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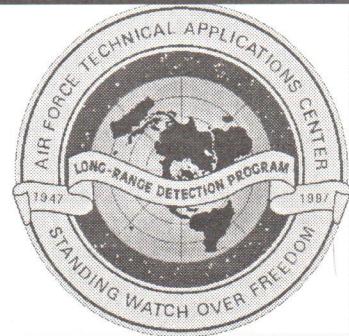


The Alumni Anthem
Over the years and at
younger ages ...
'Gs,' 'E' and 'O' were our
gauges

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

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

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



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

FY2003 Election Results

Voting took place at the General Membership Meeting held
in conjunction with the 2002.10.4 'Golf n'Getogether.'
(with AF/AFTAC dates, last job (rank); Alumni Asc relationship)

President-John Caban, AF72-96/AFTAC93-95, Director,
Plans and Requirements, AIA (Col); Asc lifetime, first office
Vice-Joe Marshall AFTAC, Contractor 69-76/GS, since 76,
Chief, Atmosphere and Space Div, Nuclear Treaty Monitoring
Directorate (GS-15) Asc lifetime, President, 02

Secretary-Al Moy, AF75-00/AFTAC79-91/97-00, Maintenance
Superintendent (CMSgt); Asc Lifetime, first office

Treasurer-George Mirda, AF/AFTAC 73-00, Superintendent,
Logistics Support (SMSgt); Asc lifetime, Vice, 02

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Steve Armitage AF/AFTAC80-current,
Superintendent, AFTAC; Asc lifetime, Activities since 01

Hospitality-Judy Milam AF65-99/AFTAC65-71 & 72-99,
Scientific & Technical Information Officer (GS-11); Asc lifetime,
Secretary 90-2000, Hospitality since 01

Internet-Mike Black AF72-92/AFTAC81-92, NCOIC Test
and Analysis Branch (MSgt); Asc lifetime, Internet since 97
Clark Creery AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique
Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt); Asc lifetime, original newsletter
editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95, Internet since 97

Membership-Jim Payne AF52-84/AFTAC62-84, Senior
Enlisted Advisor (CMSgt); Asc lifetime, Mbsp since 99

Newsletter-John & Chris Horsch AF/AFTAC 58-87, Senior
Enlisted Advisor (CMSgt); Asc lifetime, Pub 87-90, Newsletter
since 97

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

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

SNOWBALL STARTING TO ROLL

Our 'Annual' event, see page 10, right column.

BIG STORY

2003 WORLDWIDE REUNION

May 30th–June 1st, AFTAC Headquarters,
Patrick AFB, Florida, details start on page 16

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

FALL 2002 GOLF N'GETOGETHER

JUDY MILAM-PICTURES AVAILABLE ON ALUMNI WEBSITE

Living up to Florida's reputation for the "Sunshine State," 4 October was certainly that – sunny. A perfect day for golf at the Cocoa Beach Golf Course where 112 alumni members and friends made the mad dash for the course at 1 PM to begin the Fall LRDAA Golf Tournament, with low scores and terrific prizes as their goal.

From the beginning, Sammy Sorice (substituting for his Dad, Sam Sorice) could be seen covering all the bases – making sure everything would run smoothly during the tournament. The volunteers arrived early to set up the regis-

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ATTENTION--IS THIS YOUR LAST ISSUE? DUES DUE? HERE'S HOW TO KNOW--ATTENTION

If you wish to remain a member and receive this newsletter check your address NOW!

The first line on your address label (see last page) indicates when your dues are due. If it reads:
"03<Dues due in Oct" it means you have not paid your dues for FY 2003 which began 1 Oct 02.

If the first two digits on line one of your label are other than 03 it means your dues are current.

ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS

JIM PAYNE 2001

**BEN VLASSICK '00-JOHN HORSCH '99-FRANK HALL '98
JUDY MILAM '97-CARL GAILEY '96-CLARK CREEERY- '95**

The Association formed on March 12, 1985, and was chartered in 1986. It was created to provide a forum for those who wish to maintain an ongoing connection with the organization and its people, both active-duty and retired. Membership is open to current and former 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.

Florida chapter (application on back page)

Dues, \$10 per year based on FY, 1 Oct-30 Sep, payable in Oct/\$75 for life. You're encouraged to attend monthly meetings beginning at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. For information: Jim Payne, (321) 777-4731/paynejb@juno.com, Carl Gailey, (321)777-0569/gaileyc@juno.com, Judy Milam, (321)254-8878/jem2415@worldnet.att.net, or Pat Snyder, (321)494-6867/patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil. Dues, membership applications, and queries/information should be mailed to:

**Long-Range Detection Alumni Asc., PO Box 254892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

The Chapter publishes a quarterly (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below), (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a Webpage,<http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac>, with asc & alumni information, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos. WebMaster is Mike Black—Clark Creery writes an 'Upcoming Events' ('What's Happening') section.

Florida Chapter Board "PERENNIALS"-Alumni serving for five+ years. Frank Hall-President/Vice 89-98/01, Judy Milam-Secretary 89-00, Eunice Harris-Hospitality 89-00; Mary Welch-Membership 91-99; Carl Gailey-Treasurer 91-99, Swede Swansen-Publicity since 93

Colorado chapter

Formed in 1989, dues, \$5 per year, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes' and supports a website, '<http://www.aftacco.org>': Webmaster, Bill Harris. They meet several times a year-for information, Bill Schmied, (303) 367-0625. There are ~130 members.

West Coast (California) chapter

Formed in 1999, dues, \$5 per year, \$50 for lifetime; for information-Joe Johnson, (916) 783-8676, 'TOD.Alumni@bigfoot'-mailing address:AFTAC Alumni Assoc., West Coast Chapter, 161 Southcreek Circle, Folsom CA, 95630-1510. They hold periodic meetings and socials, host a webpage and publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout.'

Long-Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

Several permanent and ongoing projects representing and honoring our people and it's history exist: Two of these, the 'Hall of Heritage' (with information and artifacts) and the Photos/Biographies of Alumni who served the command for 20+ years, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment Wyoming Museum.

Newsletter Editors: John & Christel Horsch
Information/Proofing: Judy Milam/Pat Snyder/Deborah Carson
Executive Review: Frank Hall/Carl Gailey
Rovin' Photographers: Judy Milam (film) and Bob Wiley (digital)
Rovin' Reporter: Clark Creery/Bob Wiley
Printing/Mailing: Carl Gailey/Swede Swansen

"A TEAM" ...of Horsches'

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Plans for the 2003 Florida reunion move forward—please note some of the dates listed in various places in the last issue contradicted each other. We're sure some of you noticed and we are positive George Cronin did, he takes us to task as you will see when you read our 'Mail' section. The 'honest to Sage' dates are May 30th to June 1st with a farewell breakfast on the morning of the 2nd and events planned for each day—'come early and stay late.'

You'll find the introduction, agenda and registration form on the final pages (16-19) of this issue. We placed it at the back to be easy to find, and if you 'tear out' the registration form for mailing, you won't lose much of the issue—the 'Calendar/Alumni Shop' page has been moved to page 15 to accommodate this 'one-time' change.

Also, take a note of the change in the 'Alumni Association' webpage address at the boilerplate area of this PoMo (left column of this page under the Florida chapter information). The latest on the reunion, and other association business, should always be available there.

Don't let this become your last issue. If your dues are not paid, this is a complimentary issue. We've again prominently placed the 'Dues Due' reminder in this issue. Pause in your reading to check now; detailed instructions are on the bottom of the front cover. Now...you've done that, if needed, send in your renewal to keep the PoMo comin', and we'll move on.

We end this issue, and year, by looking back on the year, and being thankful for what was good and learning from what was not. We remember those Sages who were with us last year at this time and are not with us now ... we think of those, and their families, who carry on the military and the command mission, with a special thought for those in harm's way.

And in closing, we wish you the best holiday season ever. May all you need be put within your reach, and all you want become possible. Take care of each other and the rest will take care of itself.

John and Chris

MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to
Long-Range Detection Alumni Association
PO Box 254892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn@juno.com
 Letters may be edited for clarity and space; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

'Welcome' new and returning alumni and those who drop us a line. We recognize all correspondence so your name, and the memories, may be recalled.

