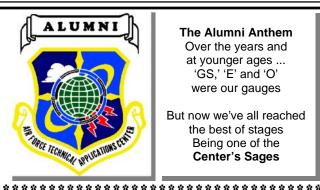
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The Alumni Anthem

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

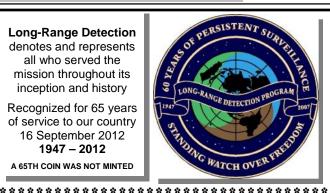
But now we've all reached the best of stages Being one of the Center's Sages

Long-Range Detection

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

Recognized for 65 years of service to our country 16 September 2012 1947 - 2012

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SAGE SPOTLIGHT

LRDAA PROUDLY PRESENT



'NEW' MEMBER ON THE BOARD

FROM OUR 'SOCIALABLE SEPTEMBER VI' ELECTIONS ON THE 13TH, OTHER BOARD MEMBERS ARE PRESENTED ON THE NEXT PAGE

LOU SEILER. PRESIDENT

Louis W Seiler, Jr. was born in Jan 1947 in New Orleans, Louisiana. He attended school there including college at Louisiana State University in New Orleans (now The University of New Orleans) graduating with a BS in Physics in January 1969. During college he was a student research assistant in the Computer Research Center, supporting the programming and computing needs of the University Faculty. After college Louis worked as the Computer Services Director for the Tulane Health Maintenance Project (a federal research contract) through the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

In August 1969 Louis applied for and was accepted as an Officer Candidate in the United States Air Force. He reported to OTS in October of 1969 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in December 1969. Louis reported to his first duty station at Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE in January 1970 where he was assigned to the (then) 4000th Support Group (now deactivated) supporting a classified mission.

Summer of 1973 found Louis reporting to the Air Force Institute of Technology Resident School at Wright-Patterson AFB to pursue studies for a Masters Degree in Physics. In March 1975, Louis graduated 2nd in his class with an MS in Engineering Physics, Laser Optics and a Thesis Topic titled A Calculation Model for High Altitude EMP Generation. Upon graduation Louis was assigned to the Foreign Technology Division (now National Air Intelligence Center). However this was to be a short tour. In June 1976 Louis reported to the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, FL. He remained there until summer of 1982 working in analysis of spacecraft sensor data and unit mission alert activities. With a promotion to Major came a new assignment to the Armament Laboratory on Eglin AFB, FL >>pg 3, left column

SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE ASK SAGES AND ACTIVE-DUTY TO 'REPORT IN'

SAT, FEB 08TH SNOWBALL XVI HOLIDAY INN MELBOURNE-VIERA



Thu, Feb 06 Center Awards Banquet

SNOWBALL MAJOR ARRANGER, SEAN RYAN/BANQUET Since 1999, the Alumni Assn has 'thrown a themed Snowball' at the start of the new year. We like to have an event when our 'Sage Snowbirds' are in town >>>Page 3

FRIDAY, MAY 09, XXV ANNUAL ASSN SPRING Golf N'Getogether, Manatee Golf Course, Patrick MAJOR ARRANGER, DAVE MELTON

This LRDAA sponsored event, on a Friday, has a check in time of 1100 and a shotgun start at 1300. Cost is \$40 for Alumni Members and \$45 for non-members. >>>Page 4

************ *ACTIVE-DUTY ALERTS*

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ACTIVE DUTY SCHEDULE, SAGES WELCOMED



'Center Awards Banquet'-Feb 06, Site TBD & 'Picnic'-TBD. When available, details will be posted at the alumni assn website, URL below. **Alumni Contact**

Carol Snyder, carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil.

*********** **NOTE:** Alert updates/changes are posted at the assn website:

http://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/ Pg 01: 'Breaking News' & much more Pg 05: 'Calendar.' You can also 'Auto-Receive' 'eALLerts' (deaths, breaking news, etc)-contact your editors, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com.'

SAGE EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA''

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

NOTE: PoMo pictures, & more, are at our website (URL above), on various pages and compiled on page 4. Also, check the Colorado and California websites for more pictures, reports and information, URL with chapter information on next page.

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ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

(Deceased members are identified with a 'D')

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (19)
Lonnie Gibbons/2013-Gene & Dee Melchoir/12
Dale Klug/11-Jack Smith (D)/10-Jack Jackson/09
Bob Wiley/08-Bill Schmied/07-Deborah Carson/06
Mike Black/05-Joe Goldian/04-Pat Snyder/03
Joe Johnson/02-Jim Payne/01-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000
John & Christel (D) Horsch/99-Frank Hall/98-Judy Milam/97
Carl Gailey (D)/96-Clark Creery/1995

Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring Center people and its history exist: Two, '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, and plans are ongoing to add LRD artifacts at HQ, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. (AFISRA).

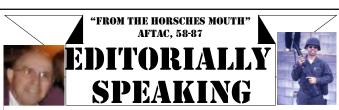
ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired & active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col Clapper, met at Patrick AFB, FL, on March 12, 1985, and formed the association (chartered, 1986). Originally 'AFTAC Alumni Assn' a name change was necessary in mid-2001 due to AF rules to continue operating 'on base.' The assn provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to all who serve/served our mission in any organization associated with LRD (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

1. Florida (FL): (application on back page)-Dues, \$10/FY (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Most monthly meetings are at 1700, second Monday of a month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 989), or other dining venue, at Patrick AFB, FL. Details, see 'Sage Calendar' at back of issue. Contacts: Clark Creery, ccreery@cfl.rr.com, mailing address is: Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892. There is this triannual newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & multi-page Website, 'http://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/,' with assn/alumni news and photos-we provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification at 'http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-Ird.'

FI Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01/10-Current; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas, since 2003; Randy Vlassick, Mbrship 04-09.

- **2. Colorado (CO):** Formed 1991, **\$5/year**, the chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes', and has several meetings and social events a year. See website at 'www.aftacco.org' for additional information and email contacts.
- 3. West Coast (CA): Formed 1999, \$10/year/\$75 lifetime; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. The Chapter meets several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACWCC.org.'



1985 BYLINE COINED BY COL CIAMBRONE (D). LEFT PICTURE BY SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/CC/PA, WINTER SOCIAL, 2011. RIGHT PICTURE DET 452, 1972

Boo-boos, last issue: Pg 5, Joe Johnson/AOY 2002, was not identified in our AOY Portrait, he is between the Melchior's and Dale Klug.

I'd like to start this issue's editorial with a few things I meant to mention previously, and for some time, and have come back to my mind now. However, before I do, interestingly, because of our publishing cycle, we had 'back to back' issues with 'Salutes' to 'Alumni of the Year.' Gene and Dee **Melchior**, 2012 (FL Chapter), and Lonnie **Gibbons**, 2013 (CO), with much assist from spouse, **Ginny**, were a pleasant 'first time' in this case. Congratulations again to these very active alumni supporters. And, before moving on, I congratulate our 2014 Board and our 'new' President, Lou **Seiler**, who you read about on page one, welcome aboard.

--I want to recognize some people in our Chapter that keep doing the same hard arrangements over and over again, first coming to mind is Dave Melton. For more times than I can remember, Dave has been arranging our annual, twice a year (spring and fall) 'Golf N'Getogethers.'--Our annual 'SnowBalls' easily come to mind. Deborah Carson has arranged each and every one of these for the last many years, and the last several years, Sean Ryan, our Secretary, has become very active. This annual event has become even more meaningful as we have been able to time it's occurrence at the same time as the commander's conference, and thus the 'Center Annual Awards Banquet' this allows attendance by those here for the conference for both events. Also, several of our other chapter's 'Alumni of the Year' have been able to travel here for recognition at both the 'SnowBall' and the 'Awards Banquet.' BTW, read the plans for 2013 in this issue. --Ongoing help to the alumni in several areas has long been provided by active duty members and, most recently, and in particular, Carol Snyder, AFTAC/CAA. She is almost always our representative in the building for tickets and other items, and keeps us informed as need be. --Another is Susan A Romano, AFTAC/PA, who never fails to apprise us of the latest going's on about the command, from the PA point of view.

