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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 65 years  
of service to our country  
16 September 2012  
**1947 – 2012**

A 65TH COIN WAS NOT MINTED



## \*SPOTLIGHT\*

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



### Arlin Massey Elected Association Secretary and appointed Publicity for FY2016

Arlin enlisted in the Air Force in 1964. The Air Force decided that he should drive a fuel truck until 1969 when he cross trained and became an Instrumentation Technician and was assigned to the 6596 Instrumentation Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA, where he worked in the Pulse Code Modulation (PCM) Satellite Ground Station (VTS) and a Satellite Operation Office commanding for DOD satellites including VELA, DMSP, DSP, etc.

Follow on assignment to the Bomarc facility at Eglin AFB, FL, on Santa Rosa IS where he reconfigured the Bomarc as an airborne target. Follow on assignment to 6594th Test Group, Hickam AFB HI where he flew as an airborne telemetry technician involved in the "Catch A Falling Star" program. This involved catching deorbited military systems with a C-130.

In 1980 he was selected for Office Training School with follow-on to Communications/Computer training at Keesler AFB MS. Follow on assignment to HQ/TAC at Langley AFB VA as special activity system design engineer for AF special projects. Follow on assignment to HQ/AFTAC tasked with upgrading existing and installing new communications systems for many AFTAC projects/techniques. Follow on assignment to Keesler AFB for Advanced Communication-Computer Office Training (ACOT) course with a last assignment to AFIC at Kelly AFB TX as Systems Program Manager for special projects. Arlin retired in 1993 back to Indian Harbour Beach FL. Thank you, Arlin, for stepping up for these positions on our association board, and for your co-chair of the recent reunion.

NOTE: Our other new board member, CMS Jones/CCCMS, is introduced in our ActiveDuty section of this PoMo.

## \*SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP\*

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

### Snowball XVIII, Saturday, 20 February 2016

SEAN RYAN / RUTH CREEERY, 'MAJOR ARRANGERS'

"WE'RE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL"



Since 1999, the AFTAC Alumni Association, Florida, has 'thrown a Snowball' at the start of the new year. **Snowball XVIII, Saturday, 20 February 2016.** Full article on page 3.

### FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER, XVII

ED LINDSAY, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'

Ed reports: We conducted the fall Golf N'Getogether, for 25 Sept. A 1300 shotgun start at Manatee cove...53 duffers showed up, alumni members helped make the tournament a success. Please see our write-up on page 4 of this Post Monitor. Big Thanks to Ed Lindsay who ensured that all had a swell time. See page 4.

## \*ACTIVE-DUTY ALERTS\*

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

### ACTIVE DUTY SCHEDULE, SAGES WELCOMED



'Winter Social' and 'Toilet Bowl' TBD. See 'Active-Duty' section for more, if any, information. Sage Contact for tickets, and questions, Carol Snyder, [carol.snyder@us.af.mil](mailto:carol.snyder@us.af.mil)

NOTE: Alert updates are posted at our website: URL above in 'Banner' Area. Pg 5, 'Calendar,' has a complete listing of alumni and active-duty events. You can also 'Auto-Receive' 'eALLerts' (deaths, breaking news, etc)-contact your editors, [chrisjohn2@gmail.com](mailto:chrisjohn2@gmail.com)

## \*SAGE/ACTIVE-DUTY EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF\*

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

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

**ASSOCIATION INFORMATION *Deceased, (D)*****Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (20)**

Sean Ryan/2014-Lonnie Gibbons/13-Gene & Dee Melchior/12-Dale Klug/11-Jack Smith (D)/10-Jack Jackson/09 (D)  
 Bob Wiley/08-Bill Schmied/07-Deborah Carson/06  
 Mike Black/05-Joe Goldian/04-Pat Snyder/03  
 Joe Johnson/02-Jim Payne/01-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000  
 John & Christel (D) Horsch/99-Frank Hall/98-Judy Milam/97  
 Carl Gailey (D)/96-Clark Creery/1995

**AFTAC/Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium**

Several ongoing projects represent and honor Center people and history. Two, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts) and the '20-Year Wall of Service' (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**; see Bryce Dunn's excellent report on this in our 'Feature Article' section.

**Association History** A group of retired/active duty AF-TACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at Patrick AFB, FL, on March 12, 1985, and formed the **AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)** (chartered, 1986). (from 2001-2014, we were renamed 'Long Range Detection' (LRD). --The Association provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to all who serve/served our mission in any organization associated with LRD (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any field detachment. Of note, there are several Sages who recall an earlier effort to form an association in 1976.

**There is this Association and two Groups** (referred as chapters in the past.)

**1. Florida 'AFTAC Alumni Association':** (application-back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Most monthly meetings are at 1600, second Monday of a month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 10989), or other venue, at Patrick AFB, FL-details, see 'Sage Schedule' at back of issue. Contacts: Clark Creery, [ccreery@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ccreery@cfl.rr.com), mailing address is: **PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. The Association has several communications resources, this triannual newsletter, '**Post-Monitor**' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a multi-page Website, see banner on previous page, with assn/alumni news and photos-we provide a '**Breaking News**' service at the website and thru instant notification, what we term, 'eALLert,' for time sensitive data at <http://groups.google.com/group/aftac-lrd>'.

**"PERENNIALS"** (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01/10-Current; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbrship 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas, since 2003; Randy Vlassick, Mbrship 04-09; Sean Ryan-Sec, 09-15; Steve Revels, Sage Shop since 2010

**2. Colorado Group:** Formed Nov 1986, **\$5/year**, they publish a newsletter, 'Echoes', have several meetings and social events a year. See website at <http://www.aftacco.org> for additional information and email contacts.

**3. California Group:** Formed 1999, **\$10/year/\$75 lifetime**. For more, email, [TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org)-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. The Group meets several times a year, publishes a newsletter, '**Depot Fallout**' and has a website, <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>

**"FROM THE HORSCHES MOUTH"**

# EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



John Horsch and Clark Creery

I want to start this issue by asking a question that may be a history lesson!! Did you know you can read the first AFTACAA newsletter, prepared by our current Membership Chair, Clark Creery, posted here, <https://sites.google.com/site/epomodocuments/>

--and there are links to many past issues

--all well worth a look for a feel of the past.

Another interesting thing I have noticed over the last couple of issues regarding the electronic issue, ePoMo. Clark Creery, again our Membership Chair, notifies over 300 subscribers, but, for the last three issues, less than 300 are previewing/downloading. Where are these others? We know they are notified by a lack of kickbacks ... if you are one of these eSubscribers, please let us know why, too busy, PoMo is not interesting, etc.

Bryce Dunn has sent us a super report on the AFTAC Exhibit at one of our old Dets, 142, at Encampment, WY. I wonder how many of our 'youngish' readers will not recognize a Develocorder and Helicorder when they see it in the report?? See additional comments on page 20. Right now, I turn this column over to our Membership Chair Clark Creery.

**Breaking News:** John called me and asked me to continue his newsletter preparation. John was besieged with some sort of bug that put him in the Viera, Florida Hospital for care. He is on the slow mend but this shows me that a Chief is always a Chief. He cares



about each one in the total AF-TAC family! John had most of the newsletter completed and now it was my turn to try to fill in the blanks. John certainly knows how to pack interesting information into our page count. By the time you receive this newsletter the Winter Social will be in the rearview mirror. We of the alumni supported that function with a donation to the Booster's Club and we made up a basket for the festivities. I wish we would have a better showing, but like all—the AFTAC family hardly known by any of us. That is ok, because we continue to invite them to be a part of the Alumni Association. In February we will conduct our Annual Snowball and we invite all to join us. Networking is alive and well and if you like war stories join us and you will hear some of the best Detachment and Mission stories you have ever heard. Above all, have a safe and secure holiday and a very Happy New Year.

I always say—"Onward, Upward, AFTAC you are tops"

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\*ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP\* <<< From Pg 1**SNOWBALL XVIII—20 Feb 2016**

Since 1999, the Florida AFTAC Alumni Association, has thrown a "themed Snowball" at the start of the new year. We like to have an event when our 'Snowbirds' are in town.

We believe it is a grand way to introduce the newly elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and their accomplishments, and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. As in past years, a highlight will be the recognition of our 'Alumni of The Year (AOY)'.

This tradition is where we welcome the AFTAC Command Staff and the outlying area commanders that may be TDY here for a conference.

This year's theme is: "**We are part of The 25th Air Force**", previous themes honored Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, Korea, Nebraska and Colorado. Such locations where AFTAC had or has a presence.

**Location:** Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Melbourne-Viera, (8298 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, FL 32940) **Date:** Saturday, 20 February 2016; **Dress:** Florida Casual. **Cost:** \$25 pp (All inclusive dinner, with tip included.)

**Menu:** Chicken Marsala w/Red Bliss Potatoes and Vegetable Medley OR Roast Beef w/Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley, with Dessert of Turtle Cheesecake. (All meals served with House Salad, Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water). Note: Vegetarian dinner available upon request.

