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The Alumni Anthem

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

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

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

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



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



CMSgt (Ret) Steve Revels/CC/IG

Our Board's 'Sage Shop' Chair
Extracted from an article by AFTAC PA,
Susan A Romano



CMSgt Revels,
Inspector Gen-
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TAC, is hang-
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Force blues
after a suc-



Airman Basic, 87.04

cessful 25 years of honorable service - service that took him to corners of the globe most only dream about visiting. Revels' numerous assignments included Colorado, Germany, Spain, Korea, Turkey, Thailand, and ultimately Florida. He served primarily as a systems repair technician, ensuring nuclear treaty monitoring equipment was properly maintained. He went on to become a technical school instructor within his career field, which he claims was the greatest challenge during his time in the service.

His world travels not only gave him the opportunity to see new lands, but also gave him, as he puts it, his "greatest gift" - his wife, Rosa. "While stationed at Det 313, Sonseca, Spain, in 1989, I went to a USO show, where some mutual friends had arranged a meeting between the two of us," said Revels. "As they say, the rest is history!"

After getting married in 1990, the family grew to five, after the birth of their sons David and Brandon, and daughter Jeanelle. Though Revels claims all his assignments had notable attributes, he calls his assignment to Detachment 415 in Thailand his favorite.

Fast forward to September 2010, when Revels was selected to become AFTAC's Inspector General. As the IG, he was responsible for the unit's (> go to pg 3)

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

APR 27-ANNUAL SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER

CMSGT MELTON, CHIEF ARRANGER



On April 27th, the 22nd Annual Spring Golf N'Getogether will be held at the **Manatee Cove Golf Course**, Patrick AFB FL. **1130 Check-in, 1300 Start**, Manatee Cove is a non-metal spike facility and each player must have their own clubs/bag, if not rental sets will be available for a charge of \$10.

--The **cost, \$40.00-Alumni Assn Members, \$45.00** for others. This charge covers green fees, cart, range balls, bottled water, soft drinks and dinner, in the clubhouse. Dinner will be pulled pork, barbeque chicken and a generous compliment of side dishes.

--**Non-players** will be able to purchase a meal in advance for \$11.00.

This is a scramble (select-shot tournament) (pg 3>>>>>)

ACTIVE DUTY ALERTS, SAGES WELCOMED

Also check-PoMo 'Active-Duty' section/Assn website pages below

-Apr 21 (Sat), AFTAC Annual Spring Picnic

Our 'Insider'-Carol Snyder, 'carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil' can be contacted for information and tickets for most events.

Booster's Club advises they have received a large number of 99/9S coins ... see ordering/prices at 'Sage Shop' page 23.

NOTE: Updates/changes will be posted at the assn website:

'<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow>'

Page 01: 'Breaking News' and/or Page 05: 'Schedule of Events'

You can also '**Auto-Receive**' eALLerts (deaths, breaking news, etc)

-sign up at <http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>

EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

'Event' reports, if any, follow 'Alert' reports.

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (17)

Dale Klug, 2011-Jack Smith, 10-Jack Jackson, 09

Robert '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 00 (deceased)-John Horsch 99

Frank Hall 98-Judy Milam 97-Carl Gailey 96-Clark Creery 95

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.**

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired & active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at the Patrick AFB, FL, NCO Club on March 12, 1985, and formed the association (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 past/present employees of all organizations associated with Long Range Detection (LRD) (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

1. Florida: (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 989), or other dining venue, at Patrick AFB, FL. 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') & a multi-page Website, '<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/>,' full of assn/alumni news and photos-we also provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification at '<http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd/>.'

Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage, 01-07; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-00/since 06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch, Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey, Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas since 03; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09.

2. Colorado: Formed-1989, **\$5 year**, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, '**Echoes**' and a website, 'www.aftacco.org.' They meet several times a year-for information, see Website or Bill **Schmied**, (303) 367-0625.

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. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, '**Depot Fall-out**' (on hold for editor) and a website, 'www.AFTACWCC.org.'

Sage Communicators-Newsletter Editors: John/Christel Horsch; **Information/Proofing:** Judy Milam/Pat Snyder/Deborah Carson; **Executive Review:** Frank Hall; **Rovin' Cameras/Reporters:** Judy Milam/Bob Wiley/Clark Creery; **Printing/Mailing:** Editors/Clark Creery/Jack Jackson/Terry Hammond/Curt & Eunice Harris; **Web/Electronic Media:** Editors/Clark Creery/Mike Black

'60-'87

"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHES

'58-'87



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



PICTURES BY AFTAC PA SUSAN A ROMANO, CENTER WINTER SOCIAL 2011

We start this issue with an apology. In one of our great stories last issue we made a major error ... in the 'Feature Article,' 'Sage Son Stars,' lead-in we misidentified Shane's Father, 'Richard' as 'Robert.'

--we have no idea how that happened ... Richard, Shane, please accept our apologies. You did a great job on those reports and we are sorry we did not get it 'just right.' (we have earlier apologized to Richard and Shane)

Col **Prupas** helps us start the year off right by providing a report for the active-duty section ... thank you, Sir, for your membership, readership and unflagging support of 'we who came before.' Commander's reports always mean a lot to us and keep us up-to-date.

--and ended last year with the notice there was going to be a 'Change of Command' this summer.!!

We attended both the 'SnowBall' and the 'Awards Banquet' held in Feb and can attest to the gravitas of both. Having our 'Alumni of the Year 2011,' Dale **Klug**, and spouse Rose, travel from CA reminds us just how important this recognition is to our 'Serving Sages.'

We have a great report on SnowBall XIV by the 'Major Arranger,' Deborah **Carson/LSOK** (Deborah, thank you for that and all you do for the alumni) and are happy to report the 'Awards Banquet' banquet was a joy as well-a formal event recognizing those have gone above and beyond in their duties (more on this at the 'Active-Duty' pages).

Being editors of the PoMo/Website often results in the unexpected. This triadic two come to mind:

--**02.23**, Carol **Snyder**, 'Intrepid Insider' and POC for 'AFTAC Cares,' passed along thanks from a grateful father, **Mr Nagle**, advising his son had posted a picture of the items on 'FaceBook.'-a few days later, 02.28, we received thanks from the troop himself, **A1C Nagle**. To our knowledge, it's the first time a parent had sent thanks and it is so neat to see 'Father/Son' at the 'AFTAC Cares' page (03) of our website ... check it out, the full story is very meaningful, as are the others.

--**02.12**, John **Reinders** notified of his brother Gerald's death. It was not until that time we knew that two-brothers had ever served AFTAC, Gerald in the late '50s/early '60s (Security Police) and John, 1966-76 (my recall is John worked in the com center, calling us when a data msg was ready). *We have reports from several 'Father/Son' duo's but never before 'Brothers.'*

John, is there a story to tell here?

Finally, you may have noticed we preempted the table of contents, and other data, for a very important announcement, an upcoming 'Change of Command.'

--We figured you'd rather read that than know the exact page of your favorite part of PoMo!!



Revels (from pg 1) complaint resolution program that included conducting investigations, evaluations and audits to ensure unit accountability and efficiency. In civilian terms, he might be considered the 'watchdog' of the organization. "My job is to make sure the commander has all the tools at his fingertips for him to make decisions about his mission, and to ensure what's being accomplished is in compliance with all laws, regulations and policies. Revels sewed on his chief stripes in August 2007. Once Revels enjoys some well-earned time off, he will be returning to AFTAC as the organization's civilian Inspector General.

Congratulations, Chief. We look forward to your continued service. The Chief has served as our 'Sage Shop' Chair since Pat Snyder retired and has told us he will 'stay on.' An 'Assn Insider' (works in HQ building) he has responded to our many requests for help.

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APR 27-ANNUAL SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER

(fm pg 1) as we have played in the past.

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, Men's long drive, Women's long drive and 2 closest to the pin contests. Mulligan tickets will be available for purchase with tickets drawn for numerous door prizes.

--There will be one beverage cart running for those desiring something stronger than soft drinks.

Points of contact:

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Jerry **Rice** – [321-494-9860](tel:321-494-9860) or jerry.rice@patrick.af.mil

APR 21 (SAT), AFTAC ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC

LT PASTOOR, BOOSTER'S CLUB PRESIDENT/CAROL SNYDER/CAA

Starts at 1100, Wickham Park Pavilion-Tickets,\$7/\$25 family cap. **1100-1300 Food served** (Catered by Duke's BBQ), 1300-1400 Soccer Training Camp, 1400-1600 Pony Rides. Other activities: Jump Castle/Slide, Face Painting, Hula Hoop competition, Tug-of-War, 27ft Blue Crush Slide (Adults and Kids), Snow Cone machine, Jousting Arena/Tournament. Tickets go fast so get yours now:

Alumni Contact, as usual, our 'Intrepid Insider'-**Carol Snyder**, [494-4402](tel:494-4402)/carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil.

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF cont from page 1

DEC 16TH CENTER WINTER SOCIAL, CROWN PLAZA

EDITORS, PICTURES, SUSAN ROMANO, AFTAC CC/PA

We arrived early enough to find our table easily and move to the necessities ... it was a pleasant surprise to find the drinks were included in the very reasonable ticket price. The alumni had very nice table assignments and I believe Sages filled about three of them. Following the social hour we had a very fine buffet with salads, meats and desserts.

Throughout the evening there were drawings based on your admission ticket's numbers. A good time was had by all and the food and music were outstanding.

PoMo Editor's Note: Numerous pictures were taken by Susan A Romano, AFTAC/PA, and have been posted at the assn website, [https://picasaweb.google.com/101921526656470861638/WINTERSOCIAL2011?](https://picasaweb.google.com/101921526656470861638/WINTERSOCIAL2011?authuser=0&authkey=Gv1sRgCJmL4YbR8MOtJw&feat=directlink)

A 'Professional Photographer,' Mike McLane, a fellow AFTACer, was also taking pictures for sale but has made them available at his website for our viewing pleasure, <http://www.mikemclane.com>

FEB 4-SNOWBALL XIV-MANATEE CLUBHOUSE

DEBORAH CARSON, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'

This year's SnowBall was one of the best ever; food was great, Chief **Nederhoed's** Detachment 460 briefing was right on target, entertainment "rocked," and having our 2011 'Alumni of the Year (AOY),' Dale **Klug**, and spouse Rose, (pictured) travel from CA, rounded out the program.

We had sufficient time to socialize with all our alumni, active-duty and with a wonderful assortment of Hors d'oeuvres before our program started. Bob **Wiley** treated us to a slide show featuring past SnowBall performances and a montage of activities in which alumni members participated during the past year.

Chapter President, Terry **Hammond**, opened by introducing our dignitaries attending; Vice Commander Col **Roberts**, Chief Scientist Dr. **O'Brien**, Director of Staff Mr. **Whidden**, Superintendent CMSgt



SnowBall 2011, AOY 'Class Picture' of those attending: Clark Creery, First AOY, 1995, Judy Milam, 97, Frank Hall, 98, John Horsch, 99, Joe Goldian, 2004, Deborah Carson, 06, Bob Wiley, 08, Jack Jackson, 09, and Dale Klug, 2011, #14. NOTE: AOY 97 lined us up for this year's shot!

Nederhoed, Historian Mr. **Young**, Inspector General CMSgt **Revels**, Materials Director Dr. **DeForest**, Atmos/Space Directorate Lt Col **Wingate**, and Dale and Rose **Klug**. The Center's 'Commander's Conference' had been delayed so we were not graced by Detachment 460 Commander's, Major **Johnson**, attendance this year ... maybe we'll be back on track next year.

Then Rebecca Lehnerz performed the National Anthem acapella (great job). Following that Sean **Ryan**, our Chapter Secretary, led us in an invocation.

Dinner followed with a buffet that was excellent; the Grilled Salmon, Chicken Marsala, and Prime Rib were abundant with all the trimmings. The staff really did a great job preparing and serving dinner. Their choice of dessert was perfect with a Vanilla Ice Cream Raspberry Parfait to top off a scrumptious meal. I saw a lot of guests trying to get that last bit of ice cream from the bottom of the parfait glass. No one went home hungry!

Chief Nederhoed gave us an excellent briefing on "A day at Det 460." He showed the diversity of the challenges the detachment members face each day as they maintain the array of seismic equipment; from terrain, weather, wildlife, and giant mosquitoes. Having been stationed at the detachment, Chief Nederhoed was an exceptional stand-in for the detachment commander.

At the shank of the evening Terry re-presented the 'Space Coin' 'Alumni of the Year 2011' plaque to Dale Klug; it had been presented initially when Dale's AOY selection was announced at the California Chapter 'WorldWide Reunion' in May of last year. Dale had a few words of thanks and presented the Center with several artifacts for the 'Hall of Heritage,' a plaque from now closed 'Technical Operations Division,' and a real surprise when he donated an original coffee cup used by recently deceased (Aug), and beloved Center Icon, Mary Welch. She had asked him to hold the cup while he was visiting with her at the HQ many years back and Dale had held on to it for all the ensuing years.

Keeping with the theme of this event, we then played several 'Alaska' knowledge quizzes-prizes were awarded by Gene and Dee **Melchoir** to the person who answered the most questions correctly. Seems we had a tie between Sean Ryan (our own Chapter Secretary) and Dr. DeForest (TM Director). They both received dinner gift cards. Many of us remained for much longer

to enjoy the great music provided by Entertainer, Billy **Lee**, and dancing that followed. At the end of the evening, most attendee's thought the music set just the right tone giving us mellow background music during the meal and then stepping it up several notches afterward. Some admitted staying so late the South Gate was closed when they left and they had to make a U-turn for the trek to the main gate!!