NEW/RENEWING SAGES

Columbia, MO	2002.07.09
(email @ddress change) PS I tried to get your website (www.csihq.com/aftacalumni) on July 6th and site was not found. Don Rowland Boy, your letter must have been delivered by one of our slower mail carriers-hope you have been able to get into the site by now-also note the change in the website URL mentioned in our editorial	
Londonderry, NH	2002.09.03
(Renewal) H A Dickinson	
Beavercreek, OH	2002.09.13
(Renewal/email @ddress) Bob McMullen	
Pensacola, FL	2002.09.23
(Renewal) Looking forward to the National Reunion in May 03. Carey Dobbins	
Fremont, MI	2002.09.23
Log this one on the calendar folks, I finally got one in on time. Thank God for smart computers who have the capacity to remind us old codgers to get their dues in on time. Enjoy the PoMo and am wishful of being closer to enjoy the camaraderie but it ain't happening anytime soon. Keep up the good work and thanks for keeping some good memories alive. My years with AFTAC, Det 207, 63-66; 1155th, 66-69 were good ones and I will always fondly remember them.	
Delbert (Tom) Leiter thank you, your appreciation helps keep us going and we'd like some of your sage sagas	
Ashburn, VA	2002.09.27
(Joined asc) Det 333, 69-70; 1155th, 70-74.	
Charles Hosier	
Satellite Beach, FL	2002.09.30
(Renewal) Sam Newman	
S. Glastonbury, CT	2002.09.30
(Joined asc) McL, 59-63; Det 40X, 61-63. I would like to join this group of former friends.	

Stewart Everard	... and ongoing friends
Fairfax, VA	2002.10.01
(Renewal/address change) Alex DiSanto	
McArthur, OH	2002.10.03
Here are my dues! Thanks for keeping the asc going. Bill Taylor	
Roseville, CA	2002.10.07
(Renewal/address change) Al Spicci	
Garland, TX	2002.10.10
(Renewal) Sorry to be late-short term memory problems-can remember 50 yrs ago better than last week. George Kraus	
Rockledge, FL	2002.10.14
I thought I would shock everyone this year and pay my dues on time. On June 1st of this year I fully retired from the rat race. I will have more time to keep an eye on John and Chris Horsch.	
Harvey Shaw as long as it's not your 'evil eye'	
Merritt Island, FL	2002.10.15
(Renewal) I continue to enjoy your newsletter-keep up the good work and thanks to all.	
Curt Anderholm thank you	
New Port Richey, FL	2002.10.15
(Renewal) Maurice J. Walsh	
Melbourne, FL	2002.10.18
(Renewal) See you at the Reunion. Tom Dunn	
Kennewick, WA	2002.10.25
(Joined asc) AFTAC 77-85, MCL, Applied Physics and Lab Safety. Greatest tour of my career.	
Randy LaBarge	
Gilbert, AZ	2002.10.26
(Joined asc) Served 11 yrs in AFTAC; Overseas, 57-59; Hq's, Alexandria, VA 60-66; Pentagon, Program Manager, 66-84. Albert Genzler	
Andover, ME	2002.10.29
Received my lifetime membership packet. It had come open. The only thing left was the letter. Could you possibly send me everything else. If any charge, let me know. Art Whitten probably that slow mail carrier again	
Jacksonville, AR	2002.11.02
(One year renewal) Allison Carter	
Burleson, TX	2002.11/04
(One year renewal) Jerry and Billie Brown	
Spokane, WA	2002.11.05
(Joined asc) Spent 15 years with AFTAC. Truly missed the high caliber of people when I elected to rejoin the regular AF, but, it was all a great trip and the memories are still vivid today-1155th, 62-66; 202, 66-68; 17X, 68-70, 2XX, 70-71	
Donald Bentley	
Anderson, IN	2002.11.06
(Address change) Max and Nancy Jones	

LETTERS/EMAIL**Cyberspace****2002.09.15**

(this was sent to a slew of people, including many SEO's)

Well, I finally signed up for broadband!! My new e-mail address is seo20@earthlink.net. Hope to stay in touch with everyone from time to time

Tony Balentine thank you, and thanks for forwarding our invite to all your addressees to the upcoming 2003 Alumni reunion
And there were replies:

Tony, glad to hear you finally got rid of your squirrel driven modem.

Mike Marler (Mooky), SEO 6

Life here is pretty grand. I made MSgt this year and will be running the 'shop' starting when Julie Doll retires at the end of October. I even extended here! I miss the SEOing but this place definitely has its benefits. I'm hoping there'll be something happening at Patrick around reunion time. It'd be great to see everyone again.

Richard Bohn, SEO 106**Melbourne, FL** **2002.10.01**(Shop order) **Jerry and Janet Fuqua****Cyberspace** **2002.10.03**

Just received my copy of the September Post-Monitor. So are you just trying to see if we can still read and comprehend what we read or is the reunion on different dates for different systems. page 1, May 29th-Jun 1st, 2003; page 2. May 30th-Jun 1st, page 14. May 30th-Jun 1st, page 15., 31 May-Jun 1, 2003,

George Cronin, By 'George' you're right. Page 15 and 1, are dumb. Page 14 and 2, are true. Thanks for the 'catch' and letting us know.

Melbourne, FL **2002.10.03****Cyberspace** **2002.10.12**

Nice to hear from you. Sounds like you (Jim Payne) and Carl (Gailey) are doing yeoman's work for the alumni association. What is the mailing address and who do I make the check out to in order to join?

You might want to check with John Beech (former SEO) regarding a tentative idea he had about a reunion at Wright Patterson (AF Museum) this coming spring. The museum is working on restoring a WB-50 Sampling aircraft as part of a "Cold War" exhibit/wing of the museum and John threw out the idea of having some sort of SEO reunion in conjunction with the opening of that exhibit. Hope there wouldn't be any conflict with the planning you guys are doing for next Spring. Please contact him if you want any of the particulars. Don't know for sure if anything will materialize or not.

Went through some of the old newsletters you have on line. Amazed and sad to see how many folks I knew are no longer around. Guess we are all getting along in age. Just got off a three year stint of duty as Commander of local American Legion Post, so still keeping my hand in, re: veteran's affairs. The good Lord has been good to me. Had a couple bouts with cancer and some other medical issues, but am still on the planet and running my own business.

I still miss the Air Force, and especially flying. I get daily reminders as my shop is located next to the final approach for Westover AFB, here in W. Massachusetts.

Well, you take care, and thanks again for your response. Hope to see you next spring at the reunion -although trying to squeeze in a trip to Alaska next summer to visit all the kids and grand-kids.

Ron Pobieglo, SEO 03 (I think) We look forward to seeing you at the reunion, and if you'd like, we'll publish info on any planned reunion you guys put together

Cyberspace **2002.10.27**

I've found a couple more guys that were stationed in the PI in the '63-'65 time period. I guess that this is the correct way to notify the association? Anyway, perhaps you'll pass the info on if it isn't. L. Tom Heywood, Howard and Lee Peake and Larry McBride.

I am also in touch with Larry McBride who was stationed there in the same time period but he said he probably wouldn't participate and to not send in his address. If you know anyone that might want to contact him I have his address. I'll get them in touch.

Everything in Jacksonville FL is good. Winter is coming on and it's cooling down - this is good! Thanks for taking care of this information, as necessary. I do appreciate it.

Geno Wagner Thanks so much Geno, it's great to 'find' more old AFTACer's. Hope they will join us.

Cyberspace**2002.11.6**

Hope all is going well with you. Joyce and I keep thinking we can make something coincide with one of the AFTAC wing dings. My oldest daughter lives in Orlando, but we don't get down there often enough.

Our two daughters at home are pushing to become teenagers; I guess we'll let the first one do that next year. They grow up too fast.

Say "Hello" to all the alumni folks. We miss ya'll.

Clark and Joyce Wilberg

And our Sage 'Letter to Remember'

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Fort Worth, Texas 76112
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OCTOBER 8, 2002

GREETINGS:

I JUST NOTED ON THE CURRENT NEWSLETTER THAT MY DUES ARE PAID "03-DUES DUE IN OCTOBER" MEANING THAT I MUST RENEW NOW. BEING AN OPTIMIST AT AGE 83, I THOUGHT ABOUT SENDING MY DUES CHECK FOR FIVE YEARS. THAT IS OPTIMISM! THEN I NOTICED THAT FOR \$25.00 MORE I COULD BECOME A LIFE MEMBER WITH NO MORE WORRIES ABOUT DUES EXPIRING. SO, HERE IS MY CHECK FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP. NOW, THAT IS REAL OPTIMISM ANTICIPATING THAT I WILL LIVE FOR MORE THAN SEVEN MORE YEARS. THERE MIGHT BE SNOW ON THE ROOF, BUT THERE IS STILL FIRE IN _____!!!

I WAS IN AFTAC FROM 1958-1968 AS CHIEF OF AIR OPERATIONS IN HEADQUARTERS (GUAM HALL AND TELEGRAPH ROAD), AND DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT WIESBADEN AND SACRAMENTO. I REALLY ENJOY KEEPING UP WITH THE "NEW" ACTIVITIES AND PEOPLE THROUGH THE FLORIDA, COLORADO AND SACRAMENTO NEWSLETTERS. MY, WHAT CHANGES.