From this I'd like to 'talk' about our website: https://sites.google.com/site/ Irradlumniassnneedtoknownow/Home. You see various of us asking you to check out our >>pg 3, right column

Sage Communicators-Newsletter Editor/Publisher John Horsch; Information/Proofing: Judy Milam-Henderson/Susan A Romano/PA; Executive Review: Frank Hall; Rovin' Cameras/Reporters: Judy Milam-Henderson/Bob Wiley/Clark Creery; Printing/Mailing: Editors/Clark Creery/Jack Jackson/Terry Hammond/Curt & Eunice Harris; Web/Electronic Media: Editor/Clark Creery/Mike Black

as the head of the Hydro code Weapons Analysis Section and later the Deputy Chief for the Armament Laboratory's "Star Wars" effort in the Kinetic Energy Kill Vehicle. In December of 1985, Louis was reassigned to AFTAC to become the Chief of the newly formed Alert Operations Branch in the Operations Directorate. Louis retired from the Air Force in November of 1989. His awards include numerous local unit awards, the Air Force Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster) and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (with two oak leaf clusters)

Following his career in the AF, Louis pursued a new career in the Aerospace Community working at Harris for 15 years in both Business Development and Program Management. Retiring from Harris in 2005, Louis worked for a year as the Senior Systems Engineer for Herley RSS in Melbourne, FL., directing the design, construction, testing and delivery of a Multi-Mode/Multi-Vehicle Missile Safety Destruct System for the Government of Israel under the Foreign Military Sales Program. Since 2006, Louis has been supporting volunteer organizations and doing part time consulting in appropriate technical areas to local aerospace companies.

Current Volunteer Missions: Committee Chairman for Boy Scout Troop 757, Pack Advancement Chairman for Cub Scout Pack 738, Member of the Board of Directors, Space Coast Honor Flight, President, Long Range Detection Alumni Association

YOUR FY2014 BOARD

Office (Tenure) Name, AF/AFTAC dates, last activeduty position (rank), prior Assn position(s)

ELECTED: President (2014) Lou Seiler, Jr., AF69-89/AFTAC/76-82 & 85-89, Chief, Alert Operations and Evaluation Branch/DOOA (Maj)

Vice (11-14) David Melton, AF84/AFTAC88-00/07-13, Superintendent, Materials Technology Dir/TM (CMSgt) Secretary (10-14) Sean Ryan, AF82-08/AFTAC98-08, NCOIC, Information Management/DO (MSgt)

Treasurer (03-14) Joe Goldian, AF/AFTAC68-91 (MSgt), Manager, Treaty Monitoring Operations, Vice, 99

APPOINTED: Activities (13-14), CMSgt Neri. AF91/AFTAC12, Center Superintendent (CCS), Introduced in PM2013.04, PoMo, Active-Duty Section

Hall of Heritage: (11-14) Mike Young/CC HO, Army73-05/AFTAC11

Hospitality (01-14) Judy Milam-Henderson, Civilian, AF65-99/AFTAC65-71&72-99, Scientific & Technical Information Officer (GS-11), Sec 90-2000 & 06-09, Pres 04 Web/Electronic Media (97-14) Mike Black, AF72-92/AFTAC81-92, NCOIC Test and Analysis Branch (MSgt), NOTE: Horsch and Creery (info follows) have been, and continue as, mainstays since inception (97)

Membership (10-14) Clark Creery, AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt), Original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95

Newsletter (96-14) John Horsch, AF/AFTAC 58-87, Sen Enl Adv (CMS), Publicity, 87-90

Publicity (14) Sean Ryan, see 'Secretary' above **Sage Shop** (10-14) Steve Revels, AF/AFTAC 87-2012, Inspector General/IG (CMSgt)

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING (continued from Page 2)

website on a regular basis. This is because an inordinate amount of time is spent by a very few people to keep the vast amount of material available there up-to-date. In particular Clark **Creery**, Sean **Ryan** (our Secretary) and this editor. Clark is also our website technical whiz and likens our website to the 'Technical Instructions' we were so adept at in our earlier active-duty lives. I think he means by this we need more pizzazz but I accept it as a compliment!!

--and finally, regarding the website with one more recommendation to 'have a look, often' and a tip, check the index on the left, 'Red Font,' 'Navigation' side for dates of changes and check out any that have been posted since your last visit.

Finally, before you jump into this great issue, George **Cronin** and I found we both had *Fitbits* (https://www.fitbit.com/) when we attended the WorldWide in Denver, CO. While there, we attended a briefing that required 'leaving the electronics behind' - we found at that time we were both leaving Fitbit 'Ones' behind!! Later George had this idea to start a 'group' for this 'group' ... thank you, George. And, just recently, George thought more interest would be generated if we asked family members to join also. So, if you, or any of your family members, are interested, sign up, http://www.fitbit.com/group/22DQK9 or contact myself, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com.'

ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP (<<< Page 1)



SNOWBALL XVI

and in a festive mood. We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the September elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplish-

ments, hold a mini-reunion, and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. As in past years, a highlight will be the recognition of our 'Alumni of the Year (AOY).

It is tradition that the AFTAC Commander, Vice Commander, Chief Scientist/Technical Advisor, Director of Staff, Superintendent, Directors, active-duty military and civilian, and any visiting detachment members attend and share the camaraderie and unity.

This year's theme will focus on the "Grand" opening (in March) of the new AFTAC building, joining previous themes honoring Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, Korea, Nebraska, Colorado, Alaska, and Japan; locations where AFTAC had/has a presence. Anyone who would like to contribute stories, memorabilia, photos, or speak, contacts are below.

Our Sage, Sean **Ryan** (FI Chapter Secretary), is working on arrangements with the Holiday Inn, Melbourne-

Viera, to host us this year and with help from other members (like fellow Sages, Dee and Gene **Melchoir**, Deborah **Carson**, and Pat **Snyder**), will have the place lookin' festive for another outstanding Snowball!

Pertinent info:

Date: 8 February 2014 (Saturday)

Location/Cost: Holiday Inn, Melbourne-Viera, 8298 N.

Wickham Rd., Melbourne/TBD

Cash Bar: 5:30-6:40 PM in the Foyer/Lounge; Dinner: 7:00 PM Served in the dining room

Menu: Salads, Meats, Starches, Vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Iced Tea. Coffee, Water and Dessert

NOTE: Menu items, and any other updates, will be posted at the alumni assn website when available.

For further information please call/send email: (Email is preferred method).

Sean, 321-591-9053/oceanblueview@yahoo.com (Unlisted)

NOTE: 'Center Annual Awards Banquet' occurs two days before, 02.06, Site/Details: TBD. This active-duty sponsored event recognizes selected AFTAC members who are recognized for their excellence. Included in that group is our 'Alumni of the Year, 2013,' Lonnie Gibbons,' from the Colorado Chapter-Lonnie and spouse, Ginny, are making plans to be here, as is our other Colorado AOY (2007) Bill Schmied.

Note: Updates will be posted at the assn website.

Alumni Contact for the Awards Banquet Carol Snyder, carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil.

XXV GOLF N'GETOGETHER (continued from page 1)



Please note annual assn membership is but \$10; you will realize that in savings if you play in the Spring and Fall tournaments.

Check-in starts at 1100. Format is 4-person scramble (also known as better-ball/best ball). Fee includes golf, cart, and BBQ from Tides served for dinner. Mulli-

gan's will be on sale 3 for \$5. Each mulligan is an entry into the drawing of door prizes. Active-duty military, retirees, civilians, and contractors are welcome to participate.

Dave Melton, phone 321-759-1122 Email, damelto@aol.com Ed Lindsay, phone 321-507-7193 or Email piston horse@hotmail.com



Sagey Sez, 'See Ya' at the 'Center Awards Banquet,' the 'SnowBall' and another of our annual Spring 'Golf N'Getogethers,' and the 'Center Annual Picnic' ...



ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

SEP 13, 1145-VI ANNUAL 'SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER' Membership/Elections Meeting at the Tides Club

EDITORS



The election meeting is held on a **second Friday at lunch time** to encourage attendance by all AFTAC active-duty, assn members and alumni. Results were presented on page 3, left lower column.