IN A THANK YOU NOTE, DALE AND ROSE WROTE:

Thank you so much for arranging our suite at the VOQ, it was comfortable, spacious & convenient. The weather you arranged was perfect; yes, you truly did it all!

The **SnowBall** was fun, the turnout was impressive. The food was outstanding and plentiful. The planning committee deserves a big round of applause. The **Awards Banquet** was very well done, one of the best we've attended. It's great to be a part of acknowledging the contributions by the Center's personnel.

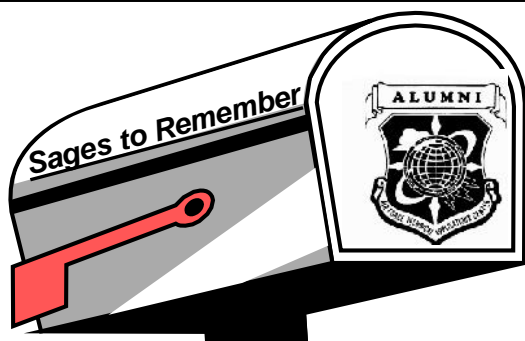
Having dinner with longtime friends and meeting new people rounded off a wonderful week. The pictures you sent us will be super memories to share with our family and friends. Again, thank you for all the effort and thought you extended to make our stay such a memorable one. Sincerely, **Dale & Rose Klug**



Col Roberts/CV and Chief Nederhoed/CCS, both alumni members also, present the 'Alumni of the Year 2011,' trophy to Dale during the 'Awards Banquet.' An event recognizing AFTAC's best, both Active-Duty and Alumni.



Some of the Sages, all active members of the alumni assn, seen at the 'Awards Banquet': Jack Jackson, Edna and Frank Calenda, Chris and John Horsch, Bob Wiley, Rose and Dale Klug and Sean Ryan.



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

Lella Woods	"Faye" Lane
Richard E. Barrett Sr	Jerome Gauda Jr
William H. Meyer	Marge Iske
Bruce H. Wheeler	Jon Kempe
Jerome Scheller	Gerald 'Gerry' Reinders
Carl Gailey	Don Bartram



Rest in Peace

Lella Woods

NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY 01.09, WITH A PERSONAL NOTE:

GALVESTON-Lella Woods, 73, passed away on Friday, January 6, 2012 at her residence. Funeral arrangements J. Levy & Termini Funeral Home. Lella was the wife of Dale Woods. Dale was the Maint Tech for Max Tompkins at back in the early 70's.

Gwendolyn Faye (Russell) Lane

NOTIFIED BY CMSGT STEVE REVELS, AFTAC/IG, 01.09. WEBSITE, [HTTP://WWW.LEGACY.COM/OBITUARIES/FLORIDATODAY/OBITUARY.ASPX?N=GWENDOLYN-FAYE-LANE-RUSSELL&PID=155360486&FHID=10208](http://WWW.LEGACY.COM/OBITUARIES/FLORIDATODAY/OBITUARY.ASPX?N=GWENDOLYN-FAYE-LANE-RUSSELL&PID=155360486&FHID=10208)



Gwendolyn Faye (Russell) Lane went to be with her Lord on Thursday, January 5, 2012 after a lengthy illness. She was born February 4, 1949 in Laurinburg, NC to Mamie Doris Oates Russell and Marshall Lewis Russell, Sr. (both deceased). Faye was transferred to Florida from Denver, CO, in 1987.

She was employed for 33 years by the Department of the Air Force and retired from AFTAC at Patrick, AFB in January 2008. Faye's many interests included reading and travel. She was a military spouse and for 20 years, accompanied her husband to many interesting places. After retirement, they continued to travel when possible.

Survivors include Alford L. Lane, her loving husband of 46 years; her daughter, Tamela Rimmer of Melbourne, FL; her son, Robert Lane of Mesquite, TX; granddaughters, Cheri Lorenz of Rockledge, FL, Misty Lane, and Kendall Lane of Mesquite, TX; grandsons, Brett Shewell of Merritt Island, FL, and Bentley Lane of Mesquite, TX; great-granddaughters, Breaunna Lorenz, Brookelynn Lorenz, and Hailey Lorenz of Rockledge, FL; sisters, Constance Durrett of Columbia, SC, Victoria Brown of Laurinburg, NC, and Jeannie Russell of Marston, NC; brothers, John Russell of Maxton, NC, Charles Russell of Salley, SC, Marshall Russell, Jr of Laurinburg, NC, and Dale Russell of Laurinburg, NC; aunts, Claire McNeil of Florence, SC, Katie Sheppard of Laurinburg, NC, and Lois Wagner of E. Laurinburg, NC; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends and her precious kitten, Molly. Faye was preceded in death by her twin brother, Glenn Raymond Russell.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Lung Transplant Program (checks payable), Attn: Wendy Swafford, PO Box 100223, Gainesville, FL 32610. The fund is to help lung transplant patients with expenses related to transplant.

A viewing was held on January 10, 2012, at the Florida Memorial Garden Funeral Home in Rockledge, FL with services following. Published in FLORIDA TODAY on January 8, 2012

Richard E. Barrett Sr.

NOTIFIED BY TOM EDDLEMAN, 01.12, WHO ALSO WROTE, "HE WAS LG FOR A FEW YEARS HERE IN FLORIDA AND A TRUE GENTLEMAN."

Visit Guest Book <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/floridatoday/guestbook.aspx?n=richard-barrett&pid=155430016&cid=full>

PUBLISHED IN FLORIDA TODAY ON JANUARY 12, 2012

After 89 memorable years, Colonel (Ret.) Richard E. Barrett, Sr. passed away on January 7, 2012. His passing was very peaceful with family present. He served in the USAF for 33 years, retiring at Patrick as a Senior Officer at AFTAC. He ended his service as a veteran of WWII and Vietnam. He was preceded in death by wife, Mary, after 67 years of marriage; and is survived by his sister, Elizabeth Hewell (Apalachicola), son, Richard Barrett, Jr.; daughters, Gayle Randick and Deborah Gray, all of Melbourne. He leaves a legacy of 5 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren with precious memories of "Papa." In the 35 wonderful years of retirement, he enjoyed golfing and bass fishing. He will be dearly missed but joyfully remembered. Services were at Florida Memorial Gardens on January 12th.

Jerome Cauda Jr

NOTIFIED BY BILL SCHMIED, CO TREASURER, 01.18, with this note:

Jerry was a LT member of the Florida chapter. He has attended many reunions including the last three: California, Florida, and Colorado. He was a good friend of Ed Gardiner, our "oldest" Colorado member, and Ed tells me they served together at the Laramie, Wyoming, Analysis Center, in 1957. I'm sure Jerry will be missed by many.

JEROME Cauda Jr. Visit Guest Book, http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ocala/obituary.aspx?n=jerome-cauda&pid=155520118&eid=sp_shareobit

CAUDA, JR., JEROME "JERRY" EMIL, 76

Ocala - Jesus came and called "Jerry" to his eternal home on January 10, 2012. Mr. Cauda was the son of the late Jerome Emil Cauda, Sr. and Marie (Cella) Cauda of Bronx, N.Y. Mr. Cauda was of the Catholic faith, was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church, and very active in the organization and implementation of the Latin Mass at Queen of Peace. Mr. Cauda was born in Bronx, NY and was a Programmer with Big Blue, IBM for 33 years.

Mr. Cauda served his Country in the U.S. Air Force, and was past President of the Italian American Club



and Republican Club at On Top of the World Communities. Life member of Hughsonville Fire Company of New York. Jerry enjoyed traveling, especially to Italy and cruising to the Caribbean.

Jerry is survived by his sister Madeline Harbottle and husband Jim of Chandler, Arizona; sister-in-law Kitty Cauda of New York;

niece Linda Diaz-Paz of Virginia; nephews: Jim Harbottle of Florida; and Joe Cauda of New York; great-nieces: Nicole and Meagan Cauda; and great-nephew Ronaldo Diaz-Paz; cousins: Bob and Carol Berta, Ocala, FL; and many close friends and neighbors. Jerry was predeceased by his brother Lawrence Cauda (2011). Funeral Mass was January 20 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church with Father Patrick J. O'Doherty officiating. Inurnment followed at Florida National Cemetery with Military Honors provided by Angela Santos [VFW](#) Post #4781 of Ocala. Memorials may be made to Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 6455 S.W. SR200, Ocala, FL 34476 or [American Cancer Society](#), 2201 SE 30th Ave. #301, Ocala, FL 34471-7500. Condolences may be posted to [hiers-baxley.com](#). **Published in Ocala Star-Banner from January 17 to January 18, 2012**

IN A FOLLOWUP WITH BILL HE WROTE: "HE WAS ALSO ONE OF OUR MEMBERS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AWHILE BACK. I THINK HE ONLY HAD ONE HITCH IN THE AF WITH AFTAC AND THEN 30+ YEARS WITH IBM. WE'LL MISS HIM AT OUR NEXT REUNION." BILL WRITES SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE AN EXPERIENCE WITH AFTAC'S PEOPLE AND MISSION CAN HAVE ON PEOPLE. JERRY WAS A ONE-TOUR GUY YET THAT TIME WAS SO IMPORTANT TO HIM HE ATTENDED WORLDWIDE REUNIONS, WHERE EVER THEY WERE!! MAYBE, AFTER READING THIS, ALL OUR READERS WILL BE AT THE NEXT ONE IN COLORADO MID-YEAR2013.

William H. Meyer

NOTIFIED BY DALE KLUG, 01.30



William H. Meyer, MSgt, Ret, USAF, Surrounded by his family, Bill peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on September 21, 2011. Devoted husband of 61 years to Maureen (Reenie); loving father to daughter Arleen Saenger (Phil); son Jim (Jackie); and daughter Michelle. Loving grandfather to Kristen, Samantha Saenger, Jessica and Michael Meyer. He was born in New York,

NY on November 26, 1928, to Henry and Margaret Meyer. Survived by his sister, Mickey Wildey and nephews Paul and David Wildey, as well as numerous dear friends and neighbors. He proudly served his country in the Air Force for 20 years. After retiring from the Air Force, Bill had a second career at Sacramento State University in the Electronic Support Department. He also was a volunteer for the American Red Cross. Bill was a quiet man with a wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all. Friends and family attended a Mass of Christian Burial on October 15th St. John the Evangelist Church, Carmichael. A reception was held immediately following the service.

Marge Iske

NOTIFIED BY BOB FITZGERALD, CA WEBMASTER. OBITUARY FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CLARK CREEERY, FL MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Per email from Dale Klug dtd 29-Jan-2012: Dale had received a call from Al Pavik "asking" about Marge. He & Ann had heard Marge was hospitalized and then transferred to a full-care facility in/near Elk Grove." In a follow-up message from Dale dtd 31-Jan-2012, Dale reported he had "received a call today from Ann Pavik



informing me that Marge had passed away." Dale said that Ann had received the news from a member of NARFE. Dale went on to report in that same message that he "talked to Marge's "Sis", Helen this afternoon. Marge passed away on Sunday afternoon, Jan 29th. There will be no service and at her request Marge is being cremated." Dale added that he doesn't

know if there will be a notice in the Sacramento Bee. Dale also said that he "asked Helen if she thought it would be appropriate if we had a "Wine and War Stories" get together in Marge's honor. She thinks Marge would like that, especially the 'wine' part." CA Webmaster note: I will post pertinent additional information regarding a published obit and/or the get together in Marge's honor.

Obituary: Guest Book, <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=155765151>

Margaret Ann (Marge) Iske was born on Jan. 4, 1937, in North Bend, NE to Leonard and Clare (Gaughen) Iske. Passed away Jan. 29, 2012. She grew up on the family farm and graduated from North Bend High School in 1954. After high school she moved to Omaha where she worked as a secretary at Offutt Air Force base before moving to **Sacramento in 1963. She then worked for McClellan Air Force Base** until her retirement in 1998. She enjoyed skiing and traveling and traveled all over the world. She was a member of National Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees and Sports Leisure Travel Group. Marge is survived by a brother, Charles (Gorgene) Iske of North Bend, NE, and two sisters, Mary Jean (Martin) Paup of Seattle, WA, Helen (Ken) Tallerico of Sacramento, and numerous nieces and nephews. No services are planned. Memorials to the NBC Jr. Sr. High School Foundation or donor's choice. Published in The Sacramento Bee on February 5, 2012.

Memoriam

FRAN SZACHTA MAJ USAF (RET) & WIFE NEDRA AND OUR SIX CHILDREN..

We were at 1155th Tech Ops Sq. at McClellan AFB, CA. from 65-67. We were sure we met her on several occasions. We wish to pass on our fondest condolences to her family and friends. Also, one can visit the alumni assn website and 'click' the 'guest book' link, when available, and post your wishes there making them available nearer real time.'

JOE AMERENA

I was really upset to hear of the passing of Marge Iske. I knew her for 30 years. She was always "one of the guys" but always a lady. I really liked her and will always have fond memories of her. I know it is a cliché, but she will be missed. Aloha Marge and God Bless

DAVE WINGFIELD

Thank you for sending out the notice concerning Marge. Her wit and humor will be missed by all her friends. We are thankful for the service to our Country as well as her personal friendship to us at WFO/TOD/1155th. Her smile and laughter will never be forgotten.