YOU GUYS ARE DOING A GREAT JOB IN KEEPING AFTAC ALIVE FOR ALL THE ALUMNI. IT WAS THE BEST ASSIGNMENT I EVER HAD IN MY LONG CAREER EXCEPT BEING THE BASE COMMANDER OF HILL AFB, UT IN MY WANING YEARS. BEING IN AFTAC IS A REAL COMPLIMENT AS BEING ONE OF THE BEST OF THE BEST 90 KEEP UP THE ASSOCIATION THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE CURRENT ACTIVE DUTY TYPES AND OUR ALUMNI.

TALLY HO,



JIM HALL

Jim, your editors felt your letter was perfect in every way and did not want to change it one iota. Thus we have 'copied' it into the newsletter exactly as you wrote it. Thanks for sharing your optimism

(Golf n'Getogether continued from page 1)

tration and mulligan sales tables, followed soon by the early arrivers who wanted to get in a few practice swings before hitting the course. Volunteers included Pat Snyder, John and Chris Horsch, Carl Gailey, Teresa Osterloh, and Judy Milam. Joe Goldian soon arrived with the sodas, water, ice, and coolers, and he turned over the beverage distribution to volunteers Randy Vlassick and Ken Payton, who were seen all over the course during the afternoon, providing cold refreshments as the playing heated up – mostly from the 90 degree temperatures. George Mirda, the acting treasurer, was seen busily counting the money and preparing the bank deposit, before he settled the bills.

With only a few holes remaining to be played, the volunteers moved the prizes to the pavilion area where Smokey Joe's Bar-B-Que was busy preparing food for the golfers and other alumni members and guests. The abundant menu included Pork Bar-B-Que, chicken, potato salad, cold slaw, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, green beans, rolls, and ice tea and lemonade to drink.

The golfers began to arrive and the food was served. As people were enjoying their meal, the golf course was adding up the scores and determining the winners. Finally, the prizes were awarded (see the list of winners below). A lot of happy winners, as well as happy non-winners enjoyed another successful LRDAA golf tournament – an event where old and new friends meet, have a great afternoon, laugh, eat, and drink and leave with great memories.

You don't need to be a golfer to enjoy this activity – volunteers are always welcome, and there's always a happy social gathering when the prizes are awarded. Be sure to check the web site for pictures of the winning teams. Our spring tournament will be held in conjunction with the 2003 Reunion – hope to see you there.

TITLE/PRIZE/WINNERS

Low Gross Team: \$50 Cocoa Beach Golf Course (CBGC) gift certificate, J. Howorth, N. Fish, S. Harris, and J. Bernhard

First Place Low Net: \$40 CBGC gift certificate, S. Gray, T. Eddleman, G. Hendrickson, and G. Lowe

Second Place Low Net: \$30 CBGC gift certificate, F. Walker, G. Killian, L. Silhanek, and B. Neihart

Third Place Low Net: \$20 CBGC gift certificate, C. Spahn, C. Davis, T. Maizel, and C. Slater

Longest Drive: \$20 CBGC gift certificate: D. Peplow

Closest to the Pin: \$20 CBGC gift certificate; Hole 5D – J. Prokopowitz; Hole 3L; S. Parlefsky; Hole 7L, B. Snelgrove

MULLIGAN DRAWINGS, PRIZES/WINNERS

Burton Golf Bag: Frank Martinez

Titleist 20.5° Golf Club with cover: Bill Covington

Round of Golf for 4 at CBGC: Norm Fish

58° Wedge Club: Norm Fish

56° Wedge Club: David Gerts

Ping Putter: Sonny Mueller

Fat Shaft Putter: Mike Higgins

Umbrellas (1 each): Brenden Harris and Jim Short

Titliest Pro V1 golf balls (1 dozen): Pat Snyder

Titliest Pro V1 golf balls, one sleeve each: Galen Pound, Dan Fitzgerald, Bob Wiley, Erwin Obermuller, Vindell Hsu, and Jason Monkien; two sleeves: Walt Kiska

Precept Laddie golf balls, one sleeve each: Mike Higgins, Bob Churnell, Tom Andler, Frank Martinez, Steve Parlefsky, Gary Wallace, Toi Benoit, and Walt Kiska

Pinnacle golf balls, one sleeve each: Ray Rodgers and Bruce Snelgrove

Hats, one each: Walt Kiska, Wally Murray, Bob Klibowitz, Bill McCune, J Prokopowitz, Chris Slater, and Mike Higgins

Rainchute, one each: Pat Murphy, Jimmy Gower, Jim Goodson, and Dave Cormack

Golf towel, one each: Lisa Bradshaw, Hafidh Ghalib, Bob Schmidt, and Paul Rabe

Golf Shirts, one each: Frank Walker and Jim Goodson

Pick and ball markers, one set each: Al Moy and Tom Eddleman

Ball markers, one each: Stacy Asbury, Larry Silhanek, Jason Monkien, Sam Foell, Paul Whitlock, Erwin Obermuller, G. Lowe, and Stacie Reed



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.

Transition(s)

Chuck Conrad

EMAIL, 10/11/02

Dear Friends,

Now that I've picked up my "Retired Air Force" pin, and it has become my turn to fade away, I hope you will keep in contact from time to time at my personal addresses: charlesconrad@yahoo.com/chuckconrad@satx.rr.com.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the friendship, support, and camaraderie over the years. It is because of you, I have had a great AF career. Some of you may enjoy the 'long version.' (Note: we have used Chuck's 'long version' later in this issue as a 'Feature Article' and an 'I Remember' column).

Cheers, Chuck Conrad, USAF Retired thanks Chuck, and we wish you the best at this (g)Olden time in your life

Hopes of Health for...

Wherein Alumni share hopes for themselves or others...

No inputs received



TAPS
In Memory of
Those We
Knew Who
Have gone
Before us
Gen. Daniel Butterfield, 1862



Day is done; gone the sun,
From the lakes, from the hills,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh,

Thanks and praise for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;
As we go, this we know:
God is' nigh.

In Memory Of

Wherein Alumni share names of those gone but never forgotten...

Randy Creamer (see below)

John Madden (see below)

James G. Silliman, 02.9.4 (passing was noted in last issue) (see below)

Tim Burns (see below)

Jack Deets (see below)

Clarence Havlik (see below)

Rest in Eternal Peace

Randy Creamer

DOUG MCGEE, EMAIL, EARLY OCT

Randy enlisted in the AF in Dec '61, went to lab tech school and to our Far East site after a short stint at McClellan. He took a short and re-upped there and was discharged in Dec '67 back State-side. He died 22 Sep 02 after an 18-month bout with Stage IV lung and brain cancer. His widow, Phyllis; 2 daughters, Jennifer and Christy; and a granddaughter, Ashley, survive him. A true AF-TAC'er to the end, Randy never stopped fighting the disease and never was hospitalized.

An honor guard from Langley attended the funeral (Sep 26). If anyone wishes to send a card, the address is:

Phyllis Creamer, 2829 Meadowview Road, Chesapeake, VA 23321

Webmaster (Mike Black) added information available at the alumni website:

Randy served in the 1155th and at an oversea's location. We have a picture in our archives from the 50th anniversary, '<http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac/anniversary/121.html>', his info is also on the web page: 'http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac/search2.msqli?searchfor=10276&searchby=contact_id&startrow=0'

John James Madden

RICH (NICK) CHARLES, EMAIL, MID OCT

Those of us that were assigned to 1009th SWS in the early and middle 50's well remember John. The following obituary extract is from the 9/30 'Sacrament Bee': John James Madden: Passed away on September 26, 2002 at the age of 69. Loving husband of Elsie Madden. Devoted father of Jan Stephens and Wayne Madden. Grandfather of Heather, Joseph and Dee Ann. Great grandfather of Michael and Katelin. Mr. Madden was a member of the American Legion, Sergeants Association, and NCO Association'. The funeral service was at 10:00 AM on 10/1. John

FEATURE ARTICLE

Madden, along with Gale Alexander, was a Driver for Generals Hooks and Rodenhauser.

James Silliman

FROM THE OCTOBER 'WINDSOCK' PASSED ON BY BOB SMITH

In Memoriam: BGen James G Silliman made his last flight on 4 Sept, 2002 at age 80. A native of Connecticut, he joined the military in 1941, completing pilot training with Class 42-H. He served over 30 years in a variety of operational, staff and command positions culminating with duty as Commander, AFTAC. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Wilma Jean, a son and a daughter, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Services and interment at Ft Sam Houston National Cemetery on 9 Sept 2002. Hail, Farewell and Happy Landings.