2013 Toilet Bowl, A Sage Perspective

BOB WILEY, THESE PICTURES, AND MANY MORE ARE POSTED AT https:// SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/LRDALUMNIASSNNEEDTOKNOWNOW/SCENE-SAGES



Jack Jackson, Lou Seiler, and myself represented the alumni at the beer wagon from about 9 am to 3 pm. It is impressive how much beer can be poured in that

length of time. Especially when people have been out in the sun playing softball for hours. The active duty were out in force to defend their respective office's honor on the softball fields. We were set up near the pavilion with the picnic tables, food tables and BBQ pits and could look out over the playing fields.

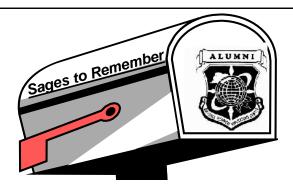
Fortunately we were able to relieve each other occasionally and I got to roam around some to take photos that are posted on the LRDAA website. We were close enough to the food table that we could 'monitor' the food status and claim our portions of some very well prepared BBQ with sides before it disappeared on plates of hungry players.

By the time that we had gone from six taps of beer to only two, it was time for the final game in the playoff. I went to the ball fields to grab some action shots since these 'champions' should put on a good show even though they were pretty tired after fending everybody else off during the day. I believe it was a command section team against an LS team. There were lots of hits and base runners. Some of those runners made it to home, but I didn't write down the score. I lucked into taking photos of the only home run as the runner rounded each base and trotted over home plate.



Col Worley/CC, left, conducted closing ceremonies & thanked everyone for the spirited, but 'professional' competition as well as fan support. He awarded the second place toilet, pictured, paper roll to the LS team and the first place 'golden bowl' to his staff team, CC/XP.

Thanks to the active duty sponsors for the excellent support (read that as free beer and food) they provided the alumni team.



Personals ...

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

None Reported

In Memoriam

Billy T. Benton Jean Kridle William Grosskopf Pat Brogan

Rest in Peace

Billy T. Benton

NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY, PUBLISHED IN FLORIDA TODAY, AUGUST 25 Billy T. Benton, passed away August 21, 2013. Billy T. served 28 years in the USAF, then 29 years at Health First Hospital. He leaves behind his wife, Rebecca; daughters, Vicky Burgess, and Deborah Pelton, and her husband, Bob; two grandsons, Yancey Burgess and his fiancée, Awatif, and Zachary Burgess; brothers Roy, Terry, and Dywane, in Texas.

There will be no local services. Inurnment will be at Arlington National Cemetery. Anyone wishing to leave their condolences is asked to visit Billy's memorial page at www.beachfuneralhome.com. view Guest Book See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?n=billy-

benton&pid=166575969#fbLoggedOut

William C. "Bill" Grosskopf

NOTIFIED BY LEW JORDAN, 10.12, ALSO SEE LEW'S NOTE BELOW

Bill was born July 28, 1929, in Falls River, New York, to W. C. Grosskopf Sr. and Meriem E. Kells. He passed away Thursday, April 5, 2012, at 11:20 a.m. Bill was married to his first wife Juanita for 40 years. At his death, he had been married to Jo D'Antoni-Grosskopf for 13 years. He was survived by a son, David A. Grosskopf and wife Barbara; daughter, Suanne Grosskopf; two stepsons, Greg D'Antoni and wife Jennifer, Michael D'Antoni and wife Rhonda; 11 grandchildren and 8 greatgrandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, W. C. Sr. and Meriem E. Kells Grosskopf; a sister, Evelyn Randolph; and an infant daughter. Bill was a 20-year veteran retired from the U.S. Air Force. He served in the Korean War as an aircraft mechanic on board Navy carriers. He also served in a weather squadron in the Gulf of Mexico as a specialist in seismology, after retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1968. He moved to Garland, Texas, where worked for Teledyne Geotech in seismology, building and installing seismographic detectors and monitors in many of the world's trouble spots. He also built a seismograph that was used in the Apollo moon landing in 1969. Bill was a much loved volunteer at Woman's Hospital for 14 years. He never met a stranger and found joy in his life, whatever the circumstances. Bill will be cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the doctors and the wonderful nurses at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and also the staff at The Carpenter House. Published in The Advocate from Apr. 7 to Apr. 8, 2012 See more here, http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theadvocate/obituary.aspx?n=william-c-grosskopf-

bill&pid=156889085 NOTE: Lew added, In Memory of Bill Grosskopf, "Many of you old timers will remember Bill as a big hearted, fun loving guy who knew the 'B' System so well, or better than those who built it. This became obvious in his 'after AFTAC' career with Teledyne Geotech.

Jean Kridle

NOTIFIED BY FRANK CALENDA, 12.02-I JUST RECEIVED THIS FROM BOB KRIDLE, A FORMER AFTAC'ER. HE WAS ONE OF THE FIRST COMMANDERS OF DET 418.

It is with great sorrow that we inform you that our (my) beloved Jean was received into the loving arms of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 1 at 9:45 p.m. Her devoted husband, Bob, was at her side when she passed from this world. Friends were received at Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, 675 Howard Avenue, Biloxi, MS on December 6pm. A Mass of the Resurrection was held at The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral, 870 Howard Ave Biloxi, MS on Saturday, December 7, internment at Southern Memorial. A lunch followed at the Sacred Heart Center. Please hold us close in prayer during this sorrowful time.

Pat Brogan

NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY, 12.06, PASSING ALONG THIS NOTE: It is with great sadness that I inform you of my fathers passing. Joseph "Pat" Brogan, New Cumberland, PA. My father succumbed to pneumonia and other underlying medical conditions during the morning hours of November 9, 2013. He was 69. I found a link to the website in my father's internet favorites folder as well as several archived emails. Thank you for your efforts in maintaining a website where my father was able to connect with friends and fellow service members, and above all thank you for your service to our country. Sincerely, Chris Brogan NOTE: CLARK ALSO PASSED ALONG THIS OBITUARY.

J. Patrick Brogan, Jr., TSgt (USAF Ret), 69, New Cumberland, died Nov 9, 2013. He was a retired TSgt in the US Air Force with 27 years of service and a former employee of ITT Technical Institute, Harrisburg Campus; a member of American Legion Post 974,; and enjoyed golfing, fixing computers, and any type of technology. Mr. Brogan was born in Philadelphia to the late Joseph P. and Lillian Brogan, Sr. He was the widower of Barbara (Perry) Brogan. He is survived by his children, Joseph P., III of Orlando, FL, E. Christopher of Merritt Island, FL and Tara Marie Brogan-Hocker of New Cumberland; a brother Steven of Saugerties, NY; and six grandchildren. Respecting Mr. Brogans wishes, there will be no services. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to any donor's favorite charity. To send messages of condolence to Mr. Brogan's family, please visit http://obits.pennlive.com/obituaries/pennlive/ obituary.aspx?pid=167994243&fhid=22858







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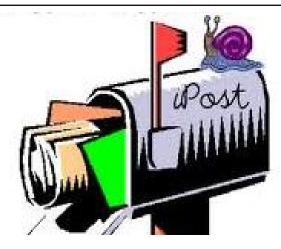


Any requests for action should be sent to Long Range Detection Alumni Association PO Box 254892 Patrick AFB, FI 32925-0892

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

Thanks to all who contact us! We publish all correspondence, unless otherwise requested, so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled.

Normally, we will not include personal information, e.g., address, phone number, etc, unless you ask or seemingly appropriate (e.g., follow-up).



CLARK CREERY SENT THE EPOMO LINK TO OUR ESUBSCRIBERS ON 08.13 AT 1705, EARLY RESPONDERS:

FIRST eSAGE(S) TO 'REPORT IN'-FIRST 24-HOURS

Frank Calenda @ 1800, John, when does a person stop complimenting about something that someone does for years and years and does it well. My answer is that it should never stop. To me and Edna, the Post Monitor just continues to improve as we age. I know that you and many others put a lot of hard, dedicated work into each production. Thanks to all, but especially you, for that. About your "Editors Final Note" let me say that Chris's touch will always be with you and guide you to say and do the right things. I don't think you'll ever lose her "help". #1 Response. Wow, your words mean a lot to me and your compliments just keep getting better also. Your reply to my final note is very meaningful to me and thank you for saying that.