Bruce Hanson Wheeler

NOTIFIED BY HARRY HODGES, 02.08, WHO ADDED: COL WHEELER WAS A PHYSICIST AT TEAM 202, 407 AND WFO. I WORKED FOR HIM IN THE COUNTING ROOM IN THE 60'S. I ATTENDED BRUCE'S FUNERAL. AS DID CARL ALBRIGHT'S DAUGHTER. HARRY HAD WORKED FOR CARL. CARL IS NOW 91 AND IS NOT IN BEST OF HEALTH. SHE AND SOME OF BRUCE'S CHILDREN COULD SHARE MEMORIES OF GROWING UP AT 202. THE CHILDREN MADE A COMMENT

THAT UNLIKE MANY OTHER MILITARY FAMILIES, THE AFTAC GROUP ALWAYS SEEMED TO REAPPEAR OVER THE YEARS. FOR THOSE OF US IN THE LAB, THAT WAS QUITE TRUE. I JUST NEVER RETURNED TO THE SAME PLACE!

Colonel Bruce Hanson Wheeler, USAF (Ret), a resident of Albuquerque since 1972, passed away February 3, 2012. Born May 25, 1925 in Olamon, Maine, he served his country during WWII, and then earned a degree in Engineering Physics from the University of Maine in 1949. He received his commission as 2nd LT with the USAF in 1950 and retired from the Air Force as a full Colonel in 1979, having been awarded the Legion of Merit, Air Medal, and Meritorious Service Medal with Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. Following his Air Force retirement, he was employed as an Engineer in Albuquerque.

His interests and hobbies included gun collecting, western history, and WWII aviation. Col Wheeler was predeceased by his wife, Marianne, in 2006. He is survived by two sons: David of Denver CO; Stephen and his wife, Robin, of Stockton CA; a daughter, Carol Wheeler of Sacramento CA; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A Memorial Service was held February 9, 2012, at French, Wyoming Chapel. Visit guestbook at www.RememberTheirStory.com FRENCH 7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE (505) 823-9400.

Jon Kempe

NOTIFIED BY GINNY WILCOX (DAUGHTER OF JON). VISIT GUEST BOOK, [HTTP://WWW.LEGACY.COM/OBITUARIES/MERCURYNEWS/OBITUARY.ASPX?PAGE=LIFESTORY&PID=155825929](http://www.LEGACY.COM/OBITUARIES/MERCURYNEWS/OBITUARY.ASPX?PAGE=LIFESTORY&PID=155825929) -



Resident of Lincoln, CA, Jon passed away on his 74th birthday February 8, 2012. He resided in Lincoln with his wife of 50 years, Theresa. He is survived by his three daughters (and their spouses) Patricia Giron (Ben), Paulette Roseberry (Bob), Ginny Wilcox (Bob); and grandchildren Justin, Weston, Andrea and Jessica.

Jon was born February 8, 1938, in Fortuna, California and grew up in Lakeport, CA.

He enlisted in the Air Force in 1955 and proudly served his country for 24 years traveling to remote corners of the world. After that Jon worked for 18 years at the United States Geological Survey in Menlo Park, CA. During retirement, Jon and Theresa traveled throughout the United States in their motor coach and ventured abroad visiting family and friends. An avid square dancer, Big Jon enjoyed being a part of the square dance community in the Sacramento area. Jon's stories of his

amazing adventures were entertaining and were enjoyed by all during many a cocktail hour. He will be forever in our hearts, minds and spirit as we continue our journey without him. Jon's gentle demeanor, practical wisdom and sense of fairness have inspired us and will be missed by all of his family and friends. Published in San Jose Mercury News, 02.11

Memoriam

DAVE TARQUINO

Back in '73 at Det 452, Jon was on his way back from one of our LP sites when we got a garbled distress call from him. No one knew exactly where he was so a few "search & rescue" missions were dispatched to find him. I believe it was Ken **Walton** who was driving down the road to Chunchon when he noticed "the biggest #@\$%^ Korean" he had ever seen standing in the river waving at them. After driving down the road a little farther he put two and two together and went back for a second look. Sure enough, it was big Jon standing on the hood of the submerged jeep in the middle of the river. I'm sure that after 39 years some of the details might be a little "fuzzy" but what the hay!! Thought I'd share anyway.

Jerome Scheller

VISIT GUEST BOOK, [HTTP://WWW.LEGACY.COM/GUESTBOOK/FLORIDATODAY/GUESTBOOK.ASPX?N=JEROME-SCHELLER&PID=155821570&CID=FULL](http://WWW.LEGACY.COM/GUESTBOOK/FLORIDATODAY/GUESTBOOK.ASPX?N=JEROME-SCHELLER&PID=155821570&CID=FULL)

NOTIFIED BY JUDY MILAM, 02.12, WHO ALSO REPORTED: "JERRY WAS THE ADMIN SERGEANT IN THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE IN THE MID 1970S, I BELIEVE. HE AND HELEN CORNWELL AND I WORKED TOGETHER IN TD/TDM DURING THAT TIME. HE WAS A HARD WORKER AND THAT WAS A VERY BUSY TIME IN OUR OFFICE AND AT AFTAC AS A WHOLE -- MORE THAN 50 ALERTS A YEAR KEPT US JUMPING. THERE WAS ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING HAPPENING." -

OBITUARY: Jerome Scheller, Indian Harbour Beach
Jerome Alvin Scheller, 72, died on Saturday, February 4, 2012, in Palm Bay, FL. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Denise; daughters, Deborah (Garry) Sweeney and Janine (Ray) Haskell; sons, Russell and John Scott Scheller; grandsons, Justin Scheller, John Sweeney and Hunter Haskell; granddaughters, Sarah and Lauren; sister, Jeanette (Bob) Davidson; his brother, Joseph, Jr.; and brother-in-law, Michael O'Neal. Jerome retired from the U.S. Air Force and then from FLORIDA TODAY, after 32 years of being a newspaper courier. A Celebration of Jerome's Life was held March 3, 2012, at VFW Post# 4643 in Satellite Beach. In place of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Jerome to: William Childs Hospice House, 381 Medplex Pkwy., Palm Bay, FL 32907 or to Homeless Vets Care, VFW Post# 4643, 1242 Hwy. A1A, Satellite Beach, FL, 32937. Condolences can be shared at www.davisseawinds.com. Published in FLORIDA TODAY on February 12, 2012

Memoriam

MICHAEL LUBIN

I remember Jerry from my tour in TDM at the HQ 1973-76. He was an effective and personable NCO, and I recall that his hobby/sideline was custom cabinetry.

Gerald 'Gerry' Reinders

NOTIFIED BY JOHN REINDERS, 02.12-FOLLOWING IS THE OBITUARY FOR MY BROTHER GERALD "GERRY" REINDERS. GERRY WAS A PART OF AFTAC'S AIR POLICE/SECURITY POLICE FORCE IN THE LATE 1950S AND

EARLY 1960S. THAT WAS BEFORE MY STINT WITH AFTAC SO I CAN'T OFFER MUCH MORE, OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT HE WAS AN AWESOME BROTHER AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED. IT WAS HE, WITH THE HELP OF ART PRIDEMORE, WHO MOVED MOUNTAINS TO GET ME INTO THE AFTAC SYSTEM IN 1966, WHICH LED TO THE BEST 10 YEARS OF MY AF CAREER. GUEST BOOK, [HTTP://WWW.STAPLESFH.COM/GERALD_REINDERS](http://www.staplesfh.com/GERALD_REINDERS)

OBITUARY Gerald D. Reinders, 76, of Victoria, Va., formerly of Riverton, Ill., died Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Community Memorial Healthcenter, South Hill, Va. He was born August 11, 1935, in Springfield, Ill., the son of John D. and Sylvia Reinders. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Gregory Neal Reinders, a sister Kathleen M. Rogerson, and a brother Glenn E. Reinders. Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Marlene Grieme Reinders of Victoria (formerly of Springfield); his daughter Kendra Daniels of Staunton, Va; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters Nadene Ferrer of Arlington, Tex and Margaret Reinders of Spokane Valley, Wash.; and three brothers Charles (Denise) Reinders of Jackson, Ga., John Reinders of Burke, Va., and Melvin (Brenda) Reinders of Spokane Valley, Wash. After serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1962, he worked for the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department until retirement in 1982. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and member of Gideons International. Funeral services were held at February 15, 2012, at Central Baptist Church, Victoria, with burial in Lakeview Cemetery, Victoria. In lieu of flowers consider memorial donations to Gideons International or Central Baptist Church. On line condolences may be made at 'link' above. Staples Funeral Home, Victoria, is in charge of arrangements.

Gilbert W (Gil) Sisson

NOTIFIED BY DALE KLUG, CA CHAPTER

SISSON, Gilbert W (Gil), CMSgt, USAF (Ret), DOVER DE - Gilbert Winfield Sisson went home to touch the face of God and rejoin his wife Jacqueline on Feb. 12, 2012, after a long illness, surrounded by his family, in his home. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline Louise Gratton Sisson in 2008. They were together since New Year's Eve, 1951. He is survived by his son, Gilbert J. Sisson, (Retired MSgt USAF) and wife Linda of Eureka, Mo.; three daughters, Ann Louise Patrick of Raleigh, N.C., Jacqueline Ann (Sisson) Felicetti and husband John Andrew of Elverston, Pa., and Joy Leah Sisson of Baltimore, MD.; six grandchildren, Lindsay and Landon Sisson of Missouri, Melissa Dekker of Tenn., Nicholas Patrick of Oklahoma, Brandy Edmonds of Virginia, and SSgt. Kellan Sisson, USAF of New York; and four great-grandchildren, Molly Walker and Samuel Dekker of Tennessee, Draydon Patrick of Oklahoma, and Bianca Edmonds of Virginia. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Delaware Hospice, 911 S. Dupont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901; or [American Cancer Society](http://www.AmericanCancerSociety.org), 92 Reads Way # 205 New Castle, DE 19720-1633. Local arrangements by Torbert Funeral Chapels, Dover. Letters of condolence/guestbook signing at www.torbertfuneral.com. Published in NewsZapDE on 02.17 **Note:** Gil was assigned to the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron in the 1960s and early 70s. He worked in "U" systems maintenance then transferred to "F" system.

Memoriam

FRANK & NEDRA SZACHTA

We wish Gil Sisson and family God speed and heavenly rest above. We were at the 1155th at McClellan at Sacramento from 1965 through 1967. May he & family reunite above & enjoy eternity together.

Raymond W Roedder

NOTIFIED BY DON MOSLEY, 03.28

Don wrote: Ray worked in the basement at HQ/VA. He retired about the same time as I and by coincidence, we both started college at (now) Missouri State University at the same time and graduated at the same time. We visited back and forth once in a great while.

He did not want much of a funeral as he hated to go to funerals and the family honored his request. He died March 23. His obituary published on 03.27

reads, "Raymond W. Roedder, 82, Bolivar. Arrangements: Murray Funeral Home, Bolivar. Published in the News-Leader on March 24, 2012." That Obituary link follows: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-leader/obituary.aspx?n=raymond-w-roedder&pid=156647115>

Carl Gailey

NOTIFIED BY EUNICE HARRIS

Visit Guest Book <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?n=carl-gailey&pid=156785812&fhid=10208>



Carl W. Gailey, Satellite Beach, 77, SMSGT USAF (Ret) passed away Thursday, March 29, 2012, at West Melbourne Health and Rehab Center. Carl was born in Noxen, Pennsylvania, then while serving proudly for 24 years in the Air Force, he met his wife Mayme and they were married in Anchorage, Alaska, and

eventually retired from Patrick AFB. He was predeceased by his parents, Herbert and Mildred Gailey and his wife, Mayme (Warren) Gailey. He is survived by sister, Lorraine Atkinson of Palm Bay, FL; sister, Esther McCutcheon of Middletown, PA; sister, Regina (Gailey) and husband Jack Raynor of Montrose, PA; brother Jerry Gailey and wife Irene; and sister-in-law, Roberta (Warren) Barnes of Ft. Walton Beach, FL. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Florida Memorial Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements. Viewing was April 3rd with service immediately following. Published in FLORIDA TODAY on April 1, 2012

Memoriam's (see the guest book for more)

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

A 'Big Man' has left our lives. We served with Carl first remembering him visiting our Det in Korea in Dec, 1970. We had to put him up in one of those infamous Army Quonset huts with their equally infamous pot-belly stoves! So, Carl and I introduced each other over coal and stoking a fire into existence. I never wanted to ask him how much sleep he got that night!!! Later he was our neighbor 'right around the corner' in Satellite Beach. We will hurt when we recall he's not here anymore.

CLARK CREERY

What a wonderful guy. I have known and worked with Carl for years and years and his devotion to Mayme and the Alumni is above reproach. He was a friend and is still considered a friend and I hope to see him in the future. Carl, rest because you have earned it. We will miss you and we honor you! What a guy!

TOM NIQUETTE

I am real sorry about his passing, He was truly one of the super people of our time.

FRANK AND BEV HALL

Carl lived so near to our home we'd often ask him to come help us install a ceiling fan or ask a question about an appliance that wasn't working properly. Always cheerful, always helpful.

FRANK CALEDA

Many of us knew Carl Gailey, some did not. We lost Carl to the good Lord the other evening. He was 77 years old. Those 77 years encompassed a lot of living and a good part of it was spent with AFTAC. Carl was truly one of the "old-timers" faithfully serving the mission for over 20-years. It's difficult to keep this brief, but I'll try in hopes that many people will read it.

He was one of those individuals that knew what he wanted to do and then did it, most often with excellent results. He could be considered a quiet person but when he had to say something to you, you knew you'd been talked to. I know from working with him, that when he suggested something, he was usually right. When you did something and it was wrong, he gave you a smile followed by, "Didn't I tell you so?"