Timothy J. Burns

CHARLES MCGOWAN, NOV 2, 2002 NOTE

This is to inform you of the death of Timothy J Burns. Tim passed away at the University Hospital in Gainesville, FL on June 1, 2002.

RICH (NICK) CHARLES, EMAIL, MID OCT

Tim Burns was with AFTAC (1009th and 1155th). I caught his name while reading the SERGEANTS Magazine.

Jack Deets

KIM DEETS

Jack Deets, born on June 22, 1917, died on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002 in Citrus Heights, CA. He was with 1009th from 1951 to 1958, with service in Washington, D.C., McClellan AFB and Japan. In Japan he was commander of the Eastern Field Office from 1955 to 1958. He will be buried next summer in Arlington National Cemetery. His five children - Jackie, Peter, Jill, Kim and Chris, survive him.

We'd love to hear from anyone who might have a special memory of our dad. Please contact us through Kim Deets Hughes, 7724 Blackwater Way, Sacramento, CA 95831. Please, alumni, if you knew Jack, and have a story, drop them a note

Clarence Havlik

BETTY HAVLIK EMAIL, 10/29/02

I just wanted to let you know that Clarence Havlik has passed way. He enjoyed the newsletter when it came even though he did not remember a lot of the names. I will let the Newsletter expire (as I'm sorry to say) do not know anyone anymore.

**COMMANDER'S RECALL**

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is the command, a desire to record the impressions of this "from the top" and the notion we are entering a new millenium, we asked previous commanders to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We received positive responses from almost every commander to include Gen's Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Lear, Bingham and Shaffer and Col's Meisenheimer, and Wigington. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances.

We have respectfully requested inputs from AFTAC's two most recent Commanders, Col's Beatty and Dettmer. We feel confident they will reply as they find the opportunity in their busy active-duty lives.

We look forward to being able to pass on their 'Commander's reCall' ...

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 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

Chuck Conrad

SUBMITTED ON 2002.10.11

As I retire from the Air Force and move on to a new way of life, I have many things to say about my career, which was filled with great assignments (10 in all), great people to work with, and great missions to support. I leave with many fond memories, especially of the 'early' days during assignments to the small detachments. I took great joy in being able to make a difference and see the results first-hand. As many of those on the address list can attest, we worked hard and partied harder. There were some trials and tribulations but, at the end of the day, we got the job done and took care of each other.

That is how my career began--working with great people who had a passion for the mission, a passion that drove us to see to it the mission would not fail. In the course of the job, we became friends, had fun, and made memories that endure. Some of those memories we recall and revisit often, others we would not dare. It's hard to believe some of the things we did! In the last few years, I've been proud to be associated with a group of people who work with "Technical Sensor RADARs" and other detection systems. Thanks to them, my career ends as it began--great jobs, great people.

As I type this message, I'm feeling very lucky. In

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sliding down the banister of my career, most of the splinters were pointing the right way. Lots of fun, very little pain!

When I joined, I had no plan for a career, I didn't even know about 'Air Force Specialties,' and I knew little about the AF retirement system. I joined simply because it seemed like a good thing to do. I wasn't a hard sell for the recruiter. If he could have told me half the things I would get to do in the Air Force, I would have been left with one word: "WOW"

When I signed up I had no idea my 'hitch' would be 25 years, that I would be given a job I would love and truly believe in; that I would meet and brief US Ambassadors, Air Force Chiefs of Staff, and Secretaries of the Air Force; that I would live in 5 different countries-on exotic plantations and in remote towns. I could not have imagined that one day I would lead a small formation marching through Alice Springs, Australia to the applause and admiration of the crowd. It would have been enough to convey the satisfaction I would gain by being assigned to a tight-nit team overseas that started with nothing and left behind a fully operational unit. I could go on and on. To me, it has been absolutely amazing! WOW!

I didn't know it at the time, but having the opportunity to join the '99' career-field was roughly equivalent to hitting the lottery. As a '99' we were afforded great training and great opportunities. Now, I know we 99s are known to brag, perhaps a little too much. But don't expect me to hold back right now. It's more than just a career field. The 9S100s are a fine bunch of people! There is a certain magic about being a part of that group. Being a 99 / 9S will always be a source of pride for me.

Without a doubt, people are wonderful. I can't even begin to tell you how important it is to me that I've come to know such great people. Just last week a friend, Jerry, whom I worked with in Australia in 1984 called me. He left the Air Force back then, but still remembered our group and took the trouble of finding my number just to say hello. We talked about things old and new. In no time at all we were caught up as if the last time we talked was last week, not 16 years ago. I could tell similar stories a hundred times over.

So, the myth is debunked! We often say we "can't get rich in the Air Force". Money aside, I'm richer than I ever imagined, just because I have had the experience to know people like you!

Thank you! Thank God!

Chuck Conrad, USAF Retired Chuck's retirement announcement is earlier in this issue, 'Members to Remember' > 'Transitions.'

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 will publish them in the next issue. Thanks for your help

Let us hear from you for the next issue.

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 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Family Affair 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.

Tony Calenda

Foreword: Recently we asked Tony to write an 'A Family Affair' feature article. Tony replied that he would, even if we had given him short notice—several days later he replied, 'This is what I have put together ... not sure it's what you're looking for.' We replied, 'Tony, it's perfect, it's great and you have written a walk down memory lane in a most readable manner.' We also noted when we made the call his phone number even has '99' in it, not unusual since both he and his wife Val are/have been 99's. He also gave us leads on additional 'Family Affair' possibilities—Vlassick, Smith, Miner, and Kappel. So, if you know these guys, tell them to please get in touch with us.

TONY CALENDA, 2002.12.01

I never figured I'd join the Air Force and I never could have guessed what a huge impact AFTAC would have on my life. I can remember living in some very different places. Just when I got used to them, I had to move again to a new place. I remember playing in the snow and camping in the mountains. Of course this is when my dad, Frank Calenda, was going to tech school in Denver. I liked the snow and loved the mountains. We moved next to Sacramento. Dad was always gone, but I was young and only really cared about my bike. From Sacramento, we moved to Florida right next to my grandparents in Cocoa Beach. Dad set us up there while he left for a year to a remote overseas location. I sure did love the beach and I can remember listening to audiotapes of my dad when he sent them to us. We got to talk to him a couple of times on the phone and I can remember him coming home one time for a couple of weeks. When he finished that tour, we moved to the Philippines.

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What a great place for a kid of 9 to be. Our house was on the 12th tee of the golf course and my brother and I played golf every day. I also got to caddie for President Ferdinand Marcos on one of his visits.

From the Philippines, we moved to Virginia. Still not knowing, or really caring, what my father's job was, I was interested in playing with my friends and watching Speed Racer on TV. Then we found out we were going back to Florida! Of course, this is when HQ moved down here from Telegraph Road, but I didn't care about any of that grown up stuff, we were going back to the beach! After about a year, we moved to Japan. I was now about 13 years old, dad started showing me what he did at work. Occasionally I would get to go to work with him so I could see what he did. Boy, did we get good at playing Ping-Pong and pool. I remember I started thinking; this would be a cool job.

We were only in Japan for a year before we moved again to the most memorable assignment for me. Unfortunately, I can't talk about it in this newsletter, but the most vivid memories of my childhood are from that place. By this time, I had a good idea of what my dad did, and thanks to a couple science projects and some help from "the single guys in the barracks", I had a good understanding of how it all worked. I was 16 years old when we moved back to Florida, back to the land of beaches and bikini's. Shortly after our return, dad retired from the Air Force (I found out later that it was because he didn't want to take a remote to Korea). We stayed in Florida, where I graduated from Satellite High School in 1980. I still had absolutely no intention of joining the military.

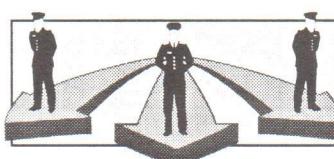
After a year of floundering, I grew tired of "13th grade" and tired of being a waiter at the local Denny's. My dad talked me into joining the Air Force on the condition that he would be able to get me into AFTAC. Because he still had contacts in the AFTAC family, he was able to get me a slot in the AFTAC tech school. My first assignment out of tech school was none other than HQ AFTAC at Patrick AFB. I don't know how many times I heard "Aren't you Frank Calenda's kid?" I think it was payback time for a couple people who I worked for that had worked for my dad, the likes of Wally Murray, Bill Ferguson, Russ Fortenberry, and Denny Schutz to name a few. Chief Bill "Mac" McClellan, who had to take that

remote to Korea that my dad retired for, got his pay back by "helping" me get my first overseas assignment to Det 452. Not the AFTAC garden spot, but what a wonderful assignment for a young, up and coming 99104 to get (Thanks Chief)! From Korea, I was assigned as the maintenance tech for the schoolhouse. Imagine my surprise to be working for Walt Hartley and Chief Bill Schmeid, who, by the way, helped me with one of my science projects when I was a kid in the Philippines.