Bob Fitzgerald, CA Webmaster @ **2023**, Super job once again, John. I'm always amazed at how great the PoMo looks and how interesting I find all the information you get into it. I really don't know how you do it

so well every time! Thanks for all your hard work. Bob, folks like you make it so worthwhile, and back at you with thanks for your hard work on the website and elsewhere.

Jimmy Davis @ **2114**, Got the news letter and as usual enjoyed all the news thanks again for all those who's effort make this possible. Not #1 this time, Jim, but close to it. Thanks, as always, for your participation in providing article and your compliments.

MAIL-CALL

Clark Creery, FL Mbrship Chair @ 08.13, 1928

SINCE CLARK AND I HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO HIS SENDING OF THE EPOMO I DO NOT INCLUDE OUR REPLIES WITHIN THE 'FIRST'S TO REPORT IN.'

I had the honor of releasing the latest Post Monitor to the electronic masses earlier today! Google hates me and the software would not let me do my assigned task until I totally shut down and started over. However, success because I received a copy that I send to myself as a test of the mailing.

Now for the most important fact about this newsletter. You have nothing to worry about because it is evident that Chris is looking over your shoulder and helping you take care of business. You done good Chief! The issue abounds with great news and full stories sent by folks who have gone before and are largely responsible for what AFTAC did and how we moved into what is done today. Success does not come easy but when things click it is evident!

Thanks to all the readers and I will now quit harping on membership, joining, and the benefits of the electronic media these days.

The folks who handled the Worldwide Reunion in Denver and all those who attended made it happen and now those of us who could not attend have a clue as to the festivities. Thanks for everyone who responded and especially Frank **Calenda** and his wife Edna, who made the 418 mini a part that those who went cannot stop talking about.

Mr. Editor you have raised the bar once again and Ruth and I send our thanks and thoughts. Clark and Ruth Creery Wow, what can I say when my 'Rightist Hand' Man and Women write like this. Your words made me both mist up and smile. And, it would not happen without you guys.

John Griffiths 08.14

Jim (Davis) and John, Your comments about John (Jack) **O'Connor** brought back many fine memories. John was a member of our five-man class at Lowry in 1955 when we went through electronics and nuclear measurements school. The others in the class were Jim **Turk**, Joe **Sroka**, George **Conklin** and me.

We all drove up to Buena Vista in Joe's car for John's wedding around May that year. I think I have a picture of all of us at the wedding (maybe John has a copy). In June 55 we all went to WFO. After some training and TDY, Jim and Joe went to Team 407 around December 55. I got there on a cold January morning in 1956. John being married, stayed at WFO. George never made it through the altitude chamber at Mather and I guess stayed at WFO. If you're in touch with John, give him

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my regards. We had some good times in Denver that summer of 55. Thanks for writing, John-your, and Jim's, support of the PoMo is invaluable.

Dan Brinkman 09.19

Great POMO issue. You did well by yourself but as you said, Chris was looking over your shoulder. So, I did it. Once again I delayed long enough to screw up the notification to send me the POMO via email and now when I found the invitation from Clark. it was expired. Can we do this all over once more? Please? I be better, thanks. You betcha, and thanks for the compliment. You and I always did take care of each other and I'll be happy to do so again, especially to help you make the switch to electronic, welcome aboard.

William Osteen

Received, 10.03

NOTE: Bill sent us an address change and an email address. Thanks for thinking of us with this update.

Eugene Wagner

10.30

I live in Jacksonville FI, a primarily NAVY town. So, when I see someone wearing a Retired AF cap I always approach and introduce myself. Yesterday, while shopping at the Home Depot I saw an older gentleman (I'm 73) and asked about him. In the course of the conversation he asked me what I did in the AF. I told him I was an electronics tech (ET) for 10 years then became a computer programmer. He said he had been an ET also and traveled the world installing seismic equipment. WHOA!! I asked if he was in AFTAC and he said yes. His name was Carl Raines. He said that he was signed up to come to the reunion in Denver but his wife got sick. He said that he came to Lowery sometime around 1963. I was there the entire year of 1962 going to Q3, then Q4 school. Imagine just running in to another AFTAC'er out of the blue.

A few years back I went to the Daytona race track to see how the upgrade was coming along. Gary **Hendrickson** just happened to be there. I knew him in Thailand and Sacramento. He might be retired around Patrick now. It's really a small world but if you don't BS you never find these things out. Take care, Geno Thanks for sharing this accidental meeting of Sages. FYI, one can search our online 'Sage Search Directories.' Type in the term of interest (city, state, etc) in upper right hand 'Search the document' slot and click the direction arrows.

Sage Report(s)

ITEMS OF INTEREST SHARED BY FELLOW SAGES, HYPERLINKS, IF ANY, WERE ACTIVE WHEN CHECKED. WE APOLOGIZE IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE AND RECOMMEND A WEB SEARCH.



'Kilroy was here!!

CLARK CREERY, 08.14
Clark received
this from the California WebMaster,
Bob **Fitzgerald**,
and thought this
might be a good
'age check' reminder for the

young and old among us!!

--it reads 'Kilroy was here' ... and, if you don't know what its about, look it up!!

"Into thin air: The story of Plutonium Mountain" (Semipalatinsk).

Mountain" (Semipalatinsk TOM NIQUETTE, 08.16

Interesting report, http://thebulletin.org/thin-air-story-plutonium-mountain

"Pentagon Wants To Expand Program That Detects Foreign Nuclear Tests"

GENO WAGNER, FRANK CALENDA, 08.22,

Geno and Frank both sent an email with the first link, I also found a link with the same info,

http://www.defenseone.com/technology/2013/08/pentagon-wants-expand-program-detects-foreign-nuclear-tests/68993/

-- the same link was provided at,

http://www.asknavy.com/threads/pentagon-wants-to-expand-program-that-detects-foreign-nuclear-tests.2356/

Our 'Pledge of Alligence'

JERRY LABARRE, 09.21 JERRY SENT THIS WITH A POLL THAT FOUND ALMOST 90% OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANTING THE PLEDGE LEFT 'AS IS.' YOUR EDITOR FOUND IT INTERESTING TO READ THE CHANGES AND THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ALSO.

Official versions(changes in bold italics)

1892-"I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1892-1923: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and **to** the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1923-24: "I pledge allegiance to **the** flag **of the United States** and to the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1924-54: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States **of America**, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

1954 to Present-"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America , and to the republic for which it stands, one nation **under God**, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM PREVIOUS AFTAC/CC Glen Shaffer, MGen, USAF (retired), CC,1994-1996

Fellow AFTAC Alumni Members and Active Duty, I recently became a Member of the Board of Directors for the **Airman Heritage Foundation**. The Foundation's goal is to preserve the heritage of the USAF Enlisted Force by constructing and maintaining a new Airman Heritage Museum at Lackland AFB (Joint Base San Antonio - Lackland), home of our Air Force Basic Military Training. Today there is only a 6,000 square foot building, not accessible to the general public. The new desgn is impressive-over 50.000 square feet plus many outdoor displays, and all accessible to anyone. Lackland has designated the available land, the building concept and first phase design is complete; we are now in a nation-wide fund-raising stage (\$50M is required)

and will soon begin work on the design for the displays. We hope to open as early as 2017. The entire complex will be about the stories and contributions of the USAF Enlisted Force. It will be eye-watering.

I want to be sure the story of AFTAC's Enlisted Airmen is included...it is rich with value, heritage and interest and so worthy of telling. Would you please forward this to the Top Three as well as anyone or any group in the Alumni who might be interested in helping. We need corporate and private donors and I'd like to be sure that we can connect the display design team with a good AFTAC source of history and current ops. We want to include past and present operational displays -as many as possible will be interactive.

Please feel free to contact me directly for more information. The Airman Heritage Museum has a web-site and I encourage anyone who is interested to visit it. I can be contacted at nelgshaffer@gmail.com or 210-722-2474. Thank you! Sir, you are most welcome and we are proud you thought of us for this notice. Per your request we have disseminated the notice via our eALLert System, the Top 3 Board and SNCO's as we could, and to those within the HQ's for further distribution.

MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL

UPDATES BY CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR. APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT OUR WEBSITE & THE LAST PAGE OF POMO. NOTE: PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATIONS IN FULL. WE GET SOME THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE AND YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

'Serial Sages'

(New Lifetime Members)

James Wright, William Flowers 'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals)

Robert Morton, James E. Smith, Richard Gullet, Thomas Gehman, Alexander Disanto, Ken Oyer, Anthony Toth, Timothy Heenan, Elvin Hartman, Marvin Hopkins, Carey Dobbins, Franklin Mann, William Metts

New/Renewal, Sage Shop and Notes of Interest WE HAVE AN ONGOING REQUEST WITH CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR/MAJOR MAIL BOX' CHECKER, TO PASS ALONG NOTES HE RECEIVES DURING THE PROCESS.

Franklin Mann 09.19

Here's my dues for a couple of years. Never know what happens in that period of time. Had heart valve replacement in May but doing fine now. Will turn 81 in Nov so I think the enclosed rate for lifetime membership (20.00) should be initiated for older folks. Say — half price for those over 80. Thanks for keeping us informed. Wow, Franklin, what an idea, and how about one-fourth or honorary for those over 90. We'll see if we get any response to this idea from our readers.

Curt Anderholm 10.30

(Note with dues for 2014). "Thanks to contributors and those who put out the 'Post Monitor'" Thanks, Curt, we are honored by your thanks and the duty Sages, such as yourself, trust us with.



More 'Scene Sages' from our Website

https://sites.google.com/site/ Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/scene-sages , Pg 4



Toilet Bowl, 2013, article was in preceding pages. Picture 1, above, Col Worley/AFTAC/CC, and Capt of the 1st place team is lauded by team members for his leadership!!

Picture 2, below, 'some of the heated action'

Picture 3, Alumni Assn Volunteer, Jack Jackson, samples the ware for worthiness!!





▲ Long Range Detection Alumni Association, Patrick AFB FL

CHAPTER NEWS



With this issue of the Post-Monitor comes my first column input as your newly elected LRDAA President. Having recently read Terry **Hammond's** final column in the last issue, my thoughts were that he really said it all. The three other elected members (Vice-President - Dave **Melton**, Treasurer - Joe **Goldian**, Secretary - Sean **Ryan**) are continuing in their respective positions for the association, so things should continue to run smoothly as always. I recently attended the annual "Toilet Bowl" event put on by the HQ. Lots of AF-TACers, lots of great food, and a sufficient selection and quantity of draft beer. This was a fun day and lots of the active duty were exposed to the alumni association.

The first thing I discovered was how much the CORE group identified by Terry really gets the job done for all of us. For this we all owe a great big THANK YOU to them. I make a grateful assumption that all of the "appointed" positions have resolved to continue for another year. Any one of them would be extremely difficult to replace. I encourage all of you to assess what you may be able to contribute in any small or large way to assist these tireless fellow alumni in their chosen tasks.

With the holidays fast upon us, the AFTAC Winter Social plans are in full swing and tickets are being sold. And the Board is very busy making the final plans and arrangements for the 2014 SNOWBALL on February 8, 2014. It's shaping up to be a really wonderful event so you don't want to miss it. Look for more information on our website.

Finally, I encourage each of you to come to our monthly meeting(s). They are held in the shelter behind the HQ building beginning at 5pm on the second Monday of the month. Each third month is held at an alternate location and/or time. For example, the December meeting was held in the PAFB dining hall at 11:30 am. So, those that wanted came out for lunch and stayed for the meeting.

And don't forget to visit our website often. It's loaded with all the current information you need, https://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/



Florida Membership/Sages WorldWide (WW) Directories: WW is an expanded listing of all who serve(d) and we have recorded. See at 'https://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/'-'Pg 07.'
Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members Elected

President-Lou Seiler Secretary & Publicity-Sean Ryan Appointed

Vice-David Melton
Treasurer-Joe Goldian

A Minute with the Minutes

AFTAC Cares Program: This ongoing program supporting deployed active duty AFTAC members continues to receive good support from Sages. (see PoMo active-duty section and alumni assn website for more). Phone cards are especially needed and welcomed.

Golf: Chief Melton/TM, 'Major Arranger' reports, pg 1.

Hall of Heritage: Mike Young/CC HO, We are moving slowly ahead with creating an AFTAC display at HQ, AFISRA. Right now we are in the process of planning the mock-up of a foil (to highlight airborne sampling) and procuring an older seismometer (to highlight seismic). Next steps will then be to work with the AFISRA HO display expert to put all of this together. It will probably be completed sometime this summer.

The design of the new building is 100% complete. I am satisfied at this point that our new 'Hall of Heritage' will have adequate space to tell our (your!) remarkable story and to preserve our heritage.

Membership: Clark **Creery**, WorldWide-4621, SEO-170, Deceased-469, FL/LT-625/568, ePoMo/USPS, 306/327, eALLert Subscibers, 794.

Post-Monitor: John **Horsch**, our 300+ eSubscribers 'clicked' the Aug issue posting at 'Box.com' 300 times, 184 'Previews' and 116 'Downloads,' - meaning, try ePoMo, you'll like it., you 'see/do more' with ePoMo!!

CLARK CREERY, 11.27

Membership renewal continues until 1 January 2014. Please check and send in your dues or, better yet, join us with the AFTAC-LRD Alumni Association.

In 1996 I wrote an article for the then Monitor and rereading it today brought back memories of why I consider myself very fortunate to be an AFTAC Alumni. I quote: "I represent quite a few Alumni Members and without their support there would be no AFTAC Alumni Association. Without their support there would be no AFTAC. Alumni are those who have served and served their country well. All AFTACers will one day become Alumni. Not necessarily formal members of the association but none the less Alumni. The Alumni that we know today started back in 1981 and quite a few of the retired folks worked hard to ensure that we would not

be sent off with a flag and the playing of 'Taps' and then forgotten." Unquote.

I am so thankful for the honor of being able to serve this group since my retirement in 1980. The organization has endured and the folks who serve today are none the less respected, in fact, they are doing a job that you would not believe.

We have had to move with the times, thus we had to go electronic like the rest of the world. We continue to attempt to move with technology and we certainly hope that you appreciate the efforts put forth by the Alumni Executive Staff. They have a huge job to do and they do it well.

You will not receive these words until Thanksgiving is a date past in 2013 but that does not affect my personal thanks to all of you who support us. Bring a friend, we need to improve.



COLORADO NEWSLETTER, 2013.08 EXTRACTS

ECHOES

President, Steve **Clark**-Vice, Darrel **Kline**-Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley**/Publisher, Ken **Behrens**-Webmaster, Bill **Harris**-Website @ http://www.aftacco.org/.

Membership: 87



FL Editor Note: Jerry Moxley (Moxi), ECHOES Editor, often-includes articles about Tricare, DEERS, and other information. Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' issue via email, mox@wispertel.net, on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter.



Col Worley meets with Colorado Chapter VP, Darrel Kline, and President Steve Clark, after the COC

Events Calendar, 2013.03 Issue

WEBSITE (URL @ OFFICER LISTING) HAS INFOURDATES-CONTACT IF ATTENDING **General Membership Breakfast**: 14 Sep 2013 at 08:30, cost \$12.00, Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee. Please RSVP to Steve Clark, 720-596-4147, or email, president@aftacco.org on or before 7 Sep. We will collect your money at the breakfast.

- -- Dinner/Social November 10th, details in next issue.
- --Summer Picnic with the Detachments is pending. We will advise locally by separate email/telephone when available.

FL Editor Note: This 2013.08 ECHOES has pictures and reports for 'WorldWide 2013' (June 14-16), and the Det 418 Mini-Reunion (June 13), hosted by this chapter. We are fortunate much of that was shared with us earlier and appears in the August PoMo. Thank you again, Colorado, for a superb reunion, the bar is very high for our scheduled hosting in mid-2015.

Change of Command Det 45 and 46

In June, 2013, both of AFTAC's Colorado units had a change of leadership. On 24 June, Maj Jason M Miller assumed command of Detachment 46, Schriever AFB, from LCol Robert N McLaughlin. The following day, 25 June, Capt Dex Y Landreth assumed command of Detachment 45, Buckley AFB, from Maj Barry A Croker. The AFTAC Commander, Col Christopher A Worley, presided over both events.