*Here's a few positive words that suit Carl: **Intelligent**, Sometimes one might wonder about this trait, but he was seldom wrong, **Compassionate**, Except when you made a dumb mistake, **Congenial**, Friendly to a fault., **Compromising**, When he didn't feel he had the answer, he was always willing to listen, **Frugal**, Especially when spending the organization's, and the alumni association's money, **Easy to laugh**, But you had to look close to see it.*

There are so many more attributes that I could add, but there just isn't enough room here. Let your mind wander for a moment and think about a guy that you'd like to know and work with.....that would be Carl. He will be dearly missed by a great many people.

Don Bartram

NOTIFIED BY EVELYN BARTRAM, 04.04

Thank you for the (annual picnic) notice, however Don Bartram has recently passed away. Please notify appropriate people. Thank you, Evelyn Bartram (wife) We sent condolences and asked for any additional information Evelyn might like to add.

Special Notices, follow-up's to previous issues:

Mary Welch, PM2011.12

MARY'S SON, MACK, SENT THIS LETTER TO JUDY MILAM-HENDERSON, CHAPTER HOSPITALITY, ON 01.31. BECAUSE SO MANY SAGES RECALL SERVING WITH MARY, WE THOUGHT THIS LETTER WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO MANY OF OUR READERS.

Thank you for remembering me at Christmas. I have been meaning to get back to you sooner, but I just have not gotten to it. I do not know if she ever told you, but she had wanted to be cremated and her ashes buried in Alabama. I had her cremated here in Rapid City and at Thanksgiving I drove to Eutaw, Alabama, and buried her next to her mother and father.

I am still going through her things. I have found several things that I know she was going to send back to the AFTAC Alumni. There are many boxes of materials and some of this is her own service records that I will keep and sort through. What I will do is send you all the items that I find relating to the AFTAC Alumni. I have

also found a couple of copies of the 50th Anniversary of Long Range Detection books and a copy of the Tech OPS Heritage Remembered. I will send these also.

If you have email, let me know in case I have a quick question. You know my mom always hated computers so we never had one in our house, but my daughter gave me a laptop computer for Christmas so now I am connected on line. ED NOTE: Mack's address follows as he attended Satellite High with many AFTAC children and they might remember him, mackwelch2012@yahoo.com

I am still adjusting to her not being here. As you know we had a small family and except for the period when I was married, my mom and I have been together, so I am having to adjust to being on my own. I'm probably not going to stay in South Dakota; my daughter lives in Palm Bay and any remaining relatives my mom had are in Alabama, so all of my relations are back southeast.

I hope everything is going well for you. I see that they are building a new AFTAC headquarters. It looks really high tech. I know mom would probably disapprove, you know she was old school and appreciated and respected the history of AFTAC. Keep in touch. I will start preparing things to mail. It might come in multiple intervals as I find things.

Jim Leach, PM2011.12

CMSGT (RET/DECEASED) REINTERMENT 'REUNITING' HIM WITH HIS WIFE.'

When AFTAC/CC Col **Prupas**, and AFTAC/CCS Chief **Nederhoed** were made aware of the actions rendered in this very unique case they decided 'Letters of Appreciation' were in order for those involved.

On behalf of all past and present AFTAC members, please accept my sincere appreciation for ensuring CMSgt James G. Leach was given a proper interment with military honors.

This effort reflects highly on yourself and fosters and preserves the strong and honorable traditions of the United States Air Force--a service that defends and preserves the freedom you, your fellow countrymen, and others across the free world continue to enjoy. Your actions are a reflection of the Airman's creed. You demonstrated a "tradition of honor" and didn't leave an Airman behind; and you reinforced the Wingman concept. This was a monumental undertaking and took considerable resourcefulness to coordinate with multiple people. CMSgt Leach is now resting in a proper place of honor at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Santa Nella, California.

*Again, please accept my personal thanks for a job well done! Signed, Aaron M. Prupas, Colonel, USAF
AFTAC Commander"*

James Walter Kehoe, PM2011.08

CHIEF MELTON/TMASSN VICE, REPORTED ON THIS ACTIVE-DUTY MEMBER. FOLLOWING THAT JAMES' MOM, DONNA, REQUESTED A CURRENT PICTURE OF JAMES IN UNIFORM. CHIEF MELTON, WITH HELP FROM TSGT ERIC REYNOLDS, ANSWERED THE CALL 'ABOVE AND BEYOND' PROVIDING DONNA SEVERAL CD'S OF PICTURES OF HER SON SERVING AFTAC AND OUR COUNTY. IN REPLY, DONNA WROTE:

David, Eric, Thank you for all you have done in collecting pictures of James. He was a great son and person and I miss him everyday

MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to
Long Range Detection Alumni Association
PO Box 254892

Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

Missives requesting no action may be emailed to the editors, chrisjohn2@gmail.com. They 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 email or write!! We publish all correspondence, unless otherwise requested, so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled. Normally, we will not include personal information, e.g., address, phone number, etc, unless you ask or seemingly appropriate (e.g., follow-up).



FIRST eSAGE(S) TO 'REPORT IN'-FIRST 24-HOURS
EPOMO 'NOTIFICATION/LINK' POSTED 2011.13 @ 1243

Clark Creery @ 1317

(Along with sending the link) I took time to scan the issue, great PoMo – as usual. Some very interesting data compiled in there. Do you think folks will ever remember us? Hahaha I think we've made enough mistakes along the way to be remembered for awhile!!

Tom Eddleman @ 1446

I just read the most recent PoMo and wanted to say you and Christel Rose did a great job. You guys really must enjoy this labor since it is becoming sooooooo big. I can't imagine the time it takes to put this project to "print". Thanks for your continued efforts, all Alumni appreciate it. Thanks, Tom, your praise means a lot to both of us. If my 'AFTAC Partner' thru so many places likes it, it has to be good!

Bob Fitzgerald @ 2120

Well, John & Chris, you've done it again. What a wonderful Christmas present! The latest PoMo is wonderful. Thank you so much for your hard work. And thank you Bob for being such a major contributor to the CA portion. From providing

the idea for the 'Son/Father' story to the pictures and letters-your inputs made a big difference to the PoMo content.

Frank Calenda 12.14 @ 0651

I just finished previewing the new "paper". Great job as usual and a lot of good kudo's to you guys. They are always well earned. Thank Frank, or is it, Thanks Franks!

MAIL-CALL

Frank, Nedra Szachta

12.10

Frank and Nedra send their 2011 Christmas Greeting to all Sages with best wishes and updates on their lives. See the complete greeting at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B2JQHEzSezXEaDcwcFJwdUISQW1BSGVBaUM5YnU1dw/edit>

Catherine Horsch

12.14

(Editors: our two kids John D and Catherine R are eSubscribers) Looks good. Time for new pictures of you two tho! Maybe you can take care of that at Christmas and your name will be in the PoMo forever as a contributor!!

Jim Davis

12.15

First, let me wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR and BEST WISHES ALWAYS !!!!!.

Got the PO/MO and FINALLY was able to access it ...Man, it seems as every time I get to where I know how to "open and bring it up" it is changed ...I don't know, I know I'm slow but I do have a problem sometimes figuring things out...anyway I got 'er and thank you and all of those that are responsible for a continuing outstanding job of providing information refreshing memories from long ago. You are most welcome and we truly appreciate your readership (and many authorship's). Hang in there and persevere, as we know you will ... we keep foolin' with our 'share idea' at 'Box.net' so we are proud you 'get er done.'

Peter P. Strawn

01.13

I got your name and email address from the AFTAC alumni site. I am trying to get mail and/or email contact information for Stephen D. **Stone**, listed as being in Tennessee, and Steven R. **Herrick** who I believe is in Florida. Major Stone was my supervisor at Lindsey AS, Germany. CMSgt Herrick and I worked together at Tech Ops Div at McClellan AFB, CA.

I served with AFTAC from April 1982 when I reported to the 1155th at McClellan AFB, CA, until I retired August 1999. I am now working for the Dept of State posted to the US Embassy Amman, Jordan.

Any assistance you can provide to help me reestablish contact with these gentlemen is appreciated. Great to hear from you and be reminded of 'our times. NOTE: Clark and ourselves continued writing with Peter and he 'signed up' as a Lifetime member. Thank you, Peter, and your letter is later in this section.

CLARK CREERY, CHAIR, 02.05

At the 2012 Snowball, Col **Roberts**, AFTAC Vice, made a few comments about those who serve or have served our mission. It brought to mind comments that were submitted by Brian Swan to the Post-Monitor. Brian has passed away but he captured the true meaning of what it is to be an AFTAC'er, I quote Brian:

"The second revelation I had with this issue of the Post

is the seemingly endless and endurable bond that exists within our AFTAC community. Look anywhere in the publication and you will see a community of people who proudly did their job, remain together as much as possible, and do not consider retirement the end of their commitment to each other to share the experience of true professionals.

Since my retirement I have met countless retired military people from all services. I often ask them if they have an association like ours, if they stay in touch with each other, if they celebrate their accomplishments and the importance of what they once did on active duty. I rarely find anyone with the same "family" that exists in AFTAC. We have never been a group that makes the front page news, and we may never be such a group, and may not want to.

For those in the World who thrive on glory, and the public recognition that comes from glorious acts, AFTAC is not for you. And if you are a true AFTACer, you don't expect that level of recognition, and you don't need open recognition to know that whatever job you held was not trivial, and that whatever task you accomplished was not without value.

My last revelations from the publication were that we enjoy hearing from members we thought were long lost, that we actively seek out others we have not heard from in some time, and we search for those that seem lost to us. This Alumni takes an active part in preserving our community – it is what sustains us as an entity.
Brian, you left a mark that is for sure.

Harry Hodges

02.10

HARRY ALERTED US TO COL WHEELER'S DEATH AND REPLIED TO OUR QUERY:

I was part of the group that started the first reunion in CA, around 1981 or so with Bart Bias, et al, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the NTB. I vividly recall **Singlevich** telling us what we had done. I've tried to attend reunions in later years, but it's been spotty. I was able to use the CSIHQ/AFTAC donated site to locate other AFTAC folks in Albuquerque and Wheeler, Albright + one other (can't remember) had a mini-reunion perhaps 6 years ago.

I was at WFO, 202 then 407 before running away to get a commission. Funny, my first post-school assignment ended up at Kirtland (Special Weapons Center then Weapons Lab) eventually working for Bob **Rowden**, again. Later on after AF retirement I got involved with EMP effects and ran into all sorts of old AFTAC folk - still a rather small community.

We will have to add your name to our 'Fact Sheet' - 'Reunion' area; and there's nothing we like better than to hear from our 'Founders.'

Jim Dorman

03.06

Thanks for your help! I served with AFTAC from 1992 to 1999. AFTAC Positions: Chief, Applied Physics Lab (TOD/DLP): 1992-1995; Chief of Supply (TOD/LGS): 1993-1994; Director, McClellan Central Laboratory (TOD/DL): 1995-1996; Commander, DET 460: 1996-1999. They were the best years of my Air Force career. NOTE: I was detailed by Col Terry **Schmidt** to

temporarily serve as Chief of Supply while still officially assigned to DLP. I think I spent about six months in this capacity. In fact SSgt John **Nederhoed** worked for me back in the day! Thanks for the contact and hope you will join us ... our sympathies to you for your time with John. He and I josh back and forth as he is CCS #12 and I was #4 (SEA at the time).

(In a follow-up, Jim added) John Nederhoed MAY have been a TSgt at the time-so I don't want to slight our currently reigning CCS! Also of note, SSgt David **Melton** (now CMSgt!) worked for me in the DLP (Applied Physics Analysis) during this same period. Harm **Aning** and Jeff **Moore** were my Superintendents in DLP. Harm then became Superintendent of DL.

Sage Report(s)

ARTICLES OF INTEREST SHARED BY FELLOW SAGES. HYPERLINKS WERE ACTIVE AT THE TIME THEY WERE CHECKED FOR THIS PUBLICATION. WE APOLOGIZE IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE.

Dylan First

01.07

'SON OF SAGE,' TONY FIRST, NOTIFIED BY FRANK CALEDA 01.07, WHO ALSO ASKED THIS BE POSTED, WITH THIS NOTE:

"I was notified through Al **Derickson** that the son of one of our former AFTAC'ers passed away last week. Tony was stationed at Det 418 in the years 1968 through 1970. He was a young unmarried man at the time. Although he was not with the organization for very long, I'm sure that he would welcome any contact by those that know him. His son's untimely death is a tragic event-last known address is: Tony and Patty First, 9340 Routt Rd, Louisville, KY 40299-5644"

This is the article (website link) I received about Dylan: <http://www.wlky.com/r/30126281/detail.html?taf=lou> -

Later Frank provided this link for the obituary: <http://www.newcomerindiana.com/obituary.asp?src=value&obitid=53878&name=Alec+Dylan+%22Lefty+%23316%22+First&city=New+Albany&st=IN>

[22Lefty+%23316%22+First&city=New+Albany&st=IN](http://www.newcomerindiana.com/obituary.asp?src=value&obitid=53878&name=Alec+Dylan+%22Lefty+%23316%22+First&city=New+Albany&st=IN)

Extract: Alec Dylan "Lefty #316" First, age 17 of Louisville, passed away on December 30, 2011. Dylan was a senior at Jeffersontown High School, in the Project Lead the Way Engineering Program and First Robotics Program, Beta Club member and President of the National Honor Society. He was a violinist in the Jefferson-town High School Orchestra. He was a Bellarmine 2011 Governors' Scholar Recipient and a University of Kentucky/Class of Kentucky and Book Award Recipient. He was a member of Forest Park Community Church, Southeast Christian Church C-Groups, Flight 43 Louisville Chrysalis/ Emmaus. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout at Southeast Christian Troop 212. He was a team rider for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kentucky Motocross Team and a member of Saddleback East MX Park. He was employed at Bachman Auto Group.