From Denver, it was back to Florida, where I heard more "Hey, aren't you Frank Calenda's kid?" Despite that, I was bound and determined to make a name for myself. Like my wife, Val (who, by the way, was a 99104 Master Instructor and depot-engineering technician), so fondly reminds me, "Your dad got you into AFTAC, the rest of us had to work for it." By the time I got my next assignment to Det 415, Chiang Mai, Thailand, I think I had made a name for myself. Besides, by this time, most of the people who knew my dad were retired and AFTAC was changing. After 5 years in Thailand, it was back to Florida. I didn't hear the usual "Aren't you Frank Calenda's kid?" anymore. The 1st generation AFTACer's were all gone.

My next assignment was to Det 301, Ankara, Turkey; 15 months there and I was back in Florida. A funny thing happened when I returned from Turkey; I started asking "Aren't you Smitty's kid, or aren't you Kapple's kid?" to the younger airmen. They will keep the legacy of 2nd generation AFTAC alive. There are not many of us left; Randy Vlassick and Karl Miner are two that come to mind.

As I wind down my career and look back on my AFTAC adventure, I begin to think, AFTAC has been my life. I don't know life without AFTAC. Literally all my friends and family have been associated with AFTAC one way or another. Since I can remember, AFTAC has gone through many changes, but the one thing that hasn't changed is the people, the closeness, and camaraderie of the AFTAC family. I am truly thankful that my dad pulled some strings to get me into the family. My son is 15 years old now, will there be a 3rd generation? Only time can tell.



FEATURE ARTICLE**BS (BARELY SUBSTANTIATED) TALES!**

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be Barely Substantiated (BS). Forward your BS to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' 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.

John Horsch

Foreword: We made a deal with ourselves ... if Tony **Calenda** got an 'A Family Affair' finished in time for this issue, we would bare our souls of an event from our career. Tony did, so we do herewith BS a bit ... before we start, consider this, on this earth, 'B' rules, the others, 'verify.'

Go back in time, back to the days of 35mm film and Mark II recorders, the days of a pendulum clock for backup timing and, for Sage's sake, analog data and analysis.

Best I can recall, it was around late 1960 and my shift partner could have been Richard (Alky) **Summers** (of which I have a 'sleeper' of a story that I'd like to see him write rather than I). It's cold, maybe low 20's, and it's right around the middle of the night and an 8-hour shift.

As we beam in on this scene at our detachment (actually, 'Team 162,' at the time) at Boulder, WY, our intrepid operators have just completed a 'run change.' I, in my most experienced and efficient manner, am in the darkroom developing the 8 strips of 35mm film we will later analyze. I have learned, through extended experimentation, that the process procedures time will be sped up if I use both the hot and cold water taps turned on high during the final flush, something they don't tell you at school.

I had done this many times before, and had always produced the highest quality results. This was not to be on this night. On this night, unknown to me, the cold water line had frozen and when I returned to the dark room to remove the film from the water, I could not hold the canister because it was so hot. Still not knowing the ramification of this unintended 'hot bath' I finally removed the film and hung it to dry. When I retrieved the film for analysis, I could tell something was wrong. It was not until we had the film loaded on the viewer that we could see the full extent of the damage. You could just barely

analyze it because of the lines and coloration that had occurred from the hot water, it was like looking at our data through a stained glass window, kinda like a religious experience. I've always wondered if anyone else had ever had this happen to them.

(SnowBall, continued from page 1)

"WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL"**ALUMNI SNOW BALL V**

AL MOY, MAJOR ARRANGER/ASC. SECRETARY

It has become customary for the Alumni Association to arrange a Ball at the beginning of each year. This is done for several reasons – in part in response to a request that we have some event that does not involve playing a sport and held at a time that our alumni snowbirds are in town. We also believe it is a grand way to have a chance to introduce the October elected/appointed board members, recognize some notable alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion and wish old friends a great beginning to a brand new year.

This will be our 5th year, the 1st year ~ 40 alumni showed up, ~ 50 for II and III – and 70 or so for IV, let's shoot for 100 this year. It is also customary that the AFTAC Commander and Superintendent, Directors, Dr. O'Brien and other interested active-duty personnel are invited, and to announce the selectee for the AFTAC Command 'Alumni of the Year' honors.

Al **Moy**, our new Treasurer, George **Mirda**, last year's arranger, and Judy **Milam**, one of our 'perennials' and always ready to lend a hand, have agreed to work out the details (date/place/theme). We are fairly positive SnowBall V will occur on a Saturday between mid-January and mid-February. Whatever the theme (so far we have had Hawaiian, Mexican and German), we encourage everyone to 'dress' with the theme in mind. Prices are estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$20 for which you receive a meal with several carafes of wine strategically placed on the tables. There will be an open-bar and camaraderie galore.

All told, it will be a great evening and you can catch a preview. Go out to the Alumni website to look at pictures of previous SnowBalls. We are sure you'll recognize many of the faces. Look forward to seeing everyone at Snowball V.



The FROM THE TOP Prez

I want to thank the Long-Range Detection Alumni Association Board and Membership for the honor of being your President this coming year. I am really excited working with some genuine legends of AFTAC past and present.

Sincere thanks to outgoing President, Joe **Marshall**, and his Board: Vice, George **Mirda**; Secretary, Pete **Towell**; and Treasurer, Steve **Cook**, for their outstanding leadership and service. I want to particularly recognize, Joe, who took presidential reins as an ACTIVE AFTACer. We want to emphasize that our Association is for both Active and Alumni AFTACers, and Joe has set a fine example—many thanks.

I am blessed with a talented and experienced Board: Vice, Joe **Marshall**; Secretary, Al **Moy**; and Treasurer, George **Mirda**. Yet, it is the Special Activities people who make it happen year after year: Steve **Armitage**, Mike **Black**, Deborah **Carson**, Clark **Creery**, Carl **Gailey**, Frank **Hall**, John & Chris **Horsch**, Judy **Milam**, Jim **Payne** Pat **Snyder**, Swede **Swansen**, Bob **Wiley**—the litany of names go on and on. We couldn't "do it" with the style and grace--for which the Alumni Association is renowned--without all your help!

Things are really hopping as we begin a new year: The AFTAC Change of Command, 10 December, and the Winter Social, 13 December. The Snow Ball, golf tournaments, and the Alumni Reunion (end of May) all promise to be a great time for all. Quick reminder—don't forget to pay your annual dues—consider becoming a Lifetime Member.

Finally, please take time for you and your loved ones to ENJOY the Holiday Season. Too often, we get caught up in the hype and glitz without reflecting on the people, places, and things we cherish most.

All the Best!
John Caban



BOARD MEETINGS

Alumni Association Board Members

Elected President-John Caban Vice-Joe Marshall

Secretary-Al Moy Treasurer-George Mirda

Appointed Heritage Hall Committee, TBD or do you guys know names?????????????????????????

Activities-CMSgt Steve Armitage Hospitality-Judy Milam

Internet-Mike Black, and Clark Creery

Membership-Jim Payne Newsletter-John and Chris Horsch
Publicity-Swede Swansen

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

AL MOY, SECRRTARY

September—November

The 'Annual General Membership Meeting' was held during the October 'Golf n'Getogether' at the 'Cocoa Beach Country Club.' Election of officers, and appointment of committee chairs, occurred during this meeting (see results above).

Joe **Marshall**, the outgoing President, thanked the volunteers who made the golf afternoon possible. He especially thanked Sam **Sorice**, and his son, Sammy, who pitched in for his dad who could not be there that day. He also thanked the players in the tournament for the great turnout. He reviewed the past and upcoming year's events (AFTAC Command 'Annual Winter Social,' 'Awards Banquet' and 'Picnic,' and the Association's own events, the annual 'SnowBall' two 'Golf n'Getogethers' and the upcoming 'Worldwide Reunion'), and the participation of alumni in all these events.

John **Caban**, the incoming President, stated he's proud to be President of such a fine, active alumni crew.

A round of applause was rendered to 'Smoky's Bar-B-Que' who catered the meal at the 'G n G.'

Jim **Payne** continues to remind some 85 members to renew for FY '03.