**Social Hour (Pay-as-you go Cash Bar)/Check-In:** 5:30-6:40 in the lobby; **Chimes/Introductions/Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation/ Dinner:** 7:00 PM, in the ballroom; **Break/Dessert:** 7:50; **Program:** 8:15 PM.

**To purchase tickets:** Please call/email: Alumni Association. See Form on last page! Ticket sales start Thursday, 7 January 2016 - 1200 PM, Friday, 12 February 2016. **Alumni members will receive information via email the first week January. We have a cut-off date of RSVP's for 1200 PM, Friday, 12 February 2016.**

Please call or send an email to: (*Email Preferred Method*).

Sean Ryan, Florida AFTAC Alumni Association, [321-591-9053 \(oceanblueview@yahoo.com\)](mailto:321-591-9053_oceanblueview@yahoo.com) or, Ruth Creery, 321-255-8314 ([Ruth1203@aol.com](mailto:Ruth1203@aol.com))

Complete the form as the last page of this document and send it along with your check to the AFTAC Alumni Association. (Address on the form) Thanks much!

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\*EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF\* <<< Pg 1**SEP 11, 1130-VIII ANNUAL 'SOCIAL SEPTEMBER' Membership/Elections Meeting - Manatee Cove**

EDITORS

We want to congratulate those who offered their services for one more FY (2015) and our 'new' Board Members, CMSgt/CCMS Neil **Jones** and Arlin **Massey**. We introduced you to Chief Jones in our last issue and Arlin earlier in this issue at our 'Spotlight.'

**YOUR FY2015 BOARD**

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

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

Vice (2015) Ed Lindsay, AF83/AFTAC88-00/07-13, Superintendent of Maintenance/LSM(CMSgt)

**Secretary (2016)/Publicity (2016)** Arlin Massey, AF64-93/AFTAC84-91, Computer/Communications Officer (Major)

**Treasurer (2003)** Joe Goldian, AF/AFTAC68-91 (MSgt), Manager, Treaty Monitoring Operations, Vice, 99

**APPOINTED: Activities (2016)**, CMSgt Jones. AF88/AFTAC2015, Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCMS)

**Hall of Heritage:** (2011) Mike Young/CC HO, Army73-05/AFTAC11

**Hospitality (2001)** Judy Milam-Henderson, Civilian, AF65-99/AFTAC65-71&72-99, Scientific & Technical Information Officer (GS-11), Sec 90-2000 & 06-09, Pres 04

**Web/Electronic Media (1997)** Mike Black, AF72-92/AFTAC81-92, NCOIC Test and Analysis Branch (MSgt), NOTE: Horsch and Creery (info follows) have been, and continue as, mainstays since inception (97)

**Membership (2010)** Clark Creery, AF60-80/AFTAC66-75 & 77-80, J Technique Acquisition/LGEQ (MSgt), Original newsletter editor 81-84/89-95, President 94/95

**Newsletter (1996)/AOY Coordinator (2013)** John Horsch, AF/AFTAC 58-87, Sen Enl Adv (CMS), Publicity, 87-90

**Sage Shop (2010)** Steve Revels, AF/AFTAC 87-2012, Inspector General/IG (MSgt)

**SEPT 25TH, FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER, XVII**

ED LINDSAY, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'

It was a great effort by those alumni members that showed up to help make it such a success. Thank you We ended up with 14 teams and 56 people being signed up. We actually had 53 turn out and that is the head count that Joe paid for green fees and Food from the Tides. Weather threatened, but never actually showed up...a wonderful day for golf.

It was a great effort by those alumni members that showed up to help make it such a success. Thank you to Frank **Hall**, Gene **Melchoir**, Tony **Calenda**, and Carol **Snyder**. They helped with the stuffing of the goody bags, taking care of the registration, and pulling the door prize tickets. Also thank you to Bob **Wiley**, who again captured the event and prize distribution via the magic of Digital imagery. (Bob's pics at AFTACAA Website, page -04). Thank you to Bruce **Snelgrove** who got the teams from the bldg. signed up.

The Donations from the following allowed for everyone to have a door prize and provide prizes to the special positions: **Tony Calenda of Tropical Realty of Suntree, INC.** for the \$100 donation, **KEGMAN INC** for thier \$100 donation, **Gordon Olde of First Command Financial** the books and \$100 donation, and help with door prizes from, **Moon Golf of Suntree, Fiesta Azteca of Suntree, Beef O'Bradys of Satellite Beach, Charlie and Jakes of Suntree**.

And a huge thank you to Frank/Edna **Calenda** for helping with the setup mentioned and staying for the entire event, securing the money and door prizes until they were ready for distribution. **Those two ROCK!**

Great job by all and it could not have been so easy for me, without your unselfish efforts. Glad I could be part of the team. **Ed Lindsay reporting.**



1st Place, Danielle Turlington, Jason Netz, Jason Klug, Troy Lawson



2nd Place, Ric "El Guapo" Matus, Bruce "Nitro" Snelgrove, Don "Duffy" Gilbert, Dave "Mo" Money



3rd Place, Dennis Kauffmann, Gary Killian, Mark Lambert, Ed Lindsay

## OCTOBER 9, 2015 Viera Sports Complex Brevard County, Fl

Annual Softball competition between the AFTAC Directorates for the prized award of the Golden Toilet Bowl. This competition was started at the 1155th out in California (way back when) and it has been carried over to the headquarters. Excellent PT day and folks have a great time. The competition is fierce and it is a family day.



Food Tent

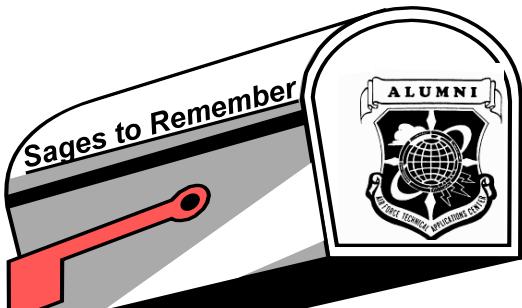


Softball field

Trophies on display

## TOILET BOWL TOURNAMENT





### **Personals ...**

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

### **In Memoriam**

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| 1. Charles Anderson | 2. Lee Cline    |
| 3. Karl deLaet      | 4. Marvin McCaw |
| 5. Gary D. Baetz    | 6. Ed Gardiner  |

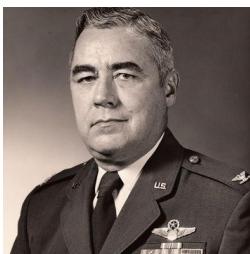


### **Rest in Peace**

#### **Charles K Anderson**

CONTACTED BY CLARK CREEERY

Charles K Anderson, COL, USAF (Ret.) Col. Charles, 95, of Melbourne died on October 16, 2015. Col. Anderson was born in Rochester, Minnesota on February 2, 1920, but grew up in the town of Baraboo, Wisconsin, graduating from Baraboo High School in 1937. From there he attended the University of Wisconsin where he obtained a Bachelor's degree in Commerce in 1941. He worked as an accountant for General Electric in Schenectady, New York until joining the Army Air Corps in 1943. He became a navigator on bombers in the 459th Bomb Group, flying missions out of Italy. After the war, he returned to GE, but shortly returned to the Air Force for training as a meteorologist at MIT. He flew as the weather officer on hurricane hunter airplanes flying out of Bermuda and Miami. While stationed in Bermuda, he met Pearl Tracy of New York Mills, New York and they were married in 1950. He returned to MIT where he earned a Master of Science degree in meteorology in 1953. After tours of duty in Tokyo, Japan, the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Alabama, weather work in Andrews AFB, Maryland and Hanscom Field, Massachusetts; he attended the University of Colorado where he earned a PhD in



Astrogeophysics in 1965. His dissertation involved writing some of the earliest computer models of the solar wind. He then headed the Air Force's first Solar Forecast Center at ENT AFB in Colorado Springs (which shortly moved into NORAD's Cheyenne Mountain Complex), setting up a network of observatories around the world in order to maintain round-the-clock surveillance of the sun, the solar wind and space environment around the Earth. In 1968 he transferred to Alexandria, Virginia to run the Ionospheric Division of the **Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC)**. When AFTAC moved to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, in 1972 Col. Anderson followed but then retired in Satellite Beach in 1973. Among his service decoration are the Distinguished Flying Cross, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Legion of Merit. He is survived by three sons, Stephen, Grady and Dewey, one daughter, Donna, four grandchildren, Thor, Sigrid, Cory and Kelley, and two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Spenser. There will be a graveside service held at 10am on Tuesday, October 20 at Florida Memorial Gardens. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/floridatoday/obituary.aspx?n=charles-keller-anderson&pid=176155731&fhid=10960#sthash.BhgnS1u.dpuf>

**Memoriam—Tom Niquette** I knew Andy very well. He was a good friend of Col Ron **Kane**. Last time we were in Satellite Beach we had dinner with Ron and he had seen Andy a few days before. Ron, who is 91, would drive He and Andy to the BX to shop. We will miss Andy.

#### **Lee Cline**

NOTIFIED BY DANIEL AND DAWN ELLIOT.