Susan A Romano/AFTAC/CC PA

01.09

SUSAN CAME ON BOARD IN DEC AND QUICKLY BEGAN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE ALUMNI ASSN WITH NEWS RELEASES AND OTHER INFORMATION. SO MUCH SO THAT WE HAVE ADDED A BYLINE FOR SUSAN IN THE ACTIVE-DUTY SECTION.

Susan contacted us with this 'Air Force Wounded Warrior' information, "Wounded warrior pay cell dedicated to top-notch service." To read more, go to this website:

<http://www.woundedwarrior.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-120106-050.pdf>

Sean Ryan/Assn Secretary **01.12**
 Passes along this reminder, "You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your Military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001." Read more: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

Joe Johnson **01.18**
 This 'pass along' from Joe had the following notice: "This movie is spectacular. You can see a young Curtis **LeMay** in the early briefing. The B-50's are essentially souped up B-29's and looked like the same aircraft. They took off and landed at Guam on the same runway in the 1950's that had such a severe dip in it that the altimeter dipped and bounced. At the end of the runway you dropped off a cliff and could see in the clear water below many B-29's that failed on take off.

This is a really great film. The P-51 air fights and strafing are terrific. You have to be patient because it moves from small film sections. The views showing the shot up and bombed remains of Japanese cities is amazing. It is a long film, 36-minutes, but well worth it. <http://www.archive.org/details/TheLastBomb1945?start=113.5>

Clark Creery **03.17**
 COINCIDENTLY WE RECOGNIZE THE CHIEF AT THE 'SAGE SPOTLIGHT' THIS ISSUE. I was fortunate enough to attend the Air Force Retirement ceremony for **CMSgt Steven D. Revels** at the Shark Center, (south housing) Patrick AFB, Florida. I did not realize that the Chief spent his whole career - 25+ years with our organization. I did realize that I have been retired longer than his whole career, but that did not make me feel that old.

AFTAC certainly knows how to treat and honor its personnel! The Presiding Officer was Colonel James E. **Roberts**, Vice Commander. He did comment that he has never seen such a large turn-out for a ceremony of this type. The ceremony was narrated by CMSgt Edward W. **Lindsay** and I must say that he did us proud. The ceremony started with the National Anthem being sung by Revel's spouse **Rosa M. Revels** and was followed by the invocation given by Mr. Theodore W. **Matteson**. Colors were presented followed by the National Anthem and remarks by Colonel Roberts. The colonel outlined Steve's career prior to presenting him with a Meritorious Service Medal with umpteen clusters. What a wonderful ceremony and it was a pleasure to see Steve's family from Texas in attendance. There was a flag ceremony by two members of the color guard and once the flag was unfurled and then re-folded it was presented to Steve who then presented it to his father.

"A Look Back" was a video presentation of Steve's life and assignments and it was very well done and a pleasure to review. At the close of the ceremony we all filed out to a receiving line where we were able to congratulate the new retiree. Steve has taken a civilian position with AFTAC as the IG and the organization could not have done better. Steve is a professional professional and I, for one, am happy to have made his

acquaintance and I am proud to call him a fellow 'Sage.' **NOTE:** Notable Career Recognitions: **1989** AOY, European Tech Ops Area & Distinguished Graduate NCO prep school; **1990** AFTAC technician of the year; **1996** Certificate of Mastery from the Chauncey Group; **1998** Distinguished Graduate, NCO Academy **2000** Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer; **2002** Air Intel Ops Directorate Senior NCO of the Year; **2005** Department of State Meritorious Honor Award & 9S100 Senior NCO of the Year & Air Intel Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez Supervisor-Manager of the Year

MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR
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/Total, 559)
PETER STRAWN, ALLEN CHRISTENSEN

'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals/Total, 621)
MICHAEL MCCARTY - 2 year

New/Renewal Notes

WE HAVE AN ONGOING REQUEST WITH CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, TO PASS ON ANY NOTES HE RECEIVES DURING THIS PROCESS.

Peter Strawn **01.15**

Enclosed is a check for lifetime membership dues. I would like to receive the Post Monitor via electronic email. We are currently posted at the US Embassy Amman, Jordan. DPO mail is glacial in speed and unreliable so it's best to send what you can via email.

We have a VOIP Magic Jack number. The computer is rarely up with the phone running but if someone dials that number it will allow the caller to leave voice mail which goes to the email account above.

My AFTAC Assignment history: **Apr 1981** - Dec 1982: 1155 Tech Ops Squadron, McClellan AFB, Sacramento, California; **Dec 1982** - Dec 1985: 1157 TOS, European Technical Operations Area, Lindsey AS, West Germany; **Jan 1986** - Dec 1988: Pacific Technical Operations Area, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii; **Jan 1989** - July 1993: Tech Ops Division, McClellan AFB, Sacramento, California; **Aug 1993** - Aug 1994: Bolling AFB, Washington DC; **Aug 1994** - Aug 1997: HQ AFTAC, Patrick AFB, Florida; **Aug 1997** - Jul 1999: Pentagon, Washington DC. Thanks, Pete. we were lucky enough to serve with Pete at Lindsey AS, Germany, 84-85. No one better with those machines.

Finally, who are these people?

Mention in the PoMo to first correct replier who is not one of 'em!!



PREZ Terry FROM Hammond THE TOP SEN

As I sat down to consider topics for this issue, I was informed of the passing of Carl **Gailey**. Carl's passing reminded me that the people I worked with in AFTAC, and in the LRDA, are what make membership so enriching and enjoyable! The people are what made AFTAC a great organization, and they are what make the LRDA a great organization.

I first met Carl in 1975 as a very young Capt when I was the project officer staffing the "Ground Moisture Unit - GMU" through the AFTAC "Corporate Process". I was working toward an IOC scheduled for 1976 and Carl (a MSgt in LG) was the Logistics representative assigned to my project. When I told Carl that the logistics support for this instrument involved shipping glass collection vessels filled with sieve material to and from some of our most remote sites, Carl said "Capt, nobody has ever done anything like that in AFTAC." And then instead of just stopping it there by telling me it couldn't be done, he continued and said "But let's see if we can't work something out." And then the "seasoned" MSgt worked with the "young" Capt to develop the SOPs, shipping & handling processes, and containers to help insure the GMU could make the scheduled IOC. In a lot of organizations, I think the logistics representative would have stopped at "it can't be done" but not in AFTAC.

When I returned to AFTAC for my final assignment, Carl had retired but was still very active in the Alumni Association and the AFTAC bowling league so we ran into each other periodically. The GMU had come and gone but Carl sometimes reminded me of how silly it was to try to ship glass sample collectors to remote AFTAC sites, but that the processes we had developed had worked fairly well through the limited life cycle. Those of you that have been involved in the LRDA with Carl know that he put the same spirit of teamwork and positive attitudes into the LRDA as he had exhibited in his active duty years.

Carl is just one example of the great people I have met and worked with as an active duty AFTACer, and now for an even longer time as a Life member of the LRDA (it's a little hard for me to realize that I've been retired longer than I was on active duty). People are indeed our most important asset and Carl was among the best.

Our organization is made up of many great individuals but the LRDA is more than the sum of its parts. As we grow older, other members will leave us but the LRDA will continue to thrive as long as current (and future) members show the same spirit and involvement as Carl did. Let's all take this opportunity to recruit a new member to take up where Carl left off.

Florida Membership/Sages WorldWide (WW) Directories: WW is an expanded listing of all who serve/served and we have record of it is 'searchable' at the Florida Chapter website: 'https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/' -Pg 07.' Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members from the Florida Membership Chair, Clark Creery, 'ccreery@cfl.rr.com.'

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-Terry Hammond Vice-CMSgt David Melton/TM
Secretary-Sean Ryan Treasurer-Joe Goldian

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Nederhoed/CCS Hall of Heritage-Mike Young/CC HO
Hospitality-Judy Milam Web/Electronic Media-Mike Black, Clark
Creery, Editors Membership-Clark Creery Newsletter (Post-Monitor)
Editors-John and Christel Horsch Publicity-VACANT
Sage Shop-CMSgt Steve Revels/IG

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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.

Membership: Clark Creery reports, **FL Membership:** 621/559LT; **ePoMo/USPS**, 276/345; **WorldWide**, 4601

Post-Monitor: Editor's report, on schedule

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.

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

Membership Thoughts

CLARK CREERY, 03.17

As the years march on I cannot believe how technology has changed things. I guess that is one indication that I am getting older; however, with that age increase I have tried to stay in concert with technology. I thank the 1155th and the advent of the IBM 360 computer along with the computer drum cards. Those were the days when we were tasked to create Illustrated Parts Breakdowns for the various techniques. It required an immense amount of time and as the clock moved forward I realized that I have more power in my home computer than existed on that IBM monster.

The home computer is almost required these days because it is required for keeping track of bills, filling out driver's license forms, and as we all know, various association newsletters. We have tried to stick with the current technology to stave off the high mailing costs, the high printing costs and the time that we spend creating an organized alumni association for each of you. Our Florida membership stands at 622 this month and of those it stands at 560 Lifetime members (the smart

ones) and thanks to Mike **Black's** advice and the work accomplished by your editor, John **Horsch**, we established an electronic mailing list. We currently have approximately 275 members who have elected to go electronic. (pun intended)

However we still have a requirement to mail out via the USPS 347 paper copies. I get excuses that "I forgot", "I don't know how", "but I like a paper copy" (ever heard of a printer?) and we know that most of you have graduated to the electronic world.

Once again, give us some serious thought about going electronic. You can always contact our Membership Chair (www.Ccreery@cfl.rr.com) for guidance and we yearn to help you out. I know, this sounds like a broken record but the scratch in our record is the requirement to use the hard copies.



COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2012.02

ECHOES

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

Membership: 87

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) AND CONTACT BEFORE COMING
General Membership Breakfasts occur on a regular basis and are normally held at the Aurora Hills Club House.

Picnic 2012 where and when to be determined.

Dinner/Social November 10th held in the past at the Aurora Hills Golf Course Club House ; details in next issue.



SEPTEMBER 2011 BREAKFAST MEETING



FL NOTE: PICTURES ARE EXTRACTED FM CO ISSUE AS BEST AS POSSIBLE
From atop his 'stooled' perch, President Jack **Smith**, presides over the breakfast meeting.

There were many present both Active-Duty (Det 45/46) and alumni. A good 'filling' time was had by all.

Here we post several pictures of this event.



Ken **Behrens** & Bill **Schmied** discuss their turn on the stool.



<<Maj Barry Croker, Det45/CC & A1C Brian Ebling >>TSgt Stephen Schermerhorn, Lt Col Robert McLaughlin, Det 46/CC, & SSgt Aaron Smith



Our oldest alumni member, Ed Gardiner, and our newest active duty member, A1C Brian Ebling. Ed enlisted in the Air Force in Nov 1948 after prior enlisting and serving in the New York State National Guard for four years. He retired from the Air Force on 01 Sep 1970. Brian enlisted in Auburn, PA, in Nov 2010 and arrived at Det 45 in Jul 2011 after completion of 9S technical training at Goodfellow AFB.

November 2011 Dinner/Social

THE SABER TEAM CONSISTED OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS FROM DETACHMENTS 45 & 46 AND THE 566 IS. MANY MORE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE AVAILABLE. IF YOU LIKE TO HAVE A CD-ROM OR DVD OF ALL OF THEM, CONTACT THE ECHOES EDITOR.

BELOW THE SABER TEAM WELCOMES MSGT (RET) BRYCE & SUE DUNN



CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER-(SPECIAL EDITION, 2012.01*)

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; Dale **Klug**, Publications & Distribution; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>.

Membership: 150, 135 are Lifetime



***FL Editor's Note:**
Fallout's are posted at the CA website. Visit to view pictures and more detail. In the absence, at the time, of an editor, the WebMaster, Bob **Fitzgerald** published a 'Special Edition' extracted below.



Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE)-CHECK BEFORE COMING
-General Business/Member Meetings, 2nd Monday quarterly (03.12, 07.11, 09.10, 12.10) at the Lions Gate Restaurant, McClellan Park.

-Jun 2nd, Annual Picnic BBQ & Potluck Tempo Park, Fair Oaks, 1100-1500. Sign-up form required and available on the WCC Website "Form" page.

-Nov Fall Social, date, time and location TBD, monitor the WCC Website for updates. Registration will be required.

A Word From The Prez

CHARLIE PENN, WCC PRESIDENT

Greetings one and all. We haven't had a newsletter in quite some time but this issue will be the phoenix for The Depot Fallout.

Since you last received our newsletter we hosted a successful AFTAC Worldwide Reunion in May.

FL Editor Note: We used the pages of the 2011.08 PoMo for lengthy reports provided by CA Officers, members, and attendees. The 'Special Edition' 'FallOut' mentioned earlier has many pictures of this event and others the Chapter has hosted. Charlie goes on to write:

The best news that I can report is Don **King** has "volunteered" to become our new Depot Fallout Editor. This means that once again we will have periodic newsletters to inform, amuse, and entertain you. Thanks Don, we appreciate you stepping up and filling this position and I know our membership is looking forward to reading future issues. FL Editor Note: Since this writing we have learned Charlie stepped down as President since he is moving out of the area. Until the next election, Dave Price will preside.

Membership News

DAVE PRICE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Welcome to new LIFE members: Dave **Brown**, Robert **Emerson**, and Mary **Esping** and new members: David **Holmwood**, David **Janes**, Deuber **Maurer**, and William **Moran**. Total Active Members, 150; Life Members, 135. Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. Check your mailing label, or check the "WCC Ros-

ter" 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 the 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).