Plans for the 2003 'Worldwide Reunion' are well in-hand and reported on by the 'Major Arranger,' Carl **Gailey**. Carl is doing an outstanding job and attendees will be pleased. See reunion information starting on page 16 of this issue.

Several items remain open from the recently re-written constitution, an insurance waiver and IRS registration.

SnowBall V is in the planning stages. Al **Moy**, George **Mirda**, and Judy **Milam** have offered to 'set it up.' Planned for late January or February.

Post-Monitor mailing-Carl **Gailey** is seeking a new mail management source to replace our current vendor.

Chapter News

'What's Happening'

CLARK CREERY, WEBSITE EDITOR OF THIS COLUMN

We're going to start using a new domain name csi-inc.com instead of csihq.com. The old domain name will be around for at least a couple of years so you don't need to worry about the change yet. All future emails will refer to the new domain name.

Happenings: (last issue Clark wrote an open letter to all members about his 'web work' and we challenged members to take a look at the site and drop a note)

Not one e-mail has been received that indicates that anyone likes the page, thus we will leave it up for one iteration of newsletters and then discontinue the service. The rovin Reporter Sends **PS** While the accuracy is not established, the following statistics regarding my column are presented for information purposes only:

Web Pages	Counter
images	
Awards.htm	3
Florida.htm	85
Golf0602.htm	1
antonio.htm	14
bowling.htm	3
calif1.htm	4
colorado.htm	0
golf1002.htm	4
index.html	251
picnic.htm	5
snowball.htm	17
summer_picnic.htm	9
Total:	396
Total page views to date	251
Current monthly page views	44 in February 2001
Most popular browser visitors	80.37% use Netscape
use	4.78
Most common screen resolution	95.72% have 1024x768
Top search engine used to access this page	100.00% use www.google.com
Top search words used to find this page	92.19% typed "range detection"
This page is linked to most often from this URL	87.19% of visitors link from http://www.google.com/search

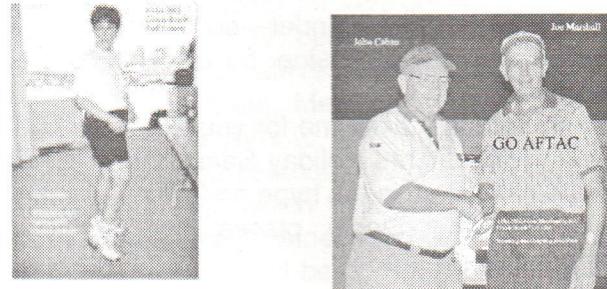
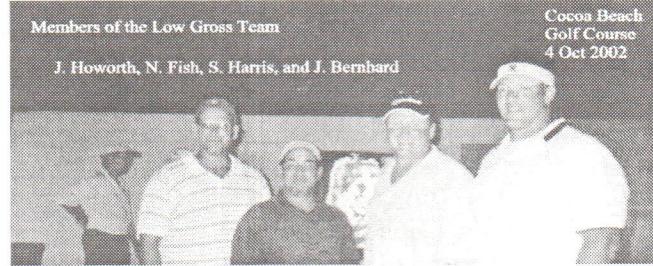
Alumni Help Request

DEBORAH CARSON, 2002.12.3

The Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB is in the throes of building a static display of the WB-50 and B-52 aircraft. To complete the display, they have asked for unclassified documents, photos, drawings or artifacts of the filter/air sampling equipment that was used. If anyone has anything they'd wish to contribute, please contact Deborah **Carson** at 321-494-6537 or e-mail deborah.carson@aftac.patrick.af.mil. Thank you in advance.

Association Event Pictures October 4th, Golf n'Getogether

FROM THE WEBSITE, 'WHAT'S HAPPENING'>GOLF'



(Mail Call continued from page 5)

Last-Minute Mail

State College, PA 2002.12.01
(Joined asc) Det at Shemya AFB, Alaska, 61-62.

Gary Deivert
Taunton, MA 2002.11.16
(Alumni Shop Order) Thank you, keep up the good work. **John Frias**

MONITORing Active-Duty Doing's

from your inputs sent in from around the AFTAC World

Command Section



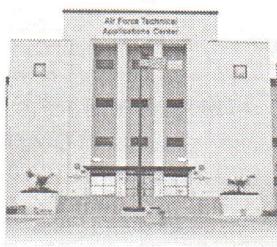
Col. Roy E.
Horton III

AFTAC Commander, 2001.02, previously AFTAC DO and before that, CC 91st Intelligence Sq and 694th Intelligence Group, Fort Meade, MD. He has a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, from the University of Southern California ('79) and a Master's from Defense Intelligence College, Wash. DC ('90). He is married to the former Dr. Lendra Persaud, they have a daughter, Denise, and a son, Brian.



CMSgt Steven J. and DO. His wife Sun Ah Yi is from Wonju, Korea. They have two children, Monica and Steven.

AFTAC Superintendent, 2001.06, 20+ year AFTACer, enlisting 1980.02. Trained as a Scientific Measurements Technician and is a Distinguished Graduate from both the NCO and Senior NCO Academies and earned an MBA with honors. The Chief was selected the AFTAC Senior NCO of the Year in '92. He served at Dets 452, 423, 419 and in the HQs with the Subsurface Operations Branch



No Inputs Received

Other Chapter's News

WEST COAST CHAPTER

DEPOT FALLOUT

Email: TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Elected: Chairman of the Board, Rodney Hinkle
President, Al Pavik-Vice, Joe Johnson

Director At Large, Orv Pritchard

Secretary, Marge Iske-Treasurer/Membership, Bart Carter

Appointed: Newsletter Editor, Dale Klug
Assistant Treasurer, Frank Goodreau

SUBMITTED BY AL PAVIK

Twenty four members and guests joined together for a great cruise/lunch and camaraderie on Clear Lake on 10 August. We enjoyed a three-hour cruise viewing the lake, the surrounding mountains as well as a large number of new

Summer Get-together at Clear Lake

homes (mansions) that are being built especially on the south side of the lake. In addition to the cruise and the excellent lunch, it was especially good to see old friends, i.e. Sam & Gloria Houston, John & Dorothy Lanigan who live in Browns Valley and Jim & Evelyn Gilmore from Concord. A very special thanks to George Thompson for handling this great "day on the lake".

Spring Garden Party

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG

We all had a good time on May 18th at the Garden Party and got some great pictures.

Words From The Prez'

BY AL PAVIK

We are sad to hear of the passing of **Virginia Carter**, wife of Bart Carter our chapter treasurer. Virginia was a warm, hospitable lady who will be missed by us all. We want to express our deepest sympathy to Bart and his family.

The Clear Lake cruise was a great time for all, a chance for people to get together. Thanks to all for attending and again making this a very special gathering.

We're looking for inputs from members on what they would like to do for future social events.

On September 3rd, we had our quarterly Business Meeting. Thanks to all attendees.

Events Calendar for 2002/2003

Quarterly Business Meetings (at McClellan Air Museum at 7:00 PM) (Call ahead, 797-1472, to confirm time & place), 4 March, 3 June, 2 September, 2 December 2003

National Reunion, Long-Range Detection Alumni Florida Chapter, 30 May–1 June 2003

Depot Fallout Mail Call

Joe Johnson Telecon: We still have some shot & wine glasses left from the reunion. Get in touch with me at 916-783-8676 if you'd like some. Shot glasses @ \$4.50 and wine glasses @ \$5.50.

John & Chris Horsch E-mail (listed the FY2003 board elections/appointed

Jim Dorman E-mail: I served as DLP Chief, Chief of Supply and MCL Director during the period July 1992 to June 1996, and then served as Commander of Det 460, Eielson AFB from 1996 to 1999. My seven years with AFTAC were the best of my almost 25 year career. I'm now on the faculty of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. I teach physics and math and instruct in a couple of different flight simulators supporting the cadet aviation programs. If anyone would like my current contact informa-

tion, please feel free to publish it in your next edition of the "Depot Fallout" Thanks very much; with warmest regards to all, Lt Col James M Dorman, Assistant Professor of Physics, USAF Academy, DSN 333-2091, COM 719-333-2091 jamesdorman@usafa.af.mil Jim Dorman, 3920 Barrelwood Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80920 (H) 719-487-0845 (W) 719-333-2091 Cell 719-330-9304 joshuafamily@earthlink.net

Jim Payne E-mail: An easy way for interested ex-AFTACer's to get an application form to join the Long Range Detection Program Alumni Association (Florida Chapter) is to go to the homepage at <http://www.csi-inc/aftac>. Go to the member locator/info and enter their name. After they enter their data, there is a provision whereby they can print out a membership application which has been preprinted with their data. Then you have to use the snail mail, along with some money to join the chapter. When that happens (or anytime a change is made to any homepage data) an email is kicked out to me (and a few others) and I use that data to update my stand-alone ACCESS database. If the person is not an alumni member (of the Florida chapter) I send them an Email of membership solicitation. Sometimes I recommend they join a Denver or Sacramento chapter). Hopes this helps.....cheers...jbp

EDITOR'S NOTE: JIM IS THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN IN FLORIDA AND HE SENT THIS AS A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST ON HOW TO JOIN THE CHAPTER THERE. USEFUL INFORMATION INDEED. WE ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO UPDATE YOUR INFO ON THE WEBSITE.