"I am sorry to say but my father, Lee Cline, passed away." **Update, Ed Winkley.** I just read your notice about Lee Cline and was sorry to hear of his death. I served with Lee for over 4 years in the mid to late 60's. Tony **DeMarco** and Geno **Wagner** also served with him. Doing a search for his Obit I found that he apparently died in 2011. This is the correct obit right down to his wife and his beloved 1965 Ford Fairlane. He left in the States in 1966 when he went overseas.[http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/\\_desertdispatch/obituary.aspx?n=lee-edward-cline&pid=154262605&](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/_desertdispatch/obituary.aspx?n=lee-edward-cline&pid=154262605&)

Lee Edward Cline, 68, died of a cardiac arrest on 10/22/11 in Hesperia, CA where he was a resident for 35 years. Lee was born in San Francisco, CA on 12/30/1942. He served in the US Air Force for 22 years. He served in Vietnam & throughout Asia. Once he retired from the Air Force he became employed by Lockheed Martin as a Contract Rep for 20 years in California & Saudi Arabia.

He was a member of the VFW Post 9410 & American Legion Post 229. He was an avid golfer, bowler, & fisherman. He loved his '65 Ford Fairlane and his dog Thrusha. He is pre-deceased by his parents, Henry Franklin Cline & Marjorie June Jones; & his wife, June Alice Cline. He is survived by his sister, Susan Inglett of Pensacola, FL.; his children, Charlie Cline of Hesperia, CA, Dawn Elliott of Lompoc, CA, Lee Cline, Jr. of Oakland, CA., Sarah Cline of Altadena, CA. His grandchildren, C.J.,

Robert, Shelby, Patrick, Brandon, Octavia, & Simon. Services will be held at Desert View Funeral Home, 11478 Amargosa Rd., Victorville, CA. 92392 on Wednesday, 10/26/11 at 10:00am.

### Karel deLaet

NOTIFIED BY JAMES CHARTERS. "THIS FOLLOW UP ON OUR FRIEND'S PASSING; THE FUNERAL IS AT VINEYARD CHURCH AT 63RD AVE. AND PEORIA IN GLENDALE AT 10:00 ON 7 NOVEMBER."

Following his AF service Karel worked for Western Area Power Administration , DOE. Western markets the power from the Colorado River Dams and in the area served by Karel has 3012 miles of transmission of 115 kV and above with 63 substations. Karel started as member of the Communications group and participated in the development of 55 links of MW. Later, after that development, he was a staff member of the Maintenance Division. All were impressed with Karel's knowledge, skills, and ability to work with people across various professions.

### Marvin McCaw

CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR ADVISED RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM: LINDA MCCAW OF ZIONSVILLE, IN, AND LATER FOUND THE OBITUARY.

"Marvin died Dec 25, 2013 at his home in Charlotte, NC." Obituary at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/jconline/obituary.aspx?pid=168781149#sthash.ZgWuklVt.dpuf>

Marvin L. McCaw, age 82, of Charlotte, N.C., died Dec. 25, 2013, in his home after a general decline in health. Marvin was born in Lafayette, IN, Feb. 1, 1931, the son of the late Charles Edward McCaw and Jennie Mildred (Martin) McCaw Pell. Marvin was a 1949 graduate of Jackson Township School, Tippecanoe County, IN and then spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a Major. His marriage was to Linda R. Maier in 1957. Linda survives with four daughters; Dr. Janet S. (James) Pibble of Auckland, New Zealand; Donna J. (Anthony) Reyes and Paula L. (David) Knight, Charlotte, N.C.; and Carol B. (Kerry) Dienhart of Zionsville, IN and 12 grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Juanita K. (Richard) Schurr of Lafayette, IN. After leaving the service in 1970, the McCaw family moved to Brookston, IN. Mr. McCaw was TSC transportation director for 2 years. He then operated a television repair business in Romney, IN and later moved the business to Brookston, IN. In 1995 Marvin and Linda moved to Charlotte, N.C. Marvin was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Charles Hillis McCaw and Eugene Harold McCaw and twin sisters, Barbara Ann & Betty Jane McCaw dying shortly after birth. A memorial service will be held in Charlotte, N.C. March 15, 2014.

### Gary D. Baetz

NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY

Gary D. Baetz Oct. 17, 1932 - Aug. 2, 2002 Gary Dean Baetz, 69, of Crossville, passed away Aug. 2, 2002. A memorial service was conducted Aug. 4 from the chapel of Bilbrey Funeral Home, with the Rev. George Long officiating. The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard of Robbins Air Force Base provided military honors of presentation of the flag, firing detail and "Taps." Mr. Baetz was born Oct. 17, 1932, in Smith Center, KS, the son of William Carl and Florilla Innes Baetz. He was retired as colonel from the U.S. Air Force, having served 1955-'81. Survivors include his wife, Diane Lanier Baetz of Crossville; son, William Guy Baetz of Albany, NY; brothers, William John Baetz of Williamsburg, VA, and Robert Lee Baetz of Branson, MO; and grandchild, Tyler Glidewell of Titusville, FL. He was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Naples. Bilbrey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

### Ed Gardiner

NOTIFIED BY BILL SCHMIED, CO CHAPTER

Edward T. Gardiner, 86, of Aurora, CO passed away November 7, 2015. Edward served in the New York State Guard during World War II and then served in the United States Air Force for 23+ years (AFTAC). He retired from the



Ed, and son, James at World Wide 2015 in Florida.

Air Force in 1970 and went on to have a career in real estate; owning two successful companies. He continued to sell real estate until his late 70's, when he retired to enjoy time with his family. Edward was deeply committed to his children, grandkids and extended family. He will be remembered for his quick wit, generosity, conservative values, integrity and loyalty. During the time spent with his family, they enjoyed his daily presence and humor. Edward is deeply loved and his absence is felt by all who loved him. He was preceded in death by his father, James Gardiner; mother, Anna Gardiner; and brother, James Gardiner. Survivors include his son, James Gardiner; daughter, Trish Gardiner & son-in-law, Randy Schwartz; grandkids, Christopher Shearn, Breonna Newton, Alexander Newton, Ryan Schwartz, Shela Newton, Robert Newton and Matthew Newton. Memorial Services for Edward will be held on November 24, 2015 at 12:30 pm at the Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 3101 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood, CO 80227. Interment will follow at 2:30 pm at Fort Logan National Cemetery. The family will then receive guests for a reception following the interment at the Beacon Point Clubhouse, 26011 E. Orchard Dr. Aurora, CO 80016. See more at: <http://www.horancares.com/obituary/Edward-T.-Gardiner/Aurora-CO/1562263#sthash.hj3qKosr.dpuf>

**NOTE:** Bill added: Ed spent a career in AFTAC and was one of the founding members of the Colorado association and a lifetime member of the Florida association. A faithful, dedicated AFTACer he along with his son James attended the recent worldwide alumni reunion in Florida.

**Memoriam, Jimmy Davis,** As always I am sorry to hear when a comrade in arms dies. I can remember Ed Gardiner from as far back as the mid 50's. Ed was assigned to Det 204 a few years before I served there and it was easy to recognize the influence he had on that Detachment .He certainly was the type of a person needed at locations like Det 204.His personality kept the men motivated...and he knew how to get things done. We were attached to Ft. Wainwright an Army base in Fairbanks for housing and other needs and if the detachment need certain things that was difficult getting through normal means, Ed could always find some way to get what was needed by the way he could get along with the Army personnel.....and he knew what the word "mid-night requisition" was all about. That was the way things were done back in those days, especially isolated locations. I also had the honor of working with him in the same office at AFTAC in the mi 60's.....A lot of good memories.....Jim



# MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to  
**AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)**  
**PO Box 254892**  
**Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

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

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**Thanks to all who contact us!** We publish all correspondence, unless otherwise requested, so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled.  
 Normally, we will not include personal information, e.g., address, phone number, etc, unless you ask or seemingly appropriate (e.g., follow-up).



08.11 @ 1026-CLARK CREEERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, SENT THE EPOMO LINK TO ESUBSCRIBERS AND WROTE: "WELL WITH MUCH KNASHING AROUND I THINK IT FINALLY POSTED. IT DID NOT HAVE ALL THE FLUFF BECAUSE MY CUT AND PASTE TECHNIQUES SUFFER TREMENDOUSLY BUT I CHECKED ON THIS MACHINE AND IT WENT AND IS DOWNLOADABLE AND IT OPENS IN WORD....ARGH"  
 I REPLIED: "5-BY, CLARK, THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK SEND."

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

**Buford Clendenen, email, 1308** Just received the August addition of the Monitor. Great issue. Thanks to all the folks who make this happen.

I'm looking for some AFTAC patches to put on ball caps. Any idea where I might get some? Thanks, Buford, you were the first to write, it always good to be first, eh? We will check with our SAGE shop and hope we can find a company to do what you asked.

**Jim Closs, email, 1410** Another great POMO. The photo of the induction ceremony gives some insight to the beauty of the new HQ building. Very impressive. It was also nice to see a couple former commanders in the induction group - specifically Colonels Tom **Niquette** and Charles **McBrearty**. Good job all the way around. And thank you, Jim, for being so quick with your thanks. It's appreciation like yours that makes this exchange a treasure.