NOTE: Det 45 has minted a commemorative coin. Contact the CO Chap Treasurer, 'Bilschmied@aol.com,' to purchase.

Col Worley accepts Det 46 guidon from outgoing Detco, LCol McLaughin, Incoming Detco, Maj Miller, stands ready to receive.



Col Worley accepts Det 45 guidon from outgoing Detco, Maj Croker, Incoming Detco, Capt Landreth, stands ready to receive.



CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2013.10 EXTRACTS

DEPOT FALLOUT

2012-13 Board: Dave **Tarquino**, President; Joe **Johnson**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George **Thompson**, Asst. COB; Steve **Fritts**, Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Sec; Dave **Price**, Membership; Don **King**, Newsletter Editor; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ http://www.aftacwcc.org. **Florida Editor's Note:** The First Page of his 'Fallout' is available at the website, full issues preceding this are also made available. This editor can personally attest to the **value of reviewing CA's posted issues**. There are articles of high interest for Sages not available elsewhere, better yet, sign up for membership..





Events Calendar

Business meetings are the **2nd Monday** of March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel on McClellan Park. Meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome.

(Always check our 'Events' page at www.AFTACWCC.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)

A Word from the President

I'm introducing a new article in this newsletter and I'm going to call it "What Are They Doin' Today?" for lack of a better title. I hope to complement the "Way Back When" articles submitted from time to time. Many members of the AFTAC family find interesting or noteworthy things to do after retiring that would be of interest to our Alumni. It might be a hobby, vocation, activity, or just spending time with the grandchildren. Let us know what you're up to these days. FL Editor Note: And later in the issue is the article Dave wrote with a picture look right>>>>>>.

Bob **Fitzgerald** has done a fantastic job putting our website together and keeping our web updated since its inception. Bob is on the mend, so he prefers to continue as our Webmaster, but he would like to have someone to assist him. We are looking for an Assistant Webmaster with HTML and FTP coding expertise within the AFTAC family and there is no requirement to live in the Sacramento area. The Website can be maintained from just about anywhere in the world. If you or someone you know would be interested in giving Bob a hand contact Bob or me.

Our business meetings and social events are open to the entire AFTAC family. Put the dates on your calendar and join us if you can.

Website Activity Report

BOB FITZGERALD, WEBMASTER

I'm happy to report that our www.AFTACWCC.org web site is doing very well. Judging by the number of hits (unique visits) each month our web site is a place where a number of you go to keep abreast of what is going on out here on the West coast. I've noticed that a lot of you also are enjoying the ability to one-click on one of the links to other sites of mutual interest that we have conveniently put on our "Links" page.

How do you first go to our web site each time? Do you click on a link to it from an email message you've received? Do you go to your Internet browser's 'Favorites' or 'Bookmarks' to find the link to our site that you saved there? Do you type the address (URL) to our site into your browser's address bar? If you find yourself doing one or more of the above somewhat often, maybe you could consider going to your browser's "Tools/Internet Options" menu and type "http://www.AFTACWCC.org" in as your default 'Home' page. Then every time you launch your browser, you would automatically start with our web site and can go from there to wherever else you want.

Remember: If you have a suggestion for improvements to our web site, and/or If you have a favorite web site that may be of mutual interest to our alumni but it's not on our "Links" page, please email me your suggestions or the web site's URL and details as to why you think it would be of interest to our alumni. Thank you! My Email is: Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org.

Membership News

DAVE PRICE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AS OF 7 SEP, 2013:

Total Active Members = 152 Life Members = 136

We welcome John **Taylor** as life member.

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. Check your mailing label, or check the "WCC Roster"from our website "Forms" page. Life memberships are available for \$75. You can use the "Membership Application/Roster Update" form on the last page of this newsletter or the one from our web site "Forms" page to send with your dues. Don't let your membership lapse. Those alumni who are not current with their membership dues will be dropped from the "active" roster along with our newsletter distribution & email notification lists. (See our web site "Forms" page, "WCC Roster" link to check your status.)



Dave & Denny Nolan on their bikes. They typically ride 35-45 miles. Denny has done several 'Century's' (100 miles) rides-Dave plans too.

MONITOR ing Active

Duty Doins' from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



A. Worley

Commander/CC/2012.05 The Col served the AF in many capacities before AFTAC. Recently chief, requirements & assessments. Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance at the Pentagon. He was commissioned in '92 from the Officer Training Group and was a distinguished graduate.

Complete Bio: http://www.afisra.af.mil/



CMSgt Craig A Neri

Superintendent/CCS/2012.12/AF1991/AFTAC2012 The Chief grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla. He has served in various positions in the communications field at locations in Mississippi, Florida, Georgia, and Alaska. Additionally, Chief Neri served as a First Sergeant for a force support squadron, medical operations squadron and a security forces squadron. He has had several combat deployments. Education: All NCO Academies. Complete Bio: http://www.afisra.af.mil/







AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed

Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' https://sites.google.com/site/ Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/aftac-cares -program-support-our-deployed

'Cares' Contact: Carol Snyder, Carol.Snyder@patrick.af.mil, Carol provides this update: We currently have seven AFTAC/members/family/ & friends deployed. And, over this period, we received several very desirable phone cards, and 'notes of appreciation.'

NOTE: Carol forwards these notes and we post them at the association' website (URL above). These 'Thanks' make very good reading and provide insight into what our deployed experience. **Several of those 'Thanks You's' follow:

08.23 Posting. Col Jay Bruhl, Thank you once again for the second CARE package I received a few days ago. The snacks and food item are really cherished. Thanks for all the wonderful support!

08.16 Posting. Carol Snyder/AFTAC/CAA, AFTAC Care Contact, passed this along. "AFTAC Spouses/ Alumni, Attached is a picture of the very lovely (hinged) trinket boxes Maj Jordan sent to the spouse's group as a thanks for the care packages we've been sending him.--Carol wrote Maj Jordan, "Sir, I wanted to thank you on behalf of the AFTAC >>>Next Column, Center

AFTAC HQ 'a Building' EDITOR: WE HAVE A REPORT CONCERNING THIS PROJECT AT THE WEBSITE AND A REALLY SUPER PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRESS THANKS TO MSGT'S (RET) MARK SMITH (SON OF SMITTY FOR THOSE WHO KNOW HIM) AND CLARK CREERY, OUR MEMBERSHIP GUY, AS HE CALLS HIMSELF, AND ALL AROUND 'DOER.' CHECK 'PAGE 4,' 'AFTAC A BUILDING,' OFTEN FOR PROGRESS.



"Progress continues on the \$158 million, three-building complex that will include its headquarters, a laboratory and a parking garage for its unique and highly specialized mission — the largest construction project in the Air Force when announced last year."



Spouse's/Alumni Assn for the beautiful trinket boxes (hash houses) that you sent. We absolutely love them and will probably leave them on display in the building. We hope you've been receiving the care packages we've been sending. Hope all is well with you. Be safe."--Maj Jordan wrote back, "Carol, Yes, thank-you so much to the club; The care packages have been wonderful. Now that you mention it, I did get them from a shop that sold smoke items. I'll keep my eyes open for anything clever to put in one; I didn't realize the opportunity until after I sent them."



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The Boosters Club President Reports

President-TSgt Osuna, Vice-SSgt Wilkinson, Secretary-A1C Victorine, Treasurer-SrA Hart, Clothing Sales-SSgt Oh, Hot-Dog Rep-A1C Milin

FEB 6TH, CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Chief **Neri/**CCS, advises the banquet is Feb 6th, 2-days before the Alumni Assn SnowBall. Additional information will be provided at the Assn website, as available, <a href="https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/1d-association-newsletter-post-monitor/5a-breaking-news-updated-07-newsletter-post-monitor/5a-breaking-news-updated-07-newsletter-post-monitor/5a-breaking-news-updated-07-news-updated

EDITORS NOTE: To follow events at the Center we pass on information via eALLert's to subscribed members (open to all, email 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com to enroll) and/or the alumni assn website (URL, Front Page Banner), 'Breaking News' and/or 'Calendar of Events,' Page 05. Check there often.

