifetime), or the digits are greater than 05, it means your dues are current.

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Page 15/17 Monitoring Active Duty/*Feature Articles: "Commanders reCall" (none); "I Remember" (two); "A Family Affair" (none); "Sage Stars" (none); "BS Tales" (one); "Tom's Trivia" (none); "Where In The World..."
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***Feature Articles "Headings" are listed even when 'none' as a reminder/solicitation to our readers/writers**

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