**Sean Ryan, email, 1901** Chief/Clark, Great issue, once again, as always. Great stories and recognition of respective folks. Well Done! Thank you. Sean, thank you for taking the time to write. Clark and I are a heck of a team ... I contact him often as the issue develops and he gets it sent out pronto. By the way, you're no slouch on this team either, a lot would not have happened without you being 'on the spot' so often.

**Jim Davis, email, 2213** Got the Po/Mo thank you as always....everything well north of the border. Another Jim, you are most welcome. You Jim's make a good team.

## MAIL-CALL

### Walt Black email sent with Lifetime Membership

Decided to go with the Life Membership for \$75. Please let me know if you need any further information. Hope this finds you all well and kicking.

I have enjoyed keeping up with the organization online, just wish I could have been there at the world wide get together. Thanks for all the hard work everyone there does. Walt, thanks for your appreciation ... if you can, correspond again but use email, it does not have to be retyped!!  
 NOTE: Walt has written a poem to his time at an overseas det. You will find that at the 'Feature Article's' section.

**Jim Davis, email, 0917** John, I appreciate ALL the information postings I receive including The AFTAC Alumni eALLert information and with each I'd like to thank you for your efforts in making this possible...I'm still doing well, have slowed down and don't do a lot of things I used to do but manage to most things we want or need to do...Thanks again. Jim, always good to hear from you and so glad you enjoy the eALLerts, even those that just inform you and are events you cannot participate in.

**Nick Orsini, email, 09.22** Received the latest volume of the Monitor. Excellent job. Wanted to mention I either worked with or at least knew half (50 percent) of the first Selectees for the Wall of Honor. I find that amazing for such a massive organization. Thanks again for a great job and I of course realize it is a big team effort that makes it happen. Thank you, Nick, and I believe this is the first time you have written ... we appreciate you took the time to make us feel good.

### Sage Report(s)

ITEMS OF INTEREST SHARED BY SAGES. HYPERLINKS WERE ACTIVE WHEN CHECKED. IF THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE, RECOMMEND A WEB 'SEARCH.'

**George Cronin, Facebook, 08.24 and 08.26** wrote on the 'AFTAC Alumni of the world unite' website, [http://m.omaha.com/news/military/disaster-narrowly-averted-at-offutt-with-plane-fire-but-major/article\\_41bfc96a-8b03-510b-b0f1-7d7d8633cd26.html?mode=jqm](http://m.omaha.com/news/military/disaster-narrowly-averted-at-offutt-with-plane-fire-but-major/article_41bfc96a-8b03-510b-b0f1-7d7d8633cd26.html?mode=jqm)

'This is an interesting set of orders ... ' The order to drop the Atomic Bomb on one page! <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10206164967102066&set=gm.618250378316903&type=1>

**John Loftis, Facebook Site, AFTAC Alumni of the world unite, 09.11** First Reveille at 10989, <https://www.facebook.com/john.loftis.3591/videos/10207834506926628/> John, thank you, so touching on this day.

**Clark Creery, email, 09.26**, Here is a small bit of what has been going on with the Old building, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyeQWvLFUpY> It is linked

from our Current Events page on the AFTACAA Website. Thank you, Clark, what a great presentation.

**Sean Ryan, /Frank Calenda, email, 09.28** Disney announces special pricing for military, <http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/on-the-town/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2015/9/27/disney announces spe.html>

--Frank Added: One thing to make clear is that the sponsor is REQUIRED to be with the guests at the park on the initial voucher redemption. They are NOT required to go into the park with them at any time. This site not only gives the history of this program, it also gives the rules and regulations, <http://www.militarydisneytips.com/2016-Disney-Armed-Forces-Salute.html>

**Jim Closs, email, 11.09** While "Cleaning of the Stones" at a National Cemetery the original author noticed a quarter placed on one of the stones. Later, he also noticed a nickel placed on another stone. He was so touched with this that he took pictures. Later, he googled about the coins and found this out.

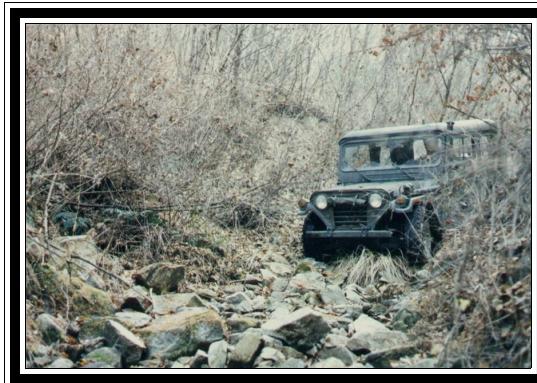
A coin left on a headstone lets the deceased soldier's family know that somebody stopped by to pay their respect. Leaving a penny means you visited. A nickel means that you and the deceased soldier trained at boot camp together. If you served with the soldier, you leave a dime. A quarter is very significant because it means that you were there when that soldier died. <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1173959689286577&set=a.167490413266848.47578.10000176705472&type=3>

**WORTH A LOOK** Airmen, firefighters raise money for injured AFTAC employee By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs **PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** – It has been said that ice hockey is Canada's national sport, but thanks to many displaced northerners, the sport is flourishing here in the Sunshine State. Case in point: members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center formed a non-profit hockey team, calling themselves the Wounded Warriors Hockey Club, as a means of giving back to those who have sacrificed so much. On Nov. 7, the team held a match against the Orlando Fire Department at the Ice-plex in Rockledge, Fla., to raise funds for an AFTAC co-worker who was seriously injured in a car wreck in August. Bob Wallace, an information technology systems administrator for AFTAC's Mission Support Directorate, had stopped on Interstate 95 to assist a motorist who was trapped in her car in the middle of the highway after an accident. When he wasn't able to extract her from the damaged vehicle, he attempted to push her car out of the lane of traffic. In the blink of an eye, he was struck by another vehicle. That was the last thing he remembered before waking up in the hospital. Complete Report:<http://www.25af.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123463315>

## Ron Prudhomme posted a pic on Facebook

I am thankful for the grand opportunity I had to work in AFTAC (82-98)...I loved my time at Dets. Yes though the roads were a bit rough at times we got the job done. Wishing my many friends at AFTAC a Very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Happy New Year.

**Just a small trip to a borehole!**



**Ron Followed up with this story. AFTAC can be counted on to do the job. AFTACers have always gone that extra mile, no matter what.**

The Air Force Technical Applications Center and the Space Coast Women In Defense helped fill the nearly empty food pantry at Challenger 7, Elementary School, in Port St. John, FL. Led by Major Mandi Fuller, AFTAC/TTX and SCWID Director of Special Programs, the team took action to fill an urgent request (made last week by a local parent) for food items used to help over 30 needing students. I dropped off the last load to the school yesterday and spoke with its principal, Ms. Carol Mela. Carol was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and said, "We couldn't believe our eyes when the truck-loads of food were delivered by the AFTAC folks, their generosity helped us help over 30 students with food backpacks to get them through Thanksgiving, we are so appreciative, thank you!" Having worked in AFTAC for decades, it didn't surprise me that AFTAC would come through to help this school--though I did not expect such a huge outpouring of support in such a short period of time...signed, a very proud and thankful AFTAC Alumni.

**THE ALUMNI SALUTE  
YOU RON....good job!**



◆ AFTAC Alumni Association, Patrick AFB, FL

## ASSOCIATION NEWS

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**"Serving those who served, and still serve for over 30-Years"** ◆

# PREZ

Lou Seiler  
FROM THE TOP SEZ

This is the first edition of the PoMo since the annual elections. The elected board saw only one change, that of secretary. So we bid the outgoing secretary Sean Ryan a great THANKS for a job well done and let the new secretary, Arlin Massey, know that there are some big shoes to fill. I am sure that Arlin will prove to be a great asset to the board. Alumni volunteers have been busy supporting the annual AFTAC Winter Social, attending the weekly planning meetings and preparing the Alumni gift basket submission. And of course, planning is well under way for the annual Alumni Snowball event for 2016, which will be held on 20 February 2016. At the Snowball, the Alumni of the Year for 2015 will be identified and honored. The AFTAC organization is currently undergoing some rather significant changes. And we hope to be hearing of all the positive improvements being initiated at the 2016 Snowball, so plan to attend. Recently several alumni provided manning for the "Beer Wagon" at the AFTAC 2015 "Toilet Bowl". What a time that was, lots of active duty and their families came out to cheer for their favorite softball team. Everyone had a wonderful time. As I type this column, I am reminded that our PoMo editor, John Horsch, is recovering in the hospital from a seemingly nasty infection. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Alumni Family go out to him for a speedy recovery. As always, I encourage our members to attend the monthly meetings of your Alumni Association. The meetings are held on the second Monday of the month (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). Meetings are at 4pm (aka 1600 hours) in the Lobby Conference room. Each third meeting is a lunch time meeting at a facility off base. The meetings are always interesting, informative, and fun, so plan on attending one or more. We value your input and know that our link to AFTAC is alive and well and many active duty members come to the meeting and share their information and thoughts. We certainly appreciate their attendance. Our membership chair received approval to complete his book about 20 years in the air Force; also quite a few years with AFTAC so if you get a chance—ask him.