Annual Fall Social

DAVE TARQUINO, WCC VICE PRESIDENT

Our Fall Social was held at the China Buffet in Citrus Heights on 12 November. Forty-two Alumni and friends enjoyed reminiscing; catching up on what has been happening in our lives and telling tall tales. We had our Chapter elections as the finale to our event. Last but not least, a big thank you to Bob Fitzgerald for taking all the photos at the event. See this and more at the CA Website.

2011 Annual WCC Spring Picnic

BOB FITZGERALD, WCC WEBMASTER/ASST. NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Our annual picnic was delayed due to WCC hosting of the AFTAC Worldwide Reunion at McClellan Park.

The picnic held on 17-Sep-2011 was a great success with perfect weather and lots of good food, plus 46 good friends with which to share. Our Picnic Chairman Butch **Kemna** did a wonderful job again this year in arranging for our use of Tempo Park and in procuring all the dogs, burgers, paper products, etc. BBQ cooking was masterfully accomplished by a team of BBQ Chefs. Dave **Tarquino**, his son Dan, Ken **Breitwieser**, & Dennis **Nolan**.

A table was set up where Bob **Fitzgerald** had his laptop running a slideshow of photos of the Worldwide Reunion, plus copies of the WCC Roster and registration forms for upcoming events.. Fifty two photos were taken at the picnic, all of which can be seen in full color from the "Albums" page on our web site.

Speakers, May 2011 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion



CMSgt John **Nederhoed**/AFTAC/CCS, Banquet Keynote Speaker

MGen (Ret) **Schaffer**, AFTAC/CC (94-96)

Dr. Daniel **DeForest**/TM

MONITOR *ing Active*

Duty Doing' from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



Col. Aaron M. Prupas

Commander (CC), 2010.06. AF1990/AFTAC2010. The Col served the AF in many capacities before coming to AFTAC. Most recently as deputy chief, Commander's Initiatives Group, US Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla. Col Prupas has several Master's with latest in national security and strategic studies, Naval War College, Newport, RI. Complete Bio, <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



CMSgt John Nederhoed

Superintendent (CCS), 2008.04. AF1983/AFTAC1987. The Chief has served AFTAC in many capacities and at many locations to include TOD, multiple detachments/positions and recently, First Sergeant and Superintendent, DO. Education: All NCO Academies (Distinguished Grad, NCO Acad) and has earned several AS of Science Degrees. Complete Bio, <http://www.afisra.af.mil/>



The Commander Writes

What a great year it's been for AFTAC! It's hard to believe we made the transition to winter – albeit a sunny Florida winter! Through the course of 2011, we tackled many obstacles as a team. In addition to skillfully performing our day-to-day mission, the men and women of AFTAC assisted our friends and allies after the horrific natural disaster that struck Japan, and our actions paved the way for future missions. Each day I am truly amazed at the excellent level of work they accomplish, and the teamwork and camaraderie displayed. I am confident 2012 will bring even greater achievements for this tremendous organization. I am proud to serve as AFTAC's commander.

We had a wonderful Holiday Party in December where the active AFTAC staff had the chance to catch up with the AFTAC alumni. I believe a superb time was had by all, and it was great to see so many "Sage Long Rangers" in attendance. I'd like to extend a special thank you to John and Chris **Horsch** for getting the word out about the party as well as continuing the distribution of the Post-Monitor, which will go into its 20th year of publication in 2012 while the Chapter itself goes into its 27th year!

This organization remains as successful as it is because of the outstanding support and continued 'corporate knowledge' we get from our alumni.

AARON M. PRUPAS, Col, USAF Commander

Annual Awards Banquet

FEBRUARY 9, TIDES CLUB, PATRICK AFB, FL, 1800-2000

2011 AFTAC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

MGen Dettmer, USAF (Ret) (ex-AFTAC CC, '97) was the Guest Speaker-Col Roberts, AFTAC CV closing CV provided comments.



SrA Meeker sang the National Anthem. The Honor Guard & Sabre Team presented the 'Sabre Line Entrance,' the 'Colors,' & POW/MIA Table..



AFTAC: A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

Center Personnel, and Sages, met to recognize AFTAC Award Winners who, if selected, would go to the 'Annual Awards and Commander's Conference' at the AFISR Agency. (selectee's there go on to compete for the Air Force '12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year') -Also honored was **Alumni of the Year-2011**, earlier selected by his peers and presented at the 'Alumni Association's' 14th Annual SnowBall, 02.04.

Selected this night: AMN/A1C Hoag/Det

45-NCO/SSgt **Wilson**/Det 319-SNCO/SMSgt **Brown**/Det 319-CGO/1 Lt **Cole**/LS-FGO/Maj **Todorov**/TC-Jr Tech/SSgt **Robertson**/LS-Sr Tech/SSgt **Gerold**/Det 402-Cat I Non-supervisory/Ms. **McKeever**/TM-Cat II Non-supervisory/Mr **Malmstrom**/TH-Cat II Supervisory/Ms **Miller**/TH-Team/Systems Control Branch/LS-Volunteer/2 Lt **Peery**/TH-Detachment of the Year/**402-Alumni**/SMSgt (Ret) Dale **Klug**/Sage. NOTE: **Det 402 was also winner at the AFISR Agency level.**

AFTAC personnel collar prestigious annual awards

SUSAN A. ROMANO, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS, 2012.01.04, FULL STORY AT: [HTTP://WWW.AFISR.AF.MIL/NEWS/STORY.ASP?ID=123284987](http://WWW.AFISR.AF.MIL/NEWS/STORY.ASP?ID=123284987)

Two individuals and one team from the Air Force Technical Applications Center here were bestowed with the 'Samuel J Heyman' 'Service to America' Medals from the commander of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency for their work on national security and international affairs. (see picture)



Chris Cross (left) and Dr. Amy Wolf, both assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center with duty under the Defense Intelligence Agency, review a brochure on seismic activity (U.S. Air Force photo/Susan A. Romano)

AFTAC honors Pearl Harbor survivors

SUSAN A. ROMANO, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – In a ceremony honoring survivors of the horrific events that unfolded on American soil 70 years ago, the Air Force Technical Applications Center paid tribute to four U.S. servicemen and several surviving spouses who were all impacted by the attacks on Pearl Harbor.

The guests of honor were recognized for their heroism and bravery they displayed after Japan's surprise raid on the Hawaiian Islands early that Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941, devastating the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet in less than two hours, and propelling the United States into World War II.

The event was steeped in ceremonial flair with the Honor Guard posting the colors, the national anthem sung by AFTAC Senior Airman Kerrilee **Meeker**, and an invocation by 45th Space Wing Chaplain (Capt.) Jason **Gunnels**. Additionally, Airmen from AFTAC and Sailors from the Naval Ordnance Test Unit at Cape Canaveral stood in formation to render their respect to the



survivors and the event's keynote speaker, retired U.S. Navy Capt. Richard P **Jeffrey**.

Col. Aaron **Prupas**, AFTAC commander, praised the combat veterans for their unwavering service. "We owe it to our children to never forget the agony and heroism you felt that day. We owe it to you to tell the world how you stood up to be counted upon."

After his remarks, Prupas introduced 94-year-old Jeffrey, who offered his personal and firsthand account into the attacks as he served aboard the battleship USS Maryland. "Our ship was damaged when a Japanese bomb exploded nearby, but despite being hit, we were prepared to sail in record time," said Jeffrey. "Japanese leaders assumed the attack would have kept most American naval vessels out of the war for more than a year, but many were back in service within two months." Jeffrey is a U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1939 graduate. In addition to his time on the USS Maryland, he later served with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower at Supreme Commander Allied Powers Europe (later Supreme Headquarters Allied Command Europe).

After the speakers' presentations, sailors from NOTU performed a 21-gun salute using 40mm cannons, and the base Honor Guard played Taps. Then in keeping with military tradition, the most junior member present – AFTAC Airman 1st Class Nicole **Hart** – and the most



senior member present – Capt. **Jeffrey** – unsheathed a ceremonial sword to cut the cake.

The event has become a time-honored tradition for the Center, with **2011 being the 17th consecutive year it's been hosted by the organization**. More than 100 spectators attended the event. This was the **first year that AFTAC invited Sailors from NOTU** to participate, and organizers hope it won't be the last. "When AFTAC leadership asked us to participate, we jumped at the chance," said Cdr. Michael **LaPrade**, NOTU executive officer. "The raid on Pearl Harbor in 1941 was a horrendous act of war against the United States, and knowing what these survivors went through made our participation in the ceremony all the more important for our Sailors at NOTU. It was a privilege to be a part of it."

The crowd grew silent when two Army Junior ROTC cadets from Cocoa Beach Junior/Senior High School conducted a flag-folding ceremony as President Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech to Congress, including his famed, "...a date which will live in infamy..." echoed over the loudspeaker through the courtyard.

"I think it's extremely important for us to continue to tell the tales of the survivors' acts of heroism," said Col. Jim **Roberts**, AFTAC vice commander. "Our Pearl Harbor ceremony has become somewhat of a tradition for us – one which we are very proud of. We pledge to continue to tell that historic story, even after the last survivor is no longer with us. We owe it to future generations."

NOTE: The Air Force Technical Applications Center located at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., provides national authorities quality technical measurements to monitor nuclear treaty compliance and develops advanced proliferation monitoring technologies to preserve our nation's security.

AFTAC HQ Building Project

FLORIDA TODAY PAPER, 2011.12.19, N. MOODY

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE — Though little seems to have been done at the site of the planned new Air Force Technical Applications Center, architects and engineers have been working on the project. "That big brown sign indicates that this project is under way," AFTAC commander Col. Aaron **Prupas** said. "They did a preliminary design." A 4-foot by 8-foot sign marks the site of the new building, west of the present AFTAC structure along State Road A1A. Prupas said that though there has not been much work done at the site that would be obvious to passers-by, soil samples have been taken as architects complete the final design off site. Construction trailers are to be moved onto the site before year's end, and heavy equipment should be in place soon. "That should start right after the first of the year," Prupas said.

Since (groundbreaking last year) most of the work on the project has been design and preparation. The four-story, 276,000-square-foot headquarters replacement building includes a two-floor, 38,000-square-foot analysis laboratory. "Mobilization will probably start right before the holidays," said Brad **Winans**, the project operations manager for Hansel Phelps Construction Co. "Site



AFTAC broke ground 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.

work should be under way by mid-January.”

The Air Force said the new building was necessary because the current headquarters — a four-story, 213,000-square-foot building constructed in the 1950s — is beset with safety and health hazards. The old building along busy State Road A1A also is vulnerable to attack being close to the roadway. And AFTAC has outgrown its building. The expansion is expected to bring dozens of construction jobs and eventually add dozens more to an AFTAC work force of military and civilians, which stands at about 1,000 including those stationed elsewhere around the world. “We’re expecting to gain 100 positions,” Prupas said. Contact Moody at 321-242-3651 or nmoody@floridatoday.com



Clark **Creery**, Membership Chair, sent this ‘Picture of Progress.’



AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed

Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, ‘Need To Know Now’ link. <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/aftac-cares-program-support-our-deployed>

‘Cares’ Contact: Carol Snyder, Carol.Snyder@patrick.af.mil, Carol provides this update: 21 packages were prepared/mailed to our deployed most recently; see ‘Pack-n-Wrap’ schedule below. Contact that listed address if you’d like to participate.

Over this period, we also received several **very desirable phone cards**, and several notes of appreciation from those deployed.

NOTE: Carol forwards these notes to your PoMo editors upon receipt. We post them at the ‘Alumni Association’ website, These ‘Thanks’ make very good reading and provide insight into what our deployed experience.

The Boosters Club Prez Reports (Elections-Nov)

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT; **LT PASTOOR** VICE: **SSGT ENNESSER**-TREAS: **SSGT JORDAN** SECRETARY: **MSGT PYLE**, PUBLIC AFFAIRS: **LT DELORME**, HOT DOG SALES: **A1C HUNT**, TOP BANANA REP: **TSGT SANGER** CLOTHING SALES REP: **SSGT PAYTON**

The biggest announcement is the **Spring Picnic**; it will be held on **21 April, 1100 at the Wickham Park Pavilion**. Tickets will be \$7 per person, \$25 family cap.

PoMo NOTE: Tickets are on sale now and information is also available at pages 1 and 3 of this issue.

The other announcement is that we have purchased a large number of **99/9S coins**; they are available for **\$8 apiece**.

For more information of current events at the Center, please check out our electronic newsletter on Page 5 of the LRD Alumni website.

PoMo NOTE: We pass on information we receive via eALLert’s to subscribed members (open to all) and at the alumni assn website, ‘Breaking News’ and/or ‘Active Duty Schedule/Booster’s Club Newsletter,’ Page 05. Check there often for updates and much more..

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

PROVIDED BY SEAN RYAN, LRD ALUMNI ASSN BOARD SECRETARY, MAINTAINED BY JEANNINE KEPNER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE COMMANDER

EVENT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	POC
WindDown	1st Friday Each Month/1530	Outback	Various
LRDAA Monthly Meeting	2nd Monday/Ea Month/1700 or other designated time	1645 HQ’s Outback or other Venue	Alumni Website, URL listed below.
Burger Burn	Every Thursday/1100 -1230	Outback	Various
Pack-n-Wrap for the Troops	Bi-Monthly/1830	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/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/4-active-duty-schedule>.