Bob Fitzgerald E-mail: please have a courtesy copy of the next quarterly newsletter of our West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association sent to: **Barry S. Johnson**, I was introduced to Barry, a consultant for Shooting Star, today and learned he is a retired USAF Officer who was assigned to TOD "SC" during the years 1987-1990. (Barry, if I messed up that info, please correct me. Thank you.)

Barry Johnson E-mail: I think I was at TOD from 1987 thru 1991. At the time LtCol **King** was the SC and Col **Werner** was the CC. I worked for Capt Larry **Moncada** and later LtCol Steve **Sincoff**, PhD. I was there for the BIG move from the rickety old two story building to the new state-of-the art analytical facility at the end of the inactive runway. Regards

Rich Charles E-mail: Just got the Sergeants Magazine in today and saw **Tim Burn's** name on the Final Flyby list. I think you might remember him from WFO (1155th). Also please check your membership roster to see if **John Madden** was a

member of the West Coast Chapter. Back in the late 50s, John was one of the drivers for General **Hooks** and General **Rodenhauser**, along with Gale **Alexander**. John lived here in North Highlands. His obit notice was in the 30 Sep edition of the Bee.

COLORADO CHAPTER

ECHOES

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President, Jack **Smith**-Vice President, Earl Pierce-Treasurer,
Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Bryce Dunn

General Membership Breakfast

Will be in February, 2003, exact dates TBD

Good Health Wishes

Jerri Toner, Bill Braukman, George Plunkard and Alberta Dalton.

(Mail Call continued from page 5)
More Last-Minute Mail

Blue Springs, MS 2002.10.29

Sorry I'm late again, guess I will have to flag everything on my computer and in my house to remember to send my dues in September.

I really enjoy the Post-Monitor. Although most of the news is after my time (54-68) and about you lucky people on the beach, it still excites me when I read articles about old HQs, Det's where I served and the people I know. You are doing an outstanding job (checked in the far right column). Keep up the good work.

W. N. Wigington thanks so much, comments like yours make us feel we are doing something right ... please send us some of your 'Sage' tales

Wannentown, OR 2002.11.12

Well boys, I'm here to tell ya that time really flys by fast when you're honest-to-gosh retired like I am! Sometimes I even have trouble getting to go fishing when I want to. (sent new address)

We are located about 5 miles South of the Columbia River Bar and about 1/4 mile from the Pacific Surf, nestled in the pine covered dunes and still fighting off the deer and elk.

Please keep our 'Monitor' coming so that we don't feel completely left behind.

Tommy and Cindy Badley sounds idyllic, can you tear yourself away for a couple of days of sun, sand and surf next May for the worldwide reunion?

CALENDAR

Association Board/Membership Meetings

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns

Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend these events for fellowship and participation.

ALWAYS VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867, BEFORE COMING
—Board/membership meetings are scheduled for the **second Monday** of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)
 WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building

HOW: come to rear entrance

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

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)
 WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building (the
Outback)

HOW: come to the back of the building-find the crowd

January

3, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
13, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

February

7, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
10, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

March

7, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
10, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

Special Events **2003**

SnowBall V

Mid-Jan/Feb, probable location, Patrick NCO Club
 Exact Date and Place to be announced

Check the webpage
 'csi-inc.com/aftac'

for the latest or call for Information/Tickets,
 Pat Snyder, 494-6867

National Reunion,
 AFTAC HQ's, Patrick AFB, FL
 May 30th– June

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 Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892

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*No shipping and handling charged on logo pins

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 PURCHASED WITH ALUMNI FUNDS-Multi-Color Logo

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
JACKETS , Unlined/Royal Blue, \$20	2	4	2	4

GOLF SHIRTS, with pocket, \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	2	4	4	3
Jade (medium green)	3	4	3	3
Navy	3	3	4	3
Red	2	3	2	2
White	2	1	1	3
Royal Blue	3	0	4	3
Teal (dark aqua)	2	3	3	4
Maroon	3	2	2	2

T-SHIRTS, without pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	2	3	3	3
Royal blue	1	3	4	2
Navy	3	2	3	1
Ash Gray	2	2	4	2
Purple	2	1	3	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuscsia	2	2	2	2
Mint Green	2	2	2	2
Jade Green	2	4	4	2

	MISCELLANEOUS	#	
Green	8	50th Commem. Coins (\$3)	~168
Gray	7	Logo Pin (\$3.25)	~21
Red	7	Logo Disk (\$5.50)	~36
Royal Blue	0	Alumni License Plate, \$7-members	
Light Blue	9	/\$10-nonmembers	~7
Navy	2		
Blue/Gray	26	TOD History Book, free, s/h, \$4.00	

PURCHASED BY THE BOOSTERS CLUB - most say
 ALUMNUS rather than ALUMNI

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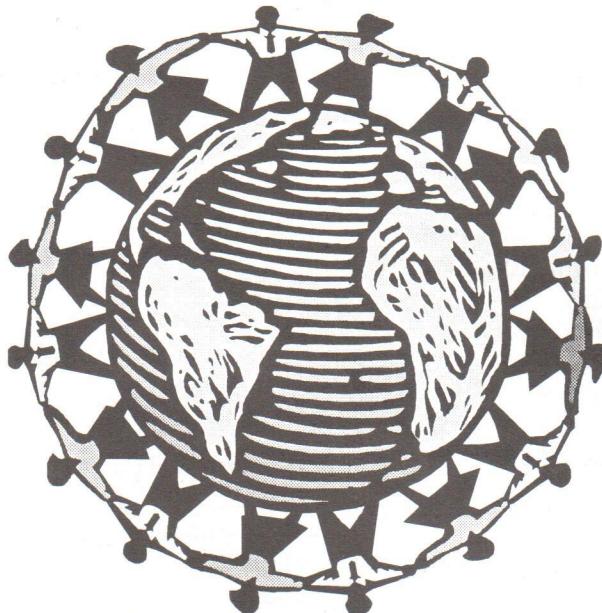
Unlined/Royal Blue - white logo, \$20	3
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GOLF SHIRTS-

Med. Blue/with pocket/White logo, \$14	11	7
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NOTE: As promised, **Sagey** and **Alex** are not here because three members did not mention them in any manner. They will be back when three alumni 'miss' their passing—Judy (**Milam**) and Ron (**Cook**) do not count as they have already said 'Hi' in the December '01 issue.

WORLDWIDE REUNION 2003



Long-Range Detection Alumni Reunion—History and Overview

JUDY MILAM

Everybody loves a reunion – time to get together with old friends, make new friends, and see what everyone has been up to in recent years. As most of you already know, for a number of years, we've tried to hold a reunion about every two years, alternating between California, Colorado, and Florida. In 1998, the reunion was held in California and coincided with the closing of Tech Ops Division (a great weekend with a somewhat sad ending). In 2001, the reunion was in Colorado (another great weekend). In 2003, the Florida Chapter of the Alumni Association will host another reunion, and we're ready to start taking reservations. Included with this issue of the POST-MONITOR are the AGENDA (page 17-18) and REGISTRATION FORM (page 19). The agenda and registration form will also be included in the Colorado and California alumni chapter newsletters and can be found on the Florida Chapter Alumni Long-Range Detection (LRD) home page (www.csi-inc.com/aftacalumni). Be sure to pass the word along to other LRD (AFTAC, AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, and 1035th FAG) alumni who might not be members of one of the chapters of the Alumni Association.

Now is the time to pull out your pen(cil), your 2003 calendar, and your checkbook. Next, you need to write in "LRD ALUMNI WORLDWIDE REUNION" on the dates 30 May – 1 June on your calendar. Last, but not least, you need to fill in the following REGISTRATION FORM, write a check for the appropriate amount, and RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION PACKAGE TO US. If everyone will do that, it will make our job a lot easier. Early registration will make the planning simple. Remember that some functions are limited by the size of the facility, and even though we don't anticipate filling up, you can assure your spot by getting your registration in early (while doing us a big favor).