**See you there!!**



AFTAC Alumni Association Coin, developed and first minted in 2015.02.



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

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Board Members

#### Elected

President-Lou Seiler

Vice-Ed Lindsay

Secretary & Publicity-Arlin Massey

Treasurer-Joe Goldian

#### Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Jones, CCMS, Hall of Heritage-Mike Young/CC HO  
Hospitality-Judy Milam-Henderson, Web/Electronic Media-Mike Black, Clark Creery, John Horsch, Membership-Clark Creery Post-Monitor Editor/Alumni of the Year Coordinator-John Horsch  
Sage Shop-Steve Revels/HQ IG

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### A Minute with the Minutes

**AFTAC Cares:** Program supports deployed AFTAC members. Sages are thanked for their support. (see active-duty section/Assn website for more information)

**Golf:** Ed Lindsay: There was a 'Golf Extravaganza' following the WorldWide Reunion, see pg 4

**Hall of Heritage:** Mike Young (Historian)/CC HO, reported on several projects going on to make the new building a showplace for all the history of AFTAC, to include many artifacts collected over the years highlighting AFTAC's unique mission. The names of the 12 inductees into the Hall of Honor are highlighted in the showplace, and a 25<sup>th</sup> AF film crew is making a virtual tour film of the building. There are a lot of exciting things happening to highlight the history of AFTAC.

**Membership:** See Following 'Musings.'

**Post-Monitor:** John Horsch. Almost 300+ eSubscribers 'clicked' the issue at 'Box.com' for 'Previews/Downloads,' - meaning, try ePoMo, you'll like it., you 'see/do more' with ePoMo!!

--**Website report**, Visitors/Average 3-pages/Avg Time spent 3:22/From USA 328/1-several from other countries, eg, Australia, Canada, Iran and Italy

### 'Membership Musings'

CLARK CREERY, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, 10.26

Data: Master file contains 4685 entires: CA Group, 137; CO Group, 93; Deceased, 516; FL, AFTACAA, 657; Lifetime, 285; ePoMo, 377; USPS, 285.

I closed out the 2015 membership on 1 October and updated memberships have been dribbling in from week to week. My records show that we had 61 folks who would be removed from our rolls at the start of our Alumni Year, 1 Oct to 30 Sep). I normally send out an e-mail record when I have an address and if there is no email address I put a forever stamp on a personal flyer to the individual. Email and postal mail hit the bricks around 1 September this year and I try to make a weekly trip to our Post Office Box at the base. As of this writing we have had returns from 40 folks and I appreciate it. However, we do have IOU's from 4 or 5 so we shall see. I will not remove them from the active member rolls until mid-December. Some of our folks took advantage of a special fee during our golf match but I see this round that they have decided not to

continue their membership. Must be old age or a downturn in the economy?

If any of you are unhappy with notices, the webpage or our Post Monitor please let us know and we will attempt to take heed. This past year saw a new building dedication, a worldwide reunion (great attendance) and the beginning of the removal of the Old AFTAC HQ. Security reasons have not permitted us entry into the new building except on special occasions and we certainly thank AFTAC management and troops for giving us a gander during our Worldwide Reunion.

We are fortunate that folks realize that the Alumni has been a part of the mission for many years and we wish all current supporters, Military, Civilian and otherwise a vote of thanks for remembering us. You are a special breed doing a special job for our country and we all salute you for your dedication.

Membership wise our numbers remain constant. We try to track Colorado, California, and Florida members. Our listings include everyone we have found who served over the years. Those numbers are often posted on our website. Make sure you take time to visit and let us know of changes you would like. We do not post addresses or email addresses; however, in quite a few cases we have that data on-file. If you are trying to find someone, write Clark and maybe he can find a clue!

We have a new commander and new things for a great year.

## COLORADO NEWSLETTER, 2015.09 EXTRACTS

# ECHOES

President, Steve Clark-Vice, Darrel Kline-Treasurer, Bill Schmied-Newsletter Editor, Jerry Moxley/Publisher, Ken Behrens-Webmaster, Bill Harris-Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>. Membership: 87



**FL Editor Note:** Jerry Moxley (Moxi), ECHOES Editor, advises Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' issue via email, [mox@wispertel.net](mailto:mox@wispertel.net), on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter.

## Events Calendar

FL EDITORS: CHECK WEBSITE, URL ABOVE, FOR EVENTS. THE COLORADO CHAPTER HAS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFASTS, PICNICS AND SOCIALS, THAT CAN SCHEDULED AT A DATE WHEN THE POMO PUBLICATON SCHEDULE CANNOT PUBLISH THE INFORMAITON. ALL AFTACERS, OLD AND NEW, ARE INVITED.

## Detachment 45 Change of Command Ceremony

FL EDITORS NOTE: THE CO CHAPTER, AND LOCAL DETACHEMTNS, OFTEN ARE INVOLVED WITH EACH OTHERS EVENTS.  
A Detachment 45 Change of Command Ceremony was conducted at Buckley AFB on 2Jun 2015 with presiding officer Lt Col Robert McLaughlin, Commander, Distributed Mission Operations, AFTAC, shown here receiving the detachment guidon from the outgoing detachment

commander, Maj Dex Landreth (left), then presenting the guidon to the new commander, Capt (now Major) Jeffrey Fulton (right). Also included is the detachment superintendent, MSgt Randy Blomstedt NOTE: Lt Col McLaughlin was the commander of Detachment 46 at Schriever AFB prior to being reassigned to HQ AFTAC in 2013.



**CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2015.10 EXTRACTS**

# **DEPOT FALLOUT**

2014-15 Board: Dave **Tarquino**, President; Joe **Johnson**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George **Thompson**, Asst. COB; Bob **Fitzgerald** (D), Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Sec; Dave **Price**, Membership; Don **King**, Newsletter Editor; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>. **Florida Editor's Note:** The 1st Page of this 'Fallout' is available at the website - full earlier issues are also available. This editor can personally attest to the value of reviewing CA's posted issues. There are articles of high interest for Sages not available elsewhere, better yet, become a member..

**Events Calendar**

Just a reminder business meetings are the 2nd Monday of March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel on McClellan Park. The meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome.

(Always check our 'Events' page, <http://www.aftacwcc.org> or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)

**A Word from the President**

DAVE TARQUINO, FROM THE 2015.07 ISSUE

Our Fall Social is quickly approaching. Mark 14 November on your calendars. We're looking forward to trying a new venue this year...Sam's Hof Brau. It has been a favorite spot for AFTACer's for decades and the cuisine hasn't changed much in all those years. Please join us for some great comfort food and most certainly great camaraderie. Our elections are upon us and we will be voting for a slate of officers at the Fall Social. Ken Denbleyker and his team have put together a slate of candidates for us to vote on. Have a safe and merry Holiday season. Our business meetings and social events are open to the entire AFTAC family. Put the dates on your calendar and join us if you can. Our next business meeting is 14-December at 7:00 PM at the Lions Gate Hotel, at McClellan Park.

**Website Activity Report**

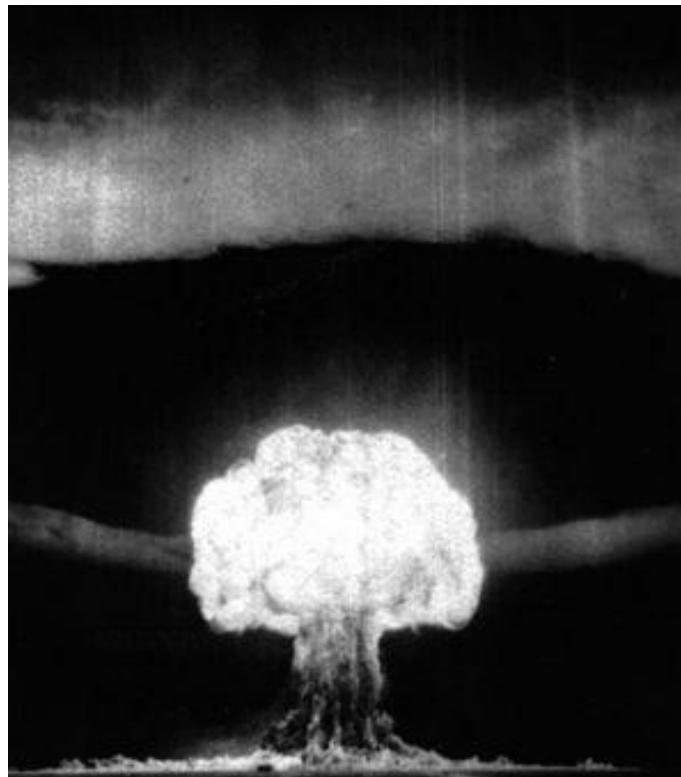
BOB FITZGERALD, WEBMASTER, [WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG](http://WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG)

**NOTE: Florida Editor's compilation of Bob's report:** July-September, unique visits, over 18K, Avg per day,200, Most popular, Albums. Check it out, see what those thousands are seeing.