'Cookie Care'

Members of AFTAC's Spouses Group gathered Dec. 21 to put together **'cookie care packages'** for **AFTAC single Airmen who reside in the dormitories**. The ladies generously baked the delicious home-made goodies and packaged them up as a way of extending their thanks to the Airmen who may not be able to go home for the holidays or who don't have family in the local area. "We had such a great turn out from the Spouses Group and had an incredible selection of wonderful cookies, brownies, and dessert bars for our Airmen," said Katy **Mulligan**, wife of Capt. Mike Mulligan, Commander's Action Group officer. "To tell you the truth, I had a hard time not nibbling on all the amazing recipes while we were putting the boxes together! I want to thank all the spouses who took time out of their very busy holiday schedule to take care of our Airmen. I know they really appreciated it."



L>R Front Row: Diane Whidden, Susan Clark, Stacey Strum, Melissa Snodgrass, Jec Tecson, Loreleri Zickafoose Middle Row: Carol Snyder, Crystal Rozwood, Kristen Rickert, Ginny Wingate, Deborah Robb Back Row: Jan Lambert, Kimberley Cole, Katy & Aileen Mulligan, Barbra Dahl, Amie & Morgan Prupas

This ain't no Mickey Mouse marathon, 13.1 miles!

BY SUSAN A. ROMANO, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS, POSTED, 01.14.

Several members from the Air Force Technical Applications Center participated in the weekend events 01.07, including AFTAC commander, Col. Aaron **Prupas**. It was Prupas' 14th marathon and his fourth time running in Disney-sponsored marathons. Read more here. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123286289>



There they go!!

Col. Aaron Prupas (left), AFTAC/CC, and Robyn Kleinschmidt, wife of Maj. Neal Kleinschmidt, also from AFTAC, display their coveted Donald Duck medals upon completion of Disney's half marathon. (U.S. Air Force photo/Susan A. Romano)

AFTAC 'Now'

SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/PA

SUSAN REPORTED INTO AFTAC NEAR THE END OF 2011. WE QUICKLY INTRODUCED OURSELVES AND SHE IMMEDIATELY OFFERED TO SUPPORT THE ALUMNI IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. ONE OF THOSE WAYS IS THE 'NEWS OF AFTAC' SHE DISSEMINATES ... YOU WILL SEE HER 'CREDIT' IN THESE PAGES.

--MANY OF THE ITEMS SUSAN PROVIDES ARE OF INTEREST TO OUR SAGES AND ARE POSTED AT THE ALUMNI ASSN WEBSITE, 'BREAKING/NEWS TO KNOW,' PAGE, <https://sites.google.com/site/LRDALUMNIASSNNEEDTOKNOWNOW/1D-ASSOCIATION-NEWSLETTER-POST-MONITOR/5A-BREAKING-NEWS-UPDATED-07-30>

--CHECK THERE OFTEN. AS SPACE PERMITS WE WILL ALSO PRESENT THEM HERE.

--MOST OF SUSAN'S ITEMS ARE POSTED AT THE 'AFISR' WEBSITE. WE WILL OFTEN REFER YOU TO THAT SITE IF YOU CARE TO READ 'MORE.' THE LINKS WERE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THIS NEWSLETTER BUT MAY EXPIRE AT ANY TIME.

02.16 Posting. AFTAC Airman hits career high note. A typical day for a systems control technician at (AFTAC) consists of monitoring the organization's vital sensor networks around the globe, ensuring uninterrupted connectivity on a 24/7/365 basis. But for one AFTAC technician, her next 365 days will consist of hitting high notes, playing the French horn, and traveling to foreign lands as a member of Tops in Blue, the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase. Senior Airman Kerrilee **Meeker**, an AFTAC systems control technician, was recently selected to join the prestigious traveling troupe. More: <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123290338>

02.24 Posting. Treaty Monitoring Center anticipates state-of-the-art facility For many employees who work in the current Air Force Technical Applications Center here, the thought of operating in a brand new facility is breathing new life into their daily routine, especially since most have worked in the building for several decades. More: <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123291196>

03.02 Posting. AFTAC Airmen in company of astronauts, senators and Nobel It isn't often an Air Force captain and major find themselves as members of a fraternity whose alumni include astronaut Neil **Armstrong**, Nobel laureate William **Phillips**, Secretary of Defense Robert **Gates**, Federal Reserve Chairman Paul **Volker** Jr., and U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick **Moynihan**. That is the case, however, for two officers assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center here. Maj. Katherine A. **Todo-rov**, a senior scientist and Capt. Joshua A. **Burger**, a systems engineer, are two of the U.S. Air Force nominees for the 2011 Arthur S. Flemming Award. More: <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123292125>

03.17 Posting. Inspection finds AFTAC in compliance with laws and directives. Inspectors from the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, March 5-9, examined (AFTAC,) one of AFISRA's subordinate units. **CMSgt Revels**, AFTAC's IG, described what went into preparing the organization for the higher (HQ) review. More: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B2JQHEzSezXEZHU0MVc3b3FRdGIPN3VOWkh3OXQyZw/edit>

PoMo Editor's Notes: Check out other stories while you are at the AFISRA site, 'Newest Chief's recognized and welcomed,' and some of the other stories there.

In the future: Chief John **Nederhoed** plans an article for the next issue regarding the AFISRA annual awards/CC Conference. The 'Annual Awards' selectee's listed earlier in this issue go forward to compete at this level. Enlisted winners at that level go forward to compete in the "12 Outstanding Airman of the Year" at the Air Force level!!

NOTE: 'FEATURE ARTICLES' CATEGORIES LISTED ON OUR CONTENTS PAGE, AND BELOW, DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE INPUTS. We list them in the hope it will trigger a Sage or two to sit down and share a tale or two. It is also a powerful reminder of our dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!! Send inputs to 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or mail to the Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column)-Categories/Last Input follow:

1. "Commander's reCall"/2007.09
 2. "I Remember ..."/2012.04
 3. "A Family Affair"-Parent/Child Serve LRD/2007.09
 4. "Sage Stars"-Post LRD Success/2010.08
- NOTE:** 'Sage Son Stars'/2011.12 & 2012.04
5. "BS Tales"/2012.04
 6. "Where In The World Is"-From Website/2008.12
 7. "Tom's Trivia"/2011.08

"I REMEMBER ..."

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

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

HONOR ROLL: Jack **Binkerd**, John **Horsch** (3-articles), Jim **Payne**, Tom **Ciambrone** (deceased), Robert **Jones** (deceased), Mary **Miller**, Jim **Davis** (4), Rick **Holderman** (2 articles), Carl **Raines**, Dan **Burk**, Harry **Bedsforth**, Walter **Franks**, Bill **Braukman** (deceased), George **Kraus** (2), George **Waters** (2), Marvin **Ross**, Joe **Marshall**, Chuck **Conrad**, Joe **Johnson** (2), John **Bright**, Robert **Mason**, Curt **Smith** (3) Jim **Lillethun**, William **Koerschner**, Glenn **Kennedy**, Tom **Dunn**, Bob **Long**, John **Bright**, Vern **Mikkelsen**, Brian **Swan** (deceased), Bruce **Deffler**, Les **Miller**, Clark **Wilberg**, Lloyd **French**, John **Bright**, Tony **Balentine**, Wayne **Myers**, Clark **Creery**, Gary **Warfield**, Clentis **Bailey**, Dr. **Romney**, Bob **Chadwick**, Dave **Wingfield**, Jim **Davis**, Bill **Moran**. Ron **Geleta** and Harry **Hodges**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR MEMORY INPUTS

Ron Geleta (A/1C, AF11287141), Reports

RON RESPONDED WITH THIS EXCELLENT REPORT OF 'ALASKA' EARLY HISTORY FOR POSSIBLE USE AT OUR SNOWBALL IN FEB WITH THAT THEME.

In 1955, Team 154 was located at Ethan Allen AF Base near Burlington, VT. The team had been moved there from Dow AFB, ME, having to vacate that area due to the expansion of runways at that base. Capt John R. **Adams** was the commander at that time.

In late 1955, this team size was increased with new enlisted personnel from tech school of which I was one. The newly added personnel effectively created numbers for 2 additional teams. At this time, the new personnel received on-site training. In the meantime, a small team of personnel was established and sent on a TDY mission to check out possible locations of teams for assignment to Alaska and Japan.

New officers and ncos' were added to this detachment. The time had come and one group became the basis for Team 328 and deployed in 1957 to Karamusel, Turkey under Capt. Albert [Pat] **Genzler**. A second team of personnel at the same time was deployed to Bremen [or Bremerhaven]. A Captain **Gallineary** was a new officer attached to Team 154 who did not receive command of one of these teams and was assigned to report to Alaska. I believe that he might have been the

first team commander at the Alaska location as I think that was the beginning of that new team.

My tour of duty at Karamusel ended in September 1958 shortly before I was to be separated. Hope this little bit of information is of some help. Thank you, Ron, the early history of this organization is always welcomed.

Harry Hodges Reports

THIS ONE IS FROM ANOTHER OF OUR 'FOUNDERS,' AS I CALL THEM ... HE STARTS BY RESPONDING TO THAT TITLE.

"Founders?" Good Lord, that makes me feel really old! And that reminds me of a story. Years ago at a reunion, Bill **Normington** and I toured the MCL facility and were shown all of the radiation lab facilities. One thing shown was the process of initial Gamma assessment of incoming filter paper samples.

We observed the equipment used had not changed much and the procedure was about the same despite many advances in data recording. We asked the technician about the procedure and he informed us that "It had always been done that way". Since Bill and I had worked hard to optimize the procedure years earlier, we were stunned. I suspect that Airman may have taken a fresh look at how he was performing since we believed that the organization was always trying to improve!!

On that same visit, it was refreshing to see the diversity in the Airman chemists. I recalled that TSgt. Bill **Bingham** (about 1966) was the first of many enlisted chemists to take over that rather routine job which had captured (and bored) many Officers with degrees in Chem Engineering. Thanks, Harry, maybe some things just can't be improved no matter how much time passes!!

'SAGE SON' STARS

Articles/stories, submitted by our readers, of

'Sage Success Stories'

Stories that exemplify the spirit of a 'Striving Sage' going above and beyond the norm.

Honor Roll (submitters) Judy **Milam**, John **Horsch** (4), Clark **Creery** (2), Frank **Calenda**, Bob **Wiley**, 'Sage Son,' Shane San Miguel/Robert **San Miguel**

RECALL WE RAN SHANE'S REPORT IN THE 2011.12 ISSUE. SHANE'S FATHER, RICHARD, WHEN ASKED, WAS KIND ENOUGH TO RESPOND.

Shane San Miguel, a Father's Response

WE 'BEND' OUR NORMAL 'SAGE STARS' THEME TO RECOGNIZE A 'SAGE SON' HONORING HIS FATHER - A FATHER WHO HAD SERVED OUR MISSION. WE ALSO ASKED THAT FATHER TO WRITE A REACTION, AND HE DID, THAT FOLLOWS.

REMINDER: IN JULY BOB FITZGERALD, CA CHAPTER WEBMASTER, AND KEN BREITWIESER, THE CHAPTER'S ASST SECRETARY, ASKED US FOR HELP. A 'SAGE SON,' SHANE SAN MIGUEL, AUTHOR OF THE REPORT WE RAN LAST ISSUE, WANTED TO PLACE AN 1155TH LOGO STICKER ON HIS MOTORCYCLE AS HE ATTEMPTED A SPEED RECORD AT THE BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, AUG 14TH THRU 20TH. HE WAS DOING THIS TO HONOR HIS FATHER, RICHARD, WHO HAD SERVED OUR MISSION AT THE 1155TH. SEVERAL AT HQ 'MADE IT HAPPEN' AND SHANE MADE HIS RUN.

DATeline, AUG 14-20TH, BONNEVILLE FLATS, UTAH.

A FATHER'S RESPONSE, RICHARD WRITES:

I must say this whole AFTAC; Bonneville and Salt Flats trip has been quite surprising. I will forever remember my years as a "Tech Ops" guy. I entered service in 1968 and was lucky enough to be selected by AFTAC.

I spent a year in Denver, CO, at Det 57. After fundies and System H training in 1969 I PCSed to Sacramento, CA, and the 1155th Tech Ops became my new residence. Worked at Depot Maint until 1970 when I transferred to McClellan Central Lab, Applied Physics Department. I had been told not to expect to be in Sacramento for more than 6 months. In 1978 I finally separated from service after 11 years of service. Met some wonderful folks at Tech Ops, some remain life long friends.

But enough about Dad, This is about pure unadulterated..... SPEED. I must begin by saying that, like most Fathers and Mothers, you're quite concerned when you realize your only son is involved a highly dangerous sport. Maybe this is just a fad? A passing thing? What did I do wrong? It's his Mothers Fault! No such luck.

Shane has always been in love with SPEED. As a small child, he rode on my motorcycle gas tank and held on to the handle bars. Through his elementary and junior high years, he rode bikes and motorcycles of all types. Finally in high school he graduated to the drag strip to blow off Corvettes in his Pinto. But 4 wheels didn't produce the high that 2 wheels had always given him. So alas, we resigned ourselves to the fact that this was something that he really wanted to do and enjoyed.