We have a terrific Reunion Committee, headed by **CARL GAILEY**, but we can always use more help. If you would like to volunteer to work on the committee, please notify Carl via telephone at (321) 777-0569 or email at gaileyc@juno.com. If you would like to volunteer to work in the Hospitality Room during the reunion, please contact **Swede Swanson** by phone at (321) 773-8297 or email swansenr@earthlink.net. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Registration Table during the reunion, please contact **Pat Snyder** by phone at (321) 494-6867 or email at patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil. To summarize what we need from you:

- Register early for the 30 May – 1 June 2003 LRD Alumni Association Reunion by completing the enclosed registration form, and returning it with your check
- Volunteer for the Reunion Committee, the Hospitality Room, and/or the Registration Table.
- Attend the Reunion and have a great weekend.
- Pass the word along to other alumni and encourage them to attend the reunion

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◆ Long-Range Detection Alumni Association, Patrick AFB FL

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LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION

30 MAY-1 JUNE 2003

AGENDA

30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)

WORLDWIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

8AM-1PM we will kick off the Worldwide Reunion festivities with a golf tournament at the Manatee Cove golf course on Patrick AFB. We will start play at 0800 hours on Friday morning with lunch to be served in the Clubhouse dining area, immediately after the golf play is completed. Cost is \$35.00 for dues paying 'Alumni Association' members of any chapter (CA, CO or FL) and \$40.00 for nonmembers. This fee will cover the cost of golf, carts, food and prizes. The format will be Select Shot (Scramble) with handicapping by teams. If you do not have a team, that is not a problem. You can sign up as a single player and be placed on an open team. In fact, we will like to have lots of single players, as this will give us the opportunity to meet and greet our friends from the past.

We will be limited to 144 players. We believe that we will have more than 144 players so please get your reservations in early. Reservations can be made by completing the registration form in this issue, or by contacting Frank Hall (major arranger of this tournament) @ 321-773-2430/bevcol@aol.com or Pat Snyder, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil. See you on 30 May 2003.

FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)

CRUISE TO NO WHERE

930AM-4:30PM A free cruise on the Sterling Casino Line is being offered for those who are not golfers. Free hors d'oeuvres are served during the cruise. Free cocktails are served to all **gaming participants**. On board entertainment is provided by 'Legends in Concert.' Free transportation may be provided depending upon response. Must have at least 50 people sign up to qualify.

Photo ID is required to board cruise.

30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)

ICEBREAKER (casual dress)

6-10PM At the Radisson Resorts Convention Center, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral FL 32920. (Phone 321-784-0000) Informal mixer—heavy hors d'oeuvres—cash bar

31 MAY 2003 (SATURDAY)

FAMILY DAY

8AM-3PM Tour of the AFTAC building to include, Hall of Heritage and an unclassified briefing. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided from the Radisson to the AFTAC building and back.

11 AM-2 PM The AFTAC boosters club will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for a nominal fee at the outback area behind the AFTAC building.

31 MAY 2003 (SATURDAY)

BANQUET (coat and tie preferred; service uniform for active-duty)

6-7PM Social at the Radisson Resorts Convention Center, Cocktails (cash bar) followed by

7-9 PM Sit down dinner with a choice of prime rib or Florida lemon grouper baked and topped with citrus sauce. Diners include house salad, seasonal vegetables and potato or rice, dessert and coffee or tea.

9-? Program, guest speaker and dancing.

1 JUNE 2003 (SUNDAY)

BREAKFAST BUFFET (\$7 per person)

6-1030 AM At the Radisson Resorts Convention Center: A chance to wish all a final farewell and a safe trip home. If you wish to attend, pay cashier and make food selection and proceed to the Jamaica room where tables will be set up for our use.

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NOTES:

---**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** The reunion will be held at the Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral FL 32920. A block of rooms have been reserved at the rate of \$85.00 per night. Be sure and ask for the AFTAC reunion rate. The toll free number for reservations is 1-800-333-3333, local number is 321-784-0000. Reservations must be made prior to 30 April 2003 to receive this rate. The hotel **does not** have shuttle service from the airport. Avis car rental has an office at the hotel. Call 1-800-331-1600 and give them the AWD number K825442 to check their rates.

---**REGISTRATION PACKAGE:** Registration will be set up in the Convention Center lobby 29-30 May 2003. If you cannot pick up your package on the 29 or 30 May, your package will be available in the Convention Center lobby prior to the banquet. Nametags will be issued in the packages and your name tag will be your entry to paid activities. **Please wear your nametag to all activities.**

---**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** Is located in the Bonaire room located off the Convention Center lobby. Operating hours will be posted

---**BANQUET SEATING:** To ensure attendees will be seated with friends, a display showing table arrangements will be located in the Conventions Center lobby at the Radisson 29-30 May 2003. Each table will seat 10 people.

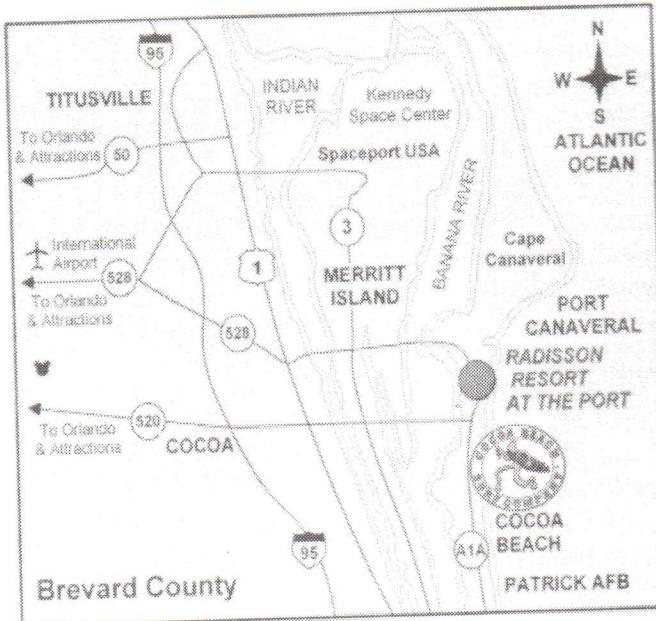
---**CANCELLATIONS:** Please call or write immediately if you must cancel. Because of contractual commitments, no refunds will be made after 1 May 2003 unless we have someone waiting to sign up. To cancel contact: James Payne (321-777-4731) paynejb@juno.com or Carl Gailey (321-777-0569) gaileyc@juno.com or mail to LRD Alumni Association, PO box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892



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REGISTRATION FORM-

LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION (30 MAY-1 JUNE 2003)

P.O. BOX 254892 PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 32925-0892

REIGATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT
TO ADDRESS ABOVE NLT 25 APRIL 2003

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	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT OF MONEY
REGISTRATION FEE	\$5.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
ICE BREAKER (FRI, 30 MAY 03)	\$20.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
FAMILY DAY (SAT, 31 MAY 03)	NONE	_____	
BANQUET (SAT, 31 MAY 03)	\$30.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
BANQUET FOOD SELECTION	PRIME RIB _____ OR BAKED GROPER _____		
GOLF TOURNAMENT (FRI, 30 MAY 03)	*** PER PERSON **** Dues paying alumni members (\$35.00), all others (\$40.00)	_____	\$ _____
BREAKFAST BUFFET (SUN, 1 JUN 03)	\$7.00 PAY cashier	_____	
CRUISE TO NOWHERE	NONE	_____	
		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 1 MAY 2003

RESERVATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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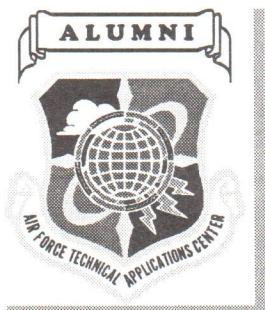
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

The emblem used by the alumni association (below) was in active service from 1970 to 2000 (the replacement is a less detailed rendering). The association continues the use of this version because so many alumni served while it was 'on duty.' When in use, it symbolized the unit and, in color, contains the AF (blue and gold) as well as the national colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of AF operations; yellow, the sun and excellence of personnel. The globe indicates worldwide mission, locations and geophysical studies; the lightning and cloud depict study on natural phenomena and the compass points reflect the assigned tasks around the world. The rings around the globe symbolize electronic instrument readings and unity of purpose and display electronic measurements accomplished. The elliptical belt symbolizes the study of the atmosphere.



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(for your use or pass on-complete/mail to ATTN: Membership Chair) (address/contact information on Page two, left panel)

FLORIDA Chapter dues (check one, enclose sum): \$10 annual dues \$75 lifetime

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NAME _____ (Spouse) _____

ADDRESS: _____

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