**Membership News**

DAVE PRICE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Members = 149 Life Members = 137. Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year/\$75 Lifetime.



The Soviet Union detonates a **400 kiloton** thermonuclear weapon at the Semipalatinsk Test Site, Kazakhstan, in August 1953. Dubbed Joe-4 by the west, the bomb was significant because **it was a deliverable thermonuclear device** — a milestone the U.S. would not reach until May 1956. (Photo courtesy of the Nuclear Weapons Archive)

**Big Ivan, The Tsar Bomba ("King of Bombs")**  
**The World's Largest Nuclear Weapon Picture and lead-in from Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor**



*The Time: 11:32 AM 30 October 1961 (Moscow Time)  
The Place: Mityushikha Bay test range, test field D-2, Novaya Zemlya Island (located above the arctic circle in the Arctic Sea). The Method: Parachute retarded airburst, 4000 m altitude*

For more on this subject from the internet, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsar\\_Bomba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsar_Bomba)

# **MONITOR**ing Active Duty Doing's from around the AFTAC world

## **Command Section**



**Commander/CC/2015.06** Colonel Sovada graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1994. She is a career intelligence officer who has commanded an intelligence squadron and served at the squadron, center, major command, joint, and interagency levels. **NOTE:** Complete Bio: <http://www.afisr.af.mil/units/aftac/index>



**Command Chief Master Sergeant/CCMS/AF/ AFTAC 1994/2015.06** Chief Jones enlisted in the Air Force in Sep 1994. His background includes numerous leadership roles at flight, squadron and major command levels. He's also served as an additional duty First Sergeant. **NOTE:** Complete Bio, same as CC above.



### AFTAC's Command Chief Master Sergeant

CMSgt Neil Jones, in his own words:

I am married to SMSgt Lisabeth (Beth) Jones and we have 3 children. We have been in the Air Force for 21 years and we love every minute of it. We have been able to see the world together and our children have had opportunities most children never even dream of. Family is my number one priority -- both my personal family and my military family. We are a military family and we all support and encourage each other daily.

I entered the Air Force after a short stint in college, but I have been able to continue my education throughout my military career. I have been blessed with great supervisors and Airmen throughout my career. They have all left an indelible impact on my life.

I started my career as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician after a year-long training pipeline and was sent to Nellis AFB. I learned a great deal about what EOD does at range bases and learned the role of EOD techs in the nuclear enterprise. It was a great start to my career. I went to Incirlik AB Turkey and

loved every minute of it. I supported ONW and a large mission set again with the nuclear enterprise.

I moved on to Travis AFB and learned all about the AMC mission and spent time deploying and working on the West Coast port mortuary before we closed it and moved everything to Dover.

I was asked to build a flight at Scott AFB for AMC and it was an enormous challenge, but allowed me to learn so much about the Air Force and that is also where I started working occasionally as a First Sgt, and loved it!

I moved on to Incirlik again and then onto Spangdahlem Germany. I think of all of our assignments that location was the best. Germany was amazing and we would go back there any time! I also performed 1st Sgt duties at that location.

I was selected to Chief and they kicked us out of Germany to move to Eglin. I was the Chief of Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal (NAVSCOLEOD) back where it all started. I was very fortunate to have spent so much time as a shirt because it came into play as we guided 18-25 year old Airmen through a yearlong rigorous school at one of the vacation capitals of America. It was challenging, but immensely rewarding.

We moved here from Eglin AFB after two years, but we are excited about this new chapter in our lives. I look forward to continuing my career as long as it's still fun, exciting and rewarding as it has been, but most importantly continuing as we make family decisions together as a way ahead for our family and our professional careers.



### 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@us.af.mil](mailto:Carol.Snyder@us.af.mil), We currently have 4-AFTAC deployed, some have written 'notes of appreciation,' see following.

**NOTE:** Carol forwards these notes and we post them at the association' website (URL above), and, as possible, in the PoMo. Often, these 'Thanks' make very good reading and provide insight into what our deployed experience. 'Thank You's' follow:

**07.14 Posting.** Please tell the powers that be that I received my AFTAC Spouses care package and am very appreciative. Thanks, V/r **Mike Myers**, Capt, USAF

*EVENT****ALUMNI INVITED*****	DATE/TIME	LOCATION	POC/REMARKS
WindDown	1st Friday Each Month/1530	Outside HQ's Building	See website/calendar note below.
AFTAC Alumni Assn Monthly Meet	2nd Monday/Ea Month/1600 or other designated time	1545 HQ's Lobby or other Venue	See website/calendar note below.
Burger Burn, Suspended at this time.	Every Thursday/1100 -1230	HQ	See website/calendar note below.
Pack-n-Wrap for the Troops	Bi-Monthly/1830	Various, contact POC	See website/calendar note below.

\*Ed Note: Active-Duty recurring events, Alumni Always Invited ... for a complete current and recurring listing, see the 'Schedule of Events' kept up to date by a Member, Sean Ryan, '<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/4-active-duty-schedule>'

**05.06 Posting.** It's already been three months!! I hope the next three fly by just as fast. Work is about the same, samples come in, we test them, instruments break down, I look around for something to break, nothing is available, I eat chocolate, call another lab to get help, my lab techs take the instrument apart, everything magically starts working again, then we repeat the process. It's lovely. So I might be exaggerating a little. We've really only had a couple of problems with instruments and to be honest it makes the day much more exciting when they break down. Being in Al Udeid is great, I basically get to experience all the advantages of being deployed without any of the disadvantages. Granted, I am excited to see plants again and have an air conditioning unit that doesn't blow clouds of dust everywhere but there are some definite bonuses. For example, last week we received several boxes of Girl Scout cookies and a cute note from the troops. The cookies were delicious! A couple of weeks ago I was off base with some of the other CGOs and discovered an amazing cupcake shop (which is actually called Amazing Cupcakes) and yes they taste just as good as they look. I wish I could fit the entire store in my suitcase. Last week I also had a chance to tour a B-1 with some other poor CGOs who (like me) hardly ever get to work with or even see planes. Hope everyone is doing well! --Jennie Wood

#### The Boosters Club Report

**President:** SSgt Sarah Oh-**Vice:** SSgt Doerr, **Secretary/PA:** A1C Vera-**Treasurer:** A1C Scarber-**Clothing Sales:** SSgt Vanzandt-**Fundraising:** A1C-Stinson

#### **SSgt Oh's reported:**

As president of the AFTAC Booster's Club we are a private organization whose sole purpose is to promote the health, welfare and morale of the members of AFTAC and their dependents (including deployed members). AFTAC, as you know, consists of active duty and retired military, civilians and contractor personnel stationed at Patrick Air Force Base and around the world. We of the Booster's Club have been very busy over the last month or so planning the Winter Social. By the time you receive this, the event will be history. The date of the affair was 11 December and it was billed as a Masquerade Ball at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Melbourne Beach, Florida. The team headed by Capt. Curtis Medve has been meeting every Monday morning at the HQ. Those working the affair are: Souphaphone Clark, Angela Gray, Rebecca Goodwin, Kimberlee Pottinger, Jennifer Engblom, Sarah Oh, Rebecca Barron, Richelle Baker, Stephen Koehle, Clark Creery, Samantha Dorony, Thomas Vera, and Joshua Ruhland. Our hat is off to the finesse that Capt Medve displayed by maintaining planning and control. (*This has to be similar to herding cats?*) Excellent job folks and it is very much appreciated by all of us in the Alumni. We even had planning for the ability of those attending to wear masks to ensure that we had security in mind for the affair.

**Great Job Booster's**

#### SPOUSES CORNER REPORTS



We all immediately recognize this image as the official Air Force emblem. But did you know that it is much more than just creative graphic design? Upon closer inspection, this symbol can be broken down into two halves. The upper half consists of wings representing our enlisted force, with the stripes of our Air Force strength, drawn with highly angular lines to show swiftness and power. These are then separated into 6 sections representing, air and space superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority, and agile combat support. The lower half consists of a sphere, star, and three diamonds. The sphere is a symbol of our global power and our responsibility to maintain our nation's freedom through global vigilance, reach, and power. In the negative space around the sphere is a star symbolizing "One Force, One Family". It also represents our officer corps, who are vital to leadership in our Air Force. The five points of the star stand for active duty, civilian, guard, reserve, and retiree, all of which embody the Air Force "family". Finally the three diamonds creating the foundation for the Air Force emblem portray the three core values of the Air Force, which are "Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do." The air force symbol also creates 2 distinct images. The first being our national emblem of the eagle and the second a medal depicting valor in service to our nation. When joined together this image becomes a symbol of power and strength, known the world over.

Article by Rebecca Marsh

AFTAC SPOUSE

## FEATURE ARTICLES

1. "Commander's reCall"/(2007.09) (last report)
2. "I Remember ... "/This issue
3. "A Family Affair"-Parent/Child Serve LRD (2007.09)
4. "Sage Stars"/Post-Service Success (2013.08)
5. "BS Tales"/(This Issue)
6. "Where In The World Is"/(2012.08)
7. "Tom's Trivia"/(2014/04)

**NOTE: 'FEATURE ARTICLES' DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE INPUTS.**

*We list them in the hope it will trigger you to sit down and share a tale or two. It is also a reminder of our dependence on you, our readers AND WRITERS!!*

Send inputs to 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or mail to the Alumni Address (see pg 2, left column).