AFTAC 'Now'

SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/PA, PROVIDES ITEMS OF INTEREST ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WE POST THEM AT THE ASSN WEBSITE, 'BREAKING/NEWS TO KNOW,' PAGE 1, HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/LRDAL UMNIASSNNEEDTOKNOWNOW,'--CHECK THERE OFTEN. AS SPACE PERMITS, ABSTRACTS FOLLOW WITH A LINK TO THE COMPLETE STORY, OFTEN WITH PICTURES. LINKS WERE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING. MANY OF SUSAN'S ITEMS ARE POSTED AT THE 'AFISR' WEBSITE. WE WILL OFTEN REFER YOU TO THAT SITE.

10.08 Posting. Artistic creativity leads to meeting of a lifetime By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. - When his grandfather contacted him about an art contest his organization was sponsoring, 11-year-old J.T. Smith quickly got out his sketch pad and started drawing. Little did he realize his artwork would gain the attention of two presidential appointees and warrant a trip to Washington, D. C. His grandfather, Lee Severance, is a contractor at the National Reconnaissance Office. He saw a flyer circulating in his division about an art contest open to children and grandchildren of NRO and Office of the Director of National Intelligence workforce members to design the next rocket launch patch. So Lee got on the phone and called his grandsons in Florida to encourage them to http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp? participate. id=123366316

09.06 Posting. Parental courage, faith personified By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Her name is Savannah Joy. Her date of birth and date of death are expected

to be one and the same – Oct. 7, 2013. Despite such awareness of their baby's own mortality, her parents are celebrating – at least, they are during Savannah's first nine months of 'life.' Meet Senior Airman Joshua Hurtley and his wife, Rebecca. On Jan. 26, 2013, the young couple learned they were expecting their first child. Like many expectant parents, their attention turned to exciting things such as choosing names, setting up a nursery, picking out baby furniture and dreaming about the future. They shared their excitement with family and friends, and began what they thought would be a routine, wondrous, anxious, and happy journey into the world of parenthoodhttp://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123362444

08.20 Posting. AF ISR Agency leaders deep dive into AFTAC mission By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. —The top officer and enlisted leader of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency came to the Air Force Technical Applications Center for three days to meet Airmen and learn more about the center's nuclear treaty monitoring mission. Maj. Gen. John N.T. Shanahan and Chief Master Sgt. Arleen Heath traveled from San Antonio Aug. 14 with their sights set on absorbing as much information as possible from the many scientists, engineers, analysts and technicians who are responsible for operating and maintaining a global network of nuclear event detection sensors. http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123360397



Headquarters' Active Duty Schedule: ***NOTE: Sages are invited to participate***

PREPARED/PROVIDED BY SEAN RYAN, LRD ALUMNI ASSN BOARD SECRETARY, JEANNINE KEPNER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMANDER ALSO PROVIDES DATA

EVENT DATE/TIME
WindDown 1st Friday Each Month/1530

LRDAA Monthly Meeting

Pack-n-Wrap for the Troops

Burger Burn

2nd Monday/Ea Month/1700 or other designated time

er other designated time
Every Thursday/1100 -1230

Bi-Monthly/1830

LOCATION POC Outback Various

1645 HQ's Outback Alumni Website, URL listed below.

or other Venue

Outback Various

Various, contact POC aftacspouse@yahoo.com

Ed Note: this lists only recurring events ... for a complete list of all events, current and recurring, see the 'Schedule of Events' kept up to date, and complete, at the website, 'https://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow/4-active-duty-schedule.'

- 1. "Commander's reCall"/2007.09 (last report)
- 2. "I Remember ... "/2013.04
- 3. "A Family Affair"-Parent/Child Serve LRD/2007.09
- 4. "Sage Stars"-Post Service Success/2013.08
- 5. "BS Tales"/This issue
- 6. "Where In The World Is"/2012.08
- 7. "Tom's Trivia"/2012.08

NOTE: 'FEATURE ARTICLES' DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE INPUTS.
We list them in the hope it will trigger you to sit down
and share a tale or two. It is also a reminder of our
dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!!
Send inputs to 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or mail to the
Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column.

"BS TALES"

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit your unclassified humorous tales about LRD events and people, recognizing anecdotes may be, 1. 'Barely Substantiated' and/or 2. 'Boldly Stated (BS).' Forward yours' to us at 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (page 2, left column) - we will publish them in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd (1), John Horsch (6 reports), Ben Vlassick, (D), Brian Berenbach, Mike Gingrich (2), Frank Liberatori, Bill Taylor, Frank Calenda (6), Ron Cook (3), Walter Franks, Ken Oyer, Bob Chadwick (4), Frank Szachta (4), Chuck Wallace, Jon Kempe (D), George Kraus (2), Bud Horrell, Mike Steskal, Ray Copeland (4), Geno Wagner, Harold Huhs, Jack Wagley, Leroy Jones, Jack Dorneden (7), Clark Creery (4), Richard (Alkie) Summers (2), Les Miller (2), Jon Richardson Mike Higgins, Kenneth Stanford. Dick Grim, James Gindleperger, Harry Joseph, Brent Braud, Charlie Penn, Joe Johnson, Bill Moran, John Griffiths, Dave Jarman, Guenther Lang, William Flowers

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS, AND, WE ALWAYS LET OUR READERS DECIDE THE MIX OF '1' AND '2!!'

William Flowers files this report

Enclosed you will find my membership dues, hopefully for life (that'll get me to almost 90!). It was a pleasure to have served with such a great bunch of folks for the years 1961 - 1968 (about).

My first assignment was Denver, Team 157, then on to the southern island of Mindanao, Philippines. Joe **Johnson** was already on station when I arrived as a new officer out of Officer Candidate School. From there I was reassigned to HQ 1035th Field Activity on Telegraph Road in Alexandria, Virginia. I was assigned to Glenn **Wright's** B section until given responsibility to the setup of the new hydrophone system. Was sent "back to the Air Force" along with a bunch of others in the 30XX field.

I do not know if Joe Johnson would remember this, but an unusual event took place during a visit of an inspection team from HQ. I picked them up from a commercial airport in Cagayan City and drove them up to the weather station. On the way through a small village

a flock of chickens ran in front of the station wagon. I could see in the rear view mirror feathers floating everywhere. The colonel with the team asked if I missed any of them and wasn't I going to stop. I said no, as I would have a Philippine Air Force sergeant go and smooth things out after we got to the station.

The sergeant in true Philippine fashion managed to make amends with the local town. The fix was for the town to furnish the station with fresh fruit for a week for endangering our lives by allowing the chickens on the road. When the colonel asked later how the chicken situation turned out, I wish you could have seen his face when I told what the sergeant came up with. That's my contribution for the BS section. Wish I could have attended the Denver confab, but it wasn't in the cards for this year.

Les Miller files this report

A Little Trivia. Did you know that at one time we had two Generals in the Hqs at 2525 Telegraph Road? Gen'l **Rodenhouser** was commander and this General in the Pentagon goofed-up and was released; he ended up at AFTAC for a short period of time.

He was Brig. Gen'l **Lee**. He would call down and want someone to come up to his office and show him what furniture a BG was entitled to. So up I went with the T/A and then I headed to Gen'l Rodenhousers office and told Corrine his Secretary what had just gone on. This went on and off for a few months. If Harry **Bedsworth** is still in the area he might be able to fill you in on more of the details.

"TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA"

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)



'Trivia' was suggested and initiated by Ex-CV (9/81-5/87), Col/CMSgt (Ret/Honorary) Tom Ciambrone (pictured), who, in the '80's, knew the organization like no one else. He asked all Sages to send unclassified ideas for this series and to provide additional information, or corrections, when appropriate. We ask 'those

who remember' to provide content to continue 'Tom's Trivia.'

HONOR ROLL: Tom Ciambrone (4 trivia), John Horsch (8); Dale Klug (7), Bob Wiley, Don Moore, Steve Herrick, Hank Raymond, Chuck Schuster, Clark Creery, Bob Long, Joe Johnson, Les Miller, and this issue, John Nederhoed, Eugene McKay.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.

This is a special request from your editors to put your thinking caps on and provide an input for this feature article area. It has been a year since we have received something. We'll take one anyway we can get it but would really like it from someone who has not submitted before, please.