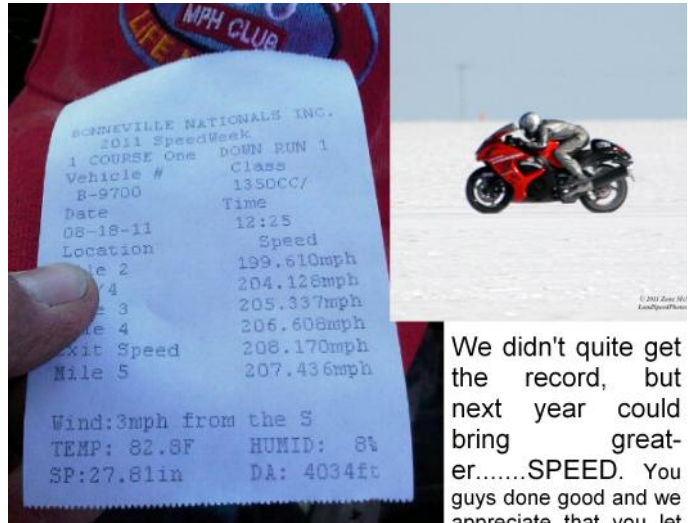
We have since taken to supporting his efforts. We even make the pilgrimage to the hallowed Bonneville Salt Flats. Here Men and Women push themselves and their machines to new limits. This is hallowed ground for racers.



Richard, with Son Shane's bike, proudly points to the 1155th Logo

Imagine how flabbergasted I was when my son came forward with a Tech Ops insignia and asked if I would help him mount it on his faring. As a parent you always wonder what kind of job you did raising your kids. I was proud that this was a sign of RESPECT for all those

who wear our country's uniforms. Since installing the decal, he has had many encounters from people who recognize the insignia.



We didn't quite get the record, but next year could bring great-er.....SPEED. You guys done good and we appreciate that you let

us 'ride along.' Shane ended this excellent adventure by passing on one of those encounters his dad mentions. "BTW - I took my 8yr old daughter to school the other day on the race bike and the school principal saw the sticker on the bike and said "hey who do you know that was in AFTAC? I was in AFTAC, Weather Recon. At McClellan." Indeed it is a small world!!

"BS TALES"

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be '**Barely Substantiated**' and/or '**Boldly Stated (BS).**' Forward 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 story), John Horsch (6), Ben Vlasick, (deceased), Brian Berenbach, Mike Gingrich (2), Frank Liberatori, Bill Taylor, Frank Calenda (6), Ron Cook (2), Walter Franks, Ken Oyer, Bob Chadwick, Frank Szachta (4), Chuck Wallace, Jon Kempe, George Kraus (2), Bud Horrell, Mike Steskal, Ray Copeland (4), Geno Wagner, Harold Huhs, Jack Wagley, Leroy Jones, Jack Dorneden (7), Clark Creery (4), Richard (Alkie) Summers (2), Les Miller, Jon Richardson, Mike Higgins, Kenneth Stanford, Dick Grim, James Gindleperger, Bob Chadwick, Harry Joseph, Brent Braud, Charlie Penn, and this issue, Joe Johnson and Bill Moran

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.

Joe Johnson Reports

I noted Jim Davis remarks in the Aug 2011 PO-MO about his and my experiences with Major Frank Galliney. Now some people will say I exaggerate so this probably should go in the BS section. Anyway I want to explain my encounter with Galliney.

As I recall this happened in 1960. Up until then I had led a sheltered life with AFTAC. First a tour at Det 142 followed by a tour at Det 204. Then to HQS to operate the Zipagram terminal which operated under the direction of the Technical Director. The Zip operation ran so smoothly that I was available for a number of TDY oper-

ations that were operated from the HQS. Lots of fun.

In 1960 I was transferred to the 1155 TOS and had just arrived, when HQS asked that I work at an operation at the Nevada Test Site. The 1155 wasn't happy with that idea but away I went. The test series was going fine until they had a mishap or something of the sort. Anyway, the HQS personnel went back to DC and left me to baby sit the operation pending resumption of the test series.

We had 3 B stations set up operating out of the Mobile B vans furnished by the 1155 TOS. One was at Tonopah, NV (Sgt Ken **McCormick** in charge), one at Alamo, NV (Sgt **Wilcher** in charge, his Operations Van was a 1943 model) and one at Tehachapi, CL. I had a nice air-conditioned Ford sedan for travel to the sites that I scheduled every 3rd day. I was staying at a motel in Tonopah and all was well with the world.

Now the problems started when the resumption of testing was delayed for some time. One day I get a phone call from this guy Frank **Galliney**. God, his voice alone was enough to raise the hair on the back of your head. I was advised the 1155 TOS was now in charge of the test series operation. I was further advised to get my behind (not the words Frank used) into Government quarters at the Nevada Test Site. Then to really get my attention, Galliney came to Nevada when the operation resumed. His voice was exceeded by his physical size and manner. I probably was chewed out by big Frank more in the 4 or 5 weeks we were in Nevada than at any other times during my lifetime.

But, we got the job done. I figured I was in deep dodo. Goes to show what I knew as Galliney wrote my next APR and I walked on water without leaving foot prints. Thus began my sojourn with Maj. Galliney.

Bill Moran, CMSgt (Ret) Reports

BILL MORAN, WHO STARTED THE LENGTHY SEO EXCHANGE YOU READ IN THE LAST ISSUE, FINISHED UP HIS WRITING WITH A FINAL 'BS' TALE.

In the winter of 1955, I was sent TDY for a couple of months to conduct WB-29 sampling missions out of Eielson AFB in Alaska. There was one particular mission I recall quite vividly. It was 50 below zero on the ground. We flew way up north. If memory serves me correctly (and at my age, it sometimes doesn't), the mission was supposed to take about 13 hours. We took off with about 15 hours of fuel on board, I was later told.

Unfortunately, when we passed the Arctic Circle, the aircraft lost all ground communications and direction equipment. As it was explained to me, the pilot had to guess which way to fly to get us back home. Fortunately, he guessed right. More importantly, we had a smart flight engineer on board who put the engines on minimum power. As a result, we gained flying distance but slowly and steadily lost altitude. I don't recall what altitude we were at when we started back (I think it was 18,000 feet), but we were at 1,200 feet and descending over the white frozen tundra when two U.S. jets intercepted us and guided us back to a safe landing. On

touch down, we had 10 minutes fuel remaining – after flying 18-1/2 hours! Someone said it was the longest recorded flight in B-29 history. It certainly seemed that way to me.

Ed Edwards Reports

I HAVE MOVED FROM SARASOTA, TO KENTUCKY. THAT MAKES IT A MITE HARDER TO ATTEND FUNCTIONS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, ESPECIALLY SINCE I TURNED THE BIG 80 THIS PAST DEC. IF YOU SEE CARL GAILEY TELL HIM HELLO FOR ME. CARL WORKED FOR ME AT THE D SYSTEM AT CLARK AFB IN THE EARLY 50'S. EDITOR NOTE: SADLY WE REPORTED CARL'S DEATH EARLIER IN THIS ISSUE.

I was assigned to Hq at the old Tempo T building and then to our new Bldg on Telegraph Road (1958). I knew many of the folks there as the NCOIC OF D SYSTEMS and worked for Lt Col Sid **Stubbs** and Col **Jernigan**.

With the Phase out of the Oxygen Generators and its replacement with the new non manned system we D System folks were no longer needed. My boss, Lt Col Sid Stubbs, asked me what I was going to do-I told him whatever he ordered me to do! So he said, "You are going to McClellan and after training become the AIRBORNE SUPERINTENDENT. That is just what I did until I retired in 1969.

A funny if I can remember it. Col Stubbs was briefing a General Officer on our mission at Albrook AFB and what we required of someone on his staff to pull the bottle from the new equipment once a week, seal it in the box we supplied and put in diplomatic pouch to the LAB. The Gen. told Col Stubbs, "Col if that highly classified popcorn popper is so critical and important then you can provide the manning for it. Of course Col Stubbs had to report this at the Ops briefing when he returned to Hq. I heard later the Panama Gen got fired over this but don't know if that's true.

At the time, Col Stubbs was going around the world setting up people to meet our requirements. I and others were at Oak Ridge checking out the new equipment that was developed there by Dr **Cameron**. Col Stubbs was coming the next day or so, so Dr. Cameron brought a hot plate with pie tin and some oil and popcorn. We had told him about the highly classified popcorn popper. When Col Stubbs arrived the Doc kept him in his office and sent his Secretary to advise us he was there. We plugged in the hot plate and when the Col walked in the popcorn was just starting to pop. We had placed it on top of the new unit (about the size of a Wall Locker). Col Stubbs said : WELL, THAT DAMM THING WILL POP CORN, WONT IT????

Excuse the misspelled words, Remember I'm 80 That makes me an OLD FART as well as a SAGE.

Editor's NOTE: Don't worry, 'OF,' our editors will get them all!!!
OK, OK, almost all!!!



NOTE: These two pages are also posted on the alumni assn website, 'Front Page,' Subpage, 'Sage Shop & Schedule.'

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**
 - a. **Normally-2nd Mondays** at 1700 gathering behind HQ (Outback) at 1645 for escort into the building. —other Patrick AFB dining venues (Tides, Golf Club-house, Dining Hall) may be considered.
 - 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.
- NOTE1:** Venues/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. **NOTE 2.** Oct meeting, if not rescheduled, falls on 'Columbus Day.'

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.
BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE
AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITORS
'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

May

04, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
14, 1130-Board/Membership

June

01, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
11, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting, Location TBD

July

06, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
09, 1700 -Board/Membership Meeting

August

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

3. Traditional Annual Event Plans and Timeframes

(**Bold Dates** are tentative-others for planning only)

January-April, three/four events (golf in April/May)

- a. **2013.02.02**, SnowBall XV, PAFB Clubhouse, Theme, TBD
- b. **2013.02.07**, Center Annual Awards Banquet
- c. **2012.04.21**, Center Annual Picnic, see pg 1
- d. **2012.04.27**, 22nd Annual Golf N'Getogether, see pg 1

May-August, one/two events (golf in April/May)

- a. 23rd Annual Spring Golf N'Getogether
 - b. Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate for publication
- September-December, 4 events**
- a. Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, 'Sociable September IV,' held at the 'Tides' Club on the **2nd Thursday, 09.13, at 1130** to encourage attendance members, alumni and active-duty
 - b. 22nd Assn Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether
 - c. **Oct 1st, Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**
 - d. Dec, AFTAC Winter Social

WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

Normally scheduled on an 'every other year' basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters. Last hosted by CA-2011.05, before that, FL-2009.06, and CO-2007.05.

CO plans WW for mid 2013, a **Det 418 Reunion** is planned in conjunction, see pg 24 for more information.

SAGE SHOP

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

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2011.07.12)

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
GOLF SHIRTS , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	0	0	1
Jade (medium green)	2	5	2	2
Navy	1	1	0	0
Red	2	1	0	2
White	1	0	0	2
Royal Blue	1	0	0	0
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	7	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	1	0	3
Maroon	2	2	0	0
Black	1	1	0	1
T-SHIRTS , no pocket - \$7.00				
Light Blue	1	1	3	3
Royal blue	2	0	2	1
Navy	2	0	2	1
Ash Gray	2	0	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	1	3	2
Fuchsia	1	1	2	0
Stone Washed Green	1	0	0	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	1	1	1
Black	4	0	0	3
SWEATSHIRTS , Ash Gray, \$15				
	1	0	0	0
NYLON JACKET , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'				
	0	0	0	3
White emblem with 'Alumnus'				
	0	0	1	0
HATS - \$8.00 # MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#				
Blue/White	18	-50th Commem Coin		\$3.00/53
Blue/Grey	4	-60th AF/LRD Com Coin:		\$4/126
Red/White	2	—60th flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th		
		-Logo Pin:		\$3.25/213

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'Tom's Trivia' (from preceding pages)

Answer: No trivia this issue due to space and printing requirements. But, we have a great submission of not one, but two, trivia from Dale Klug (just one of several he has sent over the years), we plan for next issue.



BY SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHANGE OF COMMAND WHEN AVAILABLE
The Air Force announced Dec. 16 that the Air Force Technical Applications Center will bid farewell to its current commander and will gain a new one sometime in the summer of 2012.

Col. Aaron M. Prupas (pictured left) AFTAC's present leader, joined AFTAC in June 2010. He has been selected to take over as the commander of the National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Prior to his assignment at Patrick AFB, he served as the deputy director for the Commander's Initiatives Group at U.S. Central Command, headquartered at MacDill AFB in Tampa, Fla.



In the same announcement, the Air Force selected **Lt. Col. Christopher A. Worley** (pictured right) to be Prupas' replacement. Worley, who has been selected for promotion to colonel, is currently serving as the Chief of Requirements and Assessments for the Undersecretary of Defense's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Task Force at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.



Det 418 Reunion Update, Original Notice, 2011.08 Issue. OPRs, Frank **Calenda**/ **Al Derickson**. Planning continues and we await final determinations from the Denver Alumni Chapter concerning exact dates. At present, that chapter plans 'WorldWide, 2013' for sometime in May-July 2013. We will integrate the 418 get together with theirs--It will be much cheaper and provide more venues if we do it that way. Usually the Denver chapter has a golf date, a briefing on the current mission and tours of the old Lowry school area. The application form for the main reunion will include the options for our reunion too.

We presently plan to have our get-together the day before the main reunion. Of course, you're welcome to attend just the 418 reunion or stay a couple more days and partake in the full reunion. Past reunions have always been enjoyable. Lots of memories, camaraderie, laughs and friendships renewed.

Edna and I will be leaving for New Zealand on April 20th for six months. I will have my same email address and Al and I will stay in touch to get you more information as it comes out.

So bear with us and things will start rolling as soon as the Denver chapter starts to finalize their plans. If there are any questions, please email me or Al. Of course, I'll have to poll everyone again to find how much interest there is now that it's getting closer. To date, we have about 60 people that have indicated they want to attend. I've still got other names to research and locate people. Kind regards to all, **Frank**

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