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### "I REMEMBER ... "

#### LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

**PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS.** We solicit your unclassified 'Long Ranger' career memories/reports:

**HONOR ROLL:** Jack Binkerd, John Horsch (3 reports), Jim Payne, Tom Ciambrone (D), Robert Jones (D), Mary Miller, Jim Davis (7), Rick Holdeman (2), Carl Raines, Dan Burk, Harry Bedsworth, Walter Franks, Bill Braukman (D), George Kraus (2), George Waters (2), Marvin Ross, Joe Marshall, Chuck Conrad, Joe Johnson (2), John Bright (3), Robert Mason, Curt Smith (3) Jim Lilethun, William Koerschner, Glenn Kennedy (D), Tom Dunn, Bob Long, Vern Mikkelsen, Brian Swan (D), Bruce Deffler, Les Miller, Clark Wilberg, Lloyd French, Tony Valentine, Wayne Myers, Clark Creery, Gary Warfield (D), Clentis Bailey, Dr. Romney, Bob Chadwick, Dave Wingfield, Bill Moran, Ron Geleta, Harry Hodges, Mary Welch (2, D), Karl Starzinger, John Johnson, Buford Clendenen, Brian Berenbach, Gene McKay, Gary Hamm, Bryce Dunn, B. Chadwick

#### WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'I REMEMBER' REPORTS

#### Bryce Dunn Reports, 08.22

RECALL I MENTIONED BRYCE AND RICK PHILLIPS IN THE EDITORIAL OF THE LAST ISSUE. THEY WERE PLANNING TO VISIT ENCAMPMENT WYOMING TO SEE THE FORMER DET 142 AND THE MUSEUM EXHIBIT CONCERNING AFTAC. THEY DID THAT AND BRYCE WRITE A BANG-UP REPORT. ENJOY. NOTE: THIS WAS ALSO REPORTED IN THE CO NEWSLETTER, ECHOES.

#### A Piece of History

Time: July 1972, Place: Encampment Wyoming, population ~300 (from 1970 census). Event: After 20 years of operation, Detachment 142 was deactivated.

This small Detachment which had approximately 15 people at a time made lasting impacts on the nearby community. The Detachment and its people are still remembered at the Grand Encampment Museum, located at 807 Barnett Street in Encampment, Wyoming.

Bill Braukman (Deceased) of Denver was one of the first officers assigned to the Detachment (1951-1953). When Bill visited the museum in April 1990, the museum's director, Vera Oldman, an Encampment resident since 1931, pointed out that the Air Force's role in town history wasn't noted. In an interview with the Denver Post in April 1991, Vera said the effects were everlasting: "We have a number of local girls from the area that married Air Force boys. I think at one time, they had 20 men there. It really was quite a thing for the economy of the place."

Bill obtained some contributions and excess seismic equipment. He and other alumni worked on the equipment in his garage to prepare it for the exhibit. Bill also managed to get a \$1,000 grant from the **Teledyne Charitable Trust Foundation** (prime contractor for the original installation). Dedication ceremonies were in the spring of 1991 and attracted ranchers, town folks and former AFTAC'ers. The exhibit at the museum for U.S. Air Force Detachment 142 and its role in nuclear monitoring became a reality. Another dream of Bill Braukman's was to create a scholarship fund for science students from Encampment. I am not sure of the status of Bill's Fund at this time. Bill passed away in August 2006.

Leonard Clark was one of the people that turned off the lights on the Detachment in July 1972. In the book 'Saratoga & Encampment Wyoming, an Album of Family Histories,' Copyright 1989, ISBN 0-943255-25-2, Len talks about his life in Wyoming: arrived in Encampment.

I had been assigned from Lowry Air "It was a cold and snowy day in November 1970, when I left the Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado and went to the U.S. Air Force Detachment in Encampment. Of course I was excited about coming to Wyoming for a tour of duty, which I thought would be my last duty station before retiring in three years. However, the Air Force decided to close this detachment in 1972. I was reassigned to an Air Force detachment in Pinedale, where I remained until my retirement on June 30, 1973.

After remaining in Pinedale until June 1974, I decided that I would make my retirement home in Encampment, and moved back here in July 1974. Encampment Museum, and in the summer of 1975 I began construction of a home. After three years of construction work, the house was ready for company. In May of 1978 my mother, Fannie Mae Hester, moved here from Texas and joined me in the move into our new home.

Encampment. Since I grew up in small communities in Texas, I have always felt more at home in smaller, less populated areas and the Platte Valley was a place I quickly became attached to. ... becoming this involved in local government was really an educational experience for me. After serving as Mayor, I continued to be active in local fire and ambulance services of the community.... with is that of our Grand Encampment Museum. I have served on the museum board since 1975. I think this facility is a wonderful attraction to our community and one that we should be very proud of." Len helped Bill Braukman set up the museum exhibit with other alumni and cared for it until 2010.

Rick Phillips and I visited the museum in August 2010 and met Len at his house – which is right across the street from the museum. He was moving himself out of his home at the time, due to health reasons.

He was a remarkable man. Leonard Clark passed away at 79 on June 24, 2011 at Valley View Healthcare in Saratoga. He was born July 24, 1931 in Fort Worth Texas. He served 21 years in the Air Force, including assignments to Greenland, France, Germany, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Vietnam, Thailand, the

Philippines and Taiwan. He was a 33rd degree member of the Scottish Rite Masons in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

While I was researching information for this article Ken **Behrens**, our Echoes publisher, connected me with Quent **Hovland** who was also stationed at Detachment 142. Quent and his wife Jane were there from 1964 to 1966. Quent was a student the same time as Ken at the Lowry schoolhouse (1963-1964). As one of the few married students, Quent and his wife Jane would loan their car and cook meals for the single airmen students. Ken stated that he really enjoyed the Saturday morning breakfast that Jane would cook up for the guys. In June 1964 the Hovlands moved to Encampment. Quent said that Jane was from the city and when they first drove into Riverside (in 1960 Riverside had a population of 87), where all of the roads were dirt, she was somewhat shocked. They had just cleaned out the reservoir and their temporary lodging's water came out of the tap brown colored with stuff in it. Due to scarce housing, they rented a single bedroom hunting cabin from a hunting guide but had to be out by hunting season in October.

When I asked Quent about his most memorable experience there, he said that he and his family really enjoyed helping out at the Silver Spur ranch and were good friends with the people there. They helped with branding, feeding the cattle, and any of the other chores required in ranch operations. In his earlier life, Quent had performed some vet work on cattle on a small farm. In 1966 Quent and his family received orders back to Lowry where Quent became an instructor. Then to Turkey from 1968 to 1970. Quent left the Air Force in 1970.

Ken Behrens told me that once on the way to the Detachment in Pinedale (he was stationed there 1965 – 1969) he stopped by Det 142 to see Quent. Ken missed Quent as he was out on the ranch helping out with the branding. Ken said that he went out to the ranch and visited with Quent. He watched (keyword is watched) Quent work for a while before hitting the road to Pinedale.

My wife Sue and I went up to visit the museum on August 13th of this year to see the Detachment exhibit and enjoy a brief getaway. Before our visit I talked with Christy **Smith**, the museum Director and she sent me some pictures of the displays and information on the exhibit. Christy was very cordial. Unfortunately, she was out of town when Sue & I visited the museum but she told the staff that we were coming. At the museum we were warmly greeted by two young girls, Nina and Amber, and by Linda who gave us the tour and access to their library.

The Air Force exhibit is located in the Vocational Agricultural Building which was built in 1935 by high school students and moved to the museum in 1991. Nina showed us her great, great, great grandparent's log cabin which had been moved from a mile away, log by log, to the museum. The Peryam house, as it is called, was built in 1876. The inside was a step back in

time. The people at the Red Wagon Mercantile (had some quilting materials) and the Bear Trap (good hamburgers and Rocky Mountain Oysters) all made us feel welcome. I can see why Len loved this place so much.

According to an article in the Saratoga Sun dated 5 April 2006 the old detachment was part of the Brush Creek/Hayden U.S. Forest Service complex and was scheduled to be sold. I am trying to track down the disposition of the complex and may write a follow-up section on this subject.

I could go on about the museum and the people that are connected by it, but I need to keep this short for the newsletter. To sum it up, if you get a chance, go visit the Grand Encampment Museum. If you can't - you can visit their website at: <http://www.gemuseum.com/>

The museum operates from grants and donations. If you feel so inclined, you can donate on line at their website (they accept PayPal) or you can send a check to: Grand Encampment Museum, 807 Barnett Ave, Encampment WY 82325 and help preserve a piece of our history. Note: Bryce sent along a couple of pictures:



Grand Encampment Museum – Detachment 142 Exhibit (Courtesy of Christy Smith, Museum Director)



Photo courtesy of Grand Encampment Museum  
A 1948 Desoto is parked in front of the U.S. Air Force building in Encampment in the early 1950s. The building housed seismic detection equipment being used to monitor underground nuclear tests around the world.