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

- 1. **WindDowns-**(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place behind the HQ building, fondly referred to as 'The Outback.'
- 2. Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings-Normally-2nd Mondays at 1700 gathering behind HQ (Outback) at 1645 for escort into the building.
- A. If a **Federal Holiday**, the meeting will be the next day. --other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Dining Facility) may be considered for any meeting
- B. **Quarterly**-meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted above.

NOTE: Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. Also, we are discussing an earlier start time to allow more active-duty attendance; the website will post changes.

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.

BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITOR

'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

January

03, 1530-WindDown at the Outback **13, 1700-**Board/Membership Meeting

February

07, 1530-WindDown at the Outback 10, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting March

07, 1530-WindDown at the Outback **10,** 'Off-Site' Board/Membership Meeting, time/site TBD **April**

04, 1530-WindDown at the Outback **14, 1700-**Board/Membership Meeting

3. Traditional Annual Event Plans and Timeframes
(Bold Dates are tentative-others for planning only)
A. January-April, four events

- 1. Feb 8th, SnowBall XVI, Site-TBD, Theme, 'New HQ's'
- 2. Feb 6th, Center Annual Awards Banquet, Site-TBD
- 3. Center Annual Picnic
- 4. May/Jun XXV Annual Assn Spring Golf N'Getogeter

B. May-August, one event

Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication

C. September-December, 4 events

- 1. **Sep 12**, Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, 'Sociable September VII'-'Tides' Club, is held on a **second Friday at lunchtime** to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni & active-duty
- 2. Oct/Nov, XXV Annual Fall Golf N'Getogeter
- 3. Oct 1st, Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE
- 4. Dec, Center Winter Social

WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled on an 'every other year' basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters. Lastly, CO-2013.06, before that, CA-2011.05, and FL-2009.06

The next WorldWide is scheduled to be hosted by the Florida Chapter mid-year, 2015

"Tom Trivia," if any, Answer

None in this issue.

********SAGE SHOP******

Mail orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, Steven Revels/IG, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892, Questions concerning Sage Shop items can be sent to Steve by phone:321-494-6867 or Email: steven.revels.1@us.af.mil

A website page is being considered for 'Sage Shop' items and will appear in this space if developed.

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2013.12)

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

Golf/Polo Shirt - 50/50 w/pocket; \$18: Sea Teal (aqua blue), Jade (medium

green), Forest Green, Navy, Red, White, Royal Blue, Teal, Maroon, Black

Golf/Polo Shirt - Dri-Fit Fabric

w/pocket - \$24: Navy, White

w/o pocket - \$22: Navy, Red, Royal Blue, Maroon

50/50 T's – w/o pocket - \$8: Light Blue, Royal blue, Navy, Ash Gray, Purple, Red, Fuchsia, Stone Washed Green, Mint Green.

Jade Green, Black

Dri-Fit T's – w/o pocket \$13: Royal Blue, Navy, Red, Maroon, Tropic Blue

SWEATSHIRTS/WINDBREAKERS/HATS

Long sleeve fleece sweatshirt - \$18 (most sizes/colors available)

Windbreakers - \$24 Royal Blue w/colored AFTAC Alumni' emblem

Hats - \$8.00 Blue/White

COINS/PINS

50th LRD Commemorative Coin \$3

60th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$4

(NOTE: 60th Coin flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th; vendor refused to change)

NuDet NDS 50th Commemorative Coin - \$10

99/9S Coin - \$8, out of stock, on order

AFTAC 'Traditional' Coin-HQ w/aircraft/motto/logo on reverse \$8

AFTAC Top 3 Coin - \$7 AFTAC Logo Pin: \$3.25

CLEARANCE ITEMS:

Golf Shirt \$5 - Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'; 2-Large, 4-XL Nylon Jacket: \$10 – Royal Blue, w/white emblem with 'Alumnus': 1-XL

SHIPPING

Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling for 1 Item, \$1.50 for each additional item. (no shipping cost for Logo pins)

SAGE SHIP MERCHANDISE FROM OTHERS

AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin - SrA **Hayes**, Christopher.Hayes1@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9182/TSgt **Wilkens**, matthew.wilkens@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9146 - \$7, shipping, \$1 a coin, up to \$5, then on an as needed basis for more.

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

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The Space and Missile Center (SMC) has always launched the satellites and sensors used to support AFTAC's satellite "T" technique of the US Atomic Energy Detection System (USAEDS). To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Limited Test Ban Treaty and the first launch of a Vela Satellite to support its enforcement, the SMC office responsible for launch of today's Nudet Detection System (NDS) sensors aboard the Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites has created a coin. The LRDAA has purchased a number of these coins for the Sage Store and they are available immediately for members to purchase at \$10 each including shipping. Images of both faces of the coin are shown below. The 'green' paint on the satellite images is 'glow-in-the-dark' for a little something extra. Also note that the coin includes recognition of the three systems those of us who served in the technique grew to love and hate – Vela, Defense Support Program(DSP), and GPS/NDS. Many of us remember when associating these three programs was a "no-no". Well, if you go back that far, you can see that things have changed. Actual size is 2" diameter.





When I came to AFTAC in May 1971, the T-technique was just starting out in TD-5 under Lt Col Art Bannister. Vela data was being displayed on an IBM CRT and printed on a line printer – one line every second. Data came from our OL at what is now Onizuka AFB at Sunnyvale, CA. DSP data was just beginning to come in via TWX messages. Our first milestone event happened that month when we had the first ever T initiated alert. When the Hqs moved to FL, a dedicated ops center was setup and Vela data was processed via the VDETS (Vela Data Encryption and Transmission System) and DSP data was now in real-time displayed on the ARAM (AFTAC RADEC Analysis Monitor). We began a string

of scientific achievements. Bobby Turman managed to get through an unclassified Journal of Geophysical Research article describing how the Vela bhangmeters detected lightning bolts in the earth's atmosphere. This work eventually led to the lightning monitoring sensors deployed on NASA/NOAA monitoring systems. AFTAC analysts in conjunction with Los Alamos National Laboratory scientists showed that Vela sensors demonstrated the existence of "gamma ray bursters", stars that exploded with enormous energy and large gamma ray signals—that could be used to prove the sources were well outside of the solar system. This discovery also led to a new class of NASA satellite observatories and a much improved understanding of the universe's structure and formation. In addition to the scientific achievements, many contributions were made to AFTAC's mission success during those years, but you can't read about those here.

While DSP's capability increased over the years, the aging Velas continued to degrade, the cost of upgrading the ground stations to continue communicating with the two operating vehicles was judged more than the value that could be generated before they 'died'.

Col Niquette, AFTAC/DO, sent the commands to turn off the remaining two Velas on 27 September 1984. These two vehicles were designed to last 18 months, but the older one was over 15 years old and still running.

With the demise of Vela, NDS sensors were added to every GPS satellite so as this constellation, originally intended for worldwide navigation, increased its capabilities so did AFTAC's T technique. Today at least four GPS/NDS satellites are in view of every place on the earth continuously, providing better capability than originally provided by the AFTAC dedicated Vela system.

In recognition of the increased dependence on the DSP and GPS satellite programs, AFTAC established Det 45 and Det 46 in Colorado at the main ground stations supporting each of the systems. Unlike the earlier Ols, these Dets were manned for 24/7 operations to support both the host's mission and AFTAC's.

So if you recognize any of these acronyms, Vela, DSP, GPS, NDS, OLAO, OLOA, Det 45, or Det 46, these coins commemorate your career with AFTAC and you should order one for your memorabilia collection. Contact Steve Revels, AFTAC/IG, at 321-494-6867 or email steven.revels.1@us.af.mil to order yours. NOTE: This contact information for the 'Sage Shop' is also available on the 'next to last page' of every PoMo with the items we have for sale.

Bob Wiley, LRDAA Project Officer for NDS Coin

Membership Application (complete and 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 SPECIAL OFFER, for first time (new) members only, 3 year's dues for \$20	
NAME	Spouse
ADDRESS:	
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NOTICE: Membership information will b	e passed to other Alumni Chapters and members, and may be made avail-
able on the association website unless you state this information is not to be released.	
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