**Walt Black, 09.09**

REFERENCE OUR NOTE AT 'MAIL-CALL.' THIS IS WALT'S POEM.

Salute to a Detachment 6 March 2014

Now 50-Years have past

Since I saw those I served with last

How I would like to see them all again

Maybe turn back the time to where it all began

Some of us were young and some older

But each of us to the wheel put his shoulder

For the love of country & dedication to do the job right  
As world tension during this time was out of sight

Now I'd like to salute those I served with

Especially those who are now in heaven

Our beloved nation experienced the Cuban Missile Crisis and the untimely death of our nations president in 1962 and 1963.

Wishing all those out there who I served with during 1962 and 1963 the best

**JUST THINKING OF THE PAST****Bob Chadwick Remembers Thanksgiving in 1962**

It's Thanksgiving. Hope that all out there are enjoying the day and thinking about those good things that have befallen us over the years. I shall herewith include a memory of a Thanksgiving over 50 years ago that seems sort of appropriate. Enjoy. And don't overdose on turkey. In early 1962 while serving in the Air Force, I was assigned on my first overseas tour, to Australia. I was part of a detachment of about 12 Air Force enlisted folks, led by one Lieutenant (Paul Kollas). We were all pretty new to being overseas; only the three senior NCO's had been in long enough to have overseas experience. Most of us were kids, (Early 20's) fresh out of Tech school. Our Lieutenant, in spite of his position as Commander, was only a bit less homesick than the rest of us.

It was a pretty good place to be. People were friendly, and the group was pretty closely knit. Several of the guys had brought their wives and kids down; this made it much easier on them and even provided us single troops some of the contact with a family environment that frequently is lacking on a military assignment in a foreign country. One of our group, Elvin Hartman (from the area of Golden, Colorado), was a member of a family that are members of the Nazarene church.

In addition to the members of our group, we found the Australians to be just exactly as advertised, a fine bunch of friendly people who did not mind having us "Yanks" around at all. Just a terrific bunch. It helps to be in a country where Americans are liked.

However, regardless of the aforementioned factors, the Holiday season was approaching, and Thanksgiving is not an Australian holiday, so there was a twinge of foreignness that was still there.

Several days before Thanksgiving, the word went out in the detachment that there was going to be a Thanksgiving dinner, Turkey and all the trimmings, under the auspices of Reverend Spall, the pastor, and the Hartmans. They were looking for volunteers to provide food, etc, and attendance was open to all in the group who wished to come. Now, to those of you who are used to Thanksgiving in the good ole USA, or even those who remember Thanksgivings overseas where there was a big commissary nearby. But remember, we were in a city 12000 miles away from the USA in any direction, and at the very end of anyone's supply lines. We were almost the sole American population, let alone the only American GI's in Western Australia and, for that matter, we were probably half of the US military presence in Australia at that time. No commissary. No BX. No APO Mail. No MAC Cargo planes once a week.

Some judicious searching around located some Cranberry sauce, Pumpkin pie filling, and almost all the other goodies needed. The day preceding the feast was a flurry of activity amongst the assorted wives, and on Thursday at dinner time we all sat down to a feast that I will remember forever. The food was superb and the company was excellent.

Just as a postscript, I shared this story with the local paper (Florida Today) several years ago and got a call from a local lady who knew Rev Spall. That resulted in a call from him, from his home in Queensland, a few days later. He had changed careers, and was a doctor now, but remembered those days.. A few years after that, Elvin Hartman resurfaced along with several others who were in attendance at the event (Paul Chesnut, Don Humphries, Ernie Girard.)

**TOM'S TREASURE OF****TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA"**

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

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

when appropriate. We ask 'those who remember' to provide content to continue 'Tom's Trivia.' We ask you to consider an input.

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

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.**

**Tom Dunn** gave us a trivia for this issue pertaining to a specific location, Det 418. Tom asks, "What was the name of the restaurant/nite club at the 9th hole near the Q trailer at Det 418?

**RESPONSE**, Dan Gilb, The name of the restaurant/night club is listed at the bottom of page 19.  
As a single troop I ate a lot of meals there!

**"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"**

#32/33 of our presentations of these 50-plus 'Rangers.' Planning is underway for their use in the new building, 10989.  
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**MSGT REGINALD A. DRAPER**

(1973 - 1996)

1973 1978	**	1155 <sup>TH</sup> TECH OPS DIV
1978 1983	**	DETACHMENT 057 INSTRUCTOR
1983 1987	**	HQ/DO
1987 1992	**	HQ/OL-A
1993 1995	**	HQ/TN
1995 1996	**	HQ/TM

**WILLIAM R. FUHR, JR.**

(1978 - 2004)

1978 1980	**	HQ/TR
1980 1987	**	HQ/TN
1987 1988	**	HQ/CA (DC)
1988 1990	**	HQ/XR (DC)
1990 1996	**	HQ/TN
1996 2004	**	HQ/TM



**TSGT NORMAN A. FISH**

(1986 - PRESENT)

JUN 86 JUL 87	** TECH SCHOOL LOWRY AFB CO
JUL 87 DEC 89	** TECH OPS DIVISION MCCLELLAN AFB CA
DEC 89 JAN 92	** DATA MASKED
JAN 92 NOV 96	** TECH OPS DIVISION MCCLELLAN AFB CA
NOV 96 PRESENT	** HQ/LSL/TMS/TMA



**MSGT GEORGE A. GONZALES**

(1981 - PRESENT)

APR 81 AUG 81	** LOWRY AFB CO STUDENT
AUG 81 JUL 98	** TECH OPS DIV
AUG 98 AUG 03	** HQ/TA
SEP 03 PRESENT	** HQ/TM

## \*\*\*\*\*SAGE SCHEDULE\*\*\*\*\*

1. **WindDowns**-(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place to the west of the HQ building, fondly referred to as 'Stonehenge.'
2. **Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings-Normally-2nd Mondays** at 1600 just inside the HQ Building, #10989. Park across the street and the meeting will be in conference room just to the left as you enter the front entrance lobby.
- a. If a **Federal Holiday**, the meeting will be the next day.
- 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 below. **NOTE:** Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. Other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Marina, Dining Facility), and off-base sites, may be considered for any meeting.

**3. WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions**

Normally scheduled 'every other year.' Hosting rotates between the Association and the two sub-groups. Last host, FL-2015.05, CO-2013.06 and CA-2011.05.

The next is scheduled to be hosted by the California Chapter, mid-2017

## \*\*\*\*\*SAGE SHOP\*\*\*\*\*

Orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: AFTAC Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, Steven Revels/IG, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. Also reach Steve, by phone: 321-494-6867 or Email: steven.revels.1@us.af.mil

**SHIPPING:** Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling of 1 item & \$1.50 for each additional. (no shipping cost for Logo pins)

The shop with available items can be perused on our website:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?>

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**SAGE SHOP MERCHANDISE FROM OTHERS**

**AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin** - SrA TJ Benscoter - 402-232-1917/Theodore.benscoter@us.af.mil or SrA Chris Hayes 402-232-9182/Christopher.hayes.13@us.af.mil

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

**Please note:** That we have not used this page to list any traditional event plans and their timeframes. This has not been used in this Newsletter to permit us to utilize what space we have available. It will reappear in the next issue. Sage merchandise can be viewed on the webpage noted above. For those of you who do not use a computer, please excuse us and if you have a neighbor or friend that might help you, please do. If not, do not hesitate to write and we will do our utmost to get you the information that you desire.

You members are certainly appreciated and we wish each of you a superb holiday season—stay fit and drive carefully!

Have a great year—support your alumni.



**2015 and some activities.**



**Mentoring local students.**



**Scouts earn a merit badge at the lab.**



**AFTAC Hockey Team**

**"Tom Trivia," Answer of Question on page 16**  
-Half-Way House-



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**20 February 2016**  
**HOLIDAY INN 8298 N. Wickham Rd. (I95 exit #191)**

**SOCIAL – 5:30 – 6:40**

**Dinner – 7PM – 8PM**

**Program – 8PM**

*You are receiving this invitation via email. Please print a copy and return the information below to:*

**AFTAC Alumni Association**

**P.O. Box 254892**

**Patrick AFB, FL 32935-0892**

Request that you make your menu selections and return this form by 5 February 2016.

**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount enclosed: \$25.00 per person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any Other information:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How can we contact you if necessary? Use back of form if space is needed.**

**MENU CHOICES**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chicken Marsala with Red Bliss Potatoes, vegetable**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes, vegetable**

**Includes:** salad, rolls and butter, vegetable du jour, coffee, tea, and dessert du Chef.

**NOTE:** *A vegetarian entrée is available upon request*

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If you have any questions about this event, or the Association Please contact:

Sean Ryan – 591-9053 (Unlisted Cell) ([Oceanblueview@Yahoo.com](mailto:Oceanblueview@Yahoo.com))

Ruth Creery – 321-255-8314 ([Ruth1203@AOL.com](mailto:Ruth1203@AOL.com))