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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 SALUTE\*

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



### Dale Klug Alumni of the Year, 2011



WHAT A COINCIDENCE, LAST ISSUE WE INTRODUCED SOME OF YOU TO, AND REMINDED OTHERS OF, DALE. WE HAD JUST LEARNED FROM THE 2011.01 CA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER, 'DEPOT FALL-OUT,' IT WAS DALE'S LAST ISSUE. BECAUSE OF THAT WE BID A FOND ADIEU AND PRESENTED HIS '20-YEAR WALL,' PICTURE AND ASSIGNMENTS. NOW WE LEARN HE IS OUR LATEST ALUMNI OF THE YEAR! THIS SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 'WORLDWIDE REUNION, 2011,' HOSTED BY THE CALIFORNIA CHAPTER. CONGRATULATIONS, DALE, YOU ARE MOST DESERVING.



Rose looks on as Dale is presented the 'Space Coin' plaque by George Thompson. Joe Johnson (in back) waits to present the 'T.'

In a surprise announcement at the 'WorldWide 2011' Saturday night Banquet, CA Chapter President, Charlie Penn (not pictured), announced Dale Klug's selection as the Association's **'Alumni of the Year, 2011.'**

In the announcement Charlie noted Dale's accomplishments as he read the formal 'Congratulatory Letter' from the FL Chapter's President, Lloyd French. George Thompson presented the 'Space Coin Plaque' after reading the inscription and Joe Johnson presented the 'Traditional T.'

Dale was recognized as a 'Founding Member' >>pg 3

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

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

### SEPT 8TH @ 1130, 'SOCIABLE SEPTEMBER IV'

Membership & Elections Meeting at the Tides Club  
EDITORS



Annual 'Elections Meetings' will be held on **second Thursdays at lunch time** to encourage attendance by all AFTAC active-duty, assn members and alumni. Attendance is always up for this important meeting so be there! >>>Page 3

### NOV 4TH @ 1230, 21ST ANNUAL ASSN FALL Golf N'Getogether, Cocoa Beach CC

MAJOR ARRANGER, CHIEF MELTON-AFTAC/TM

FALL 2011 LRD Golf N'Getogether. Check-in starts at 1030 - 1230 Shotgun Start. \$40 for Alumni Assn members/\$45 for non-members. Fee includes golf, cart, and 'Smokin' Joe's' BBQ Dinner.  
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**ACTIVE DUTY SCHEDULE, SAGES WELCOMED**  
**Dec 16, Center Winter Social, Crowne Plaza, Sage Contact,**  
Our 'Intrepid Insider'-Carol Snyder, [carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil](mailto:carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil).  
Social/Dinner-1730/1900, a fun event and well-attended. **More details**, if any, at 'Active-Duty' section/Assn website pages below.

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NOTE: Updates/changes will be posted at the assn website,  
<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknow>/

Page 01: 'Breaking News' and/or  
Page 05: 'Active-Duty-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' articles, when published, follow 'Alert' articles.

**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's building (989) 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](http://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](mailto: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 Fallout**' and a website, '[www.AFTACWCC.org](http://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/Jack Jackson/Terry Hammond/Curt & Eunice Harris; **Web/Electronic Media:** Mike Black, Clark Creery, Editors

**"A TEAM"...OF HORSCHE'S'**

'58-'87

**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

First off, 'CONGRATULATIONS' to Dale **Klug** (bio pic here) for his selection as our 17th 'Alumni of the Year.' What a deserving honor for one now stepping down as Editor of the CA Newsletter, 'Depot Fallout,' and past contributions to our Sages above and beyond that calling.

As a 'Charter Member' of the CA Chapter, Dale saw that chapter serve alumni in the immediate area and throughout the world over many years; while he has moved away from editor duties, we know he will remain as involved as possible as the CA chapter continues facing its unique challenges. We also hope he will be able to attend the 2012 FL Chapter 'SnowBall' and the 'Center Annual Awards Banquet' so a whole bunch of us AOY's might bestow congrats in a more personal manner!

While CA transitions to a replacement editor we make PoMo pages available for their use. The 'Other Chapters' section is expanded with reunion reports.

Last issue was a record setter in that the issue exceeded 25 megabytes in size. This meant nothing to our 'hard-copiers' except they had more to enjoy!!!

—however, to our prized electronic subscribers (ePoMo, over 250 in number and climbing), it meant we had to do two 'uploads' to our 'Box.net' account-25MB is max allowed

—following this we tracked 'previews/downloads' and found this: Part 1, 141/135 (276) and 2, 109/123 (232), an overall differential of around 40

—what to take from this? It appears almost half of you simply read ePoMo 'online' at 'Box.net' and not all of you reviewed Part 2

--your thoughts on this are also welcomed.

We welcome a 'very welcome' addition to our board, **Mike Young**. He is the new AFTAC Historian and has hit the ground running with the alumni assn having attended the July meeting, signed up and fills a long vacant board position, 'Hall of Heritage.'

--Mike is a US Army veteran (Military Intelligence) with more than 30 years of service, both enlisted and commissioned. He has served in a variety of assignments including duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, the 5th Special Forces Group, and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He deployed to DESERT STORM as a company commander and more recently in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as the Deputy Commander of the Joint Detention Operations Group (JDOG) at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He is a military historian by formal education (Ohio State University) and has previously taught military history at the United States Air Force Academy.

Mike has let it be known he will be an ardent contributor to the assn-we look forward to that. We have also learned he will be in charge of the planned 'AFTAC Museum' that will be a part of the new building.

of the California Chapter and longtime editor (10 Year's plus) of the Chapter's Newsletter, 'Depot Fallout.' During his time with the chapter, and the newsletter, he has expended considerable time and effort to maintain membership both locally and worldwide. These efforts are certainly a factor in this chapter's membership 'maintaining' at approximately 150 members.

Dale's selection was the result of a committee process of his peer's chaired by Joe **Johnson** (pictured), previous 'Alumni of the Year, 2002' - George **Thompson** (pictured) was also on the committee. Dale will also be recognized and honored at the Florida Chapter's 2012 SnowBall XIV, and the Center's Annual Awards Banquet ... both these events will occur in the January thru March, 2012, timeframe.

Also in attendance, and speaking, at the banquet was MGen (Ret) Glen D. **Shaffer**, AFTAC Commander, July 1994 to August 1996-of note, it was then Col Shaffer who instituted the 'Alumni of the Year' program for the Center's Alumni Association Members.

HQ/AFTAC members in attendance were Dr. Daniel **DeForest**, a member of the Senior Executive Service and Director of AFTAC's Materials Technology Directorate and the current 'Command Superintendent, CMSgt John **Nederhoed**. The Dr and the Chief also addressed reunion attendees.

AS A PART OF THE PROCESS, THE PREVIOUS AOY'S SENT A COMBINED CONGRATULATORY EMAIL TO DALE AND ROSE. THEY REPLIED:

Thank You so much. I'm truly honored to be selected as AOY, 2011. To join such a group of distinguished people is a privilege indeed. Rose & I would like to attend the SnowBall or Annual Awards Banquet. Just let us know as far in advance when they are scheduled. You are most welcome, like all of us, you earned it.. We'll let you know the event dates as soon as we know them and hope the dates will work with your schedule. 2011 was the first year the events were scheduled this close together and we'll hope it happens in 2012!!

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##### SEPT 8TH, ELECTIONS, IV ANNUAL 'SOCIALE SEPTEMBER'

Sages drive in from out of town and others are there who have not been at a meeting for some time, or ever. **NOMINEES:** The nominating committee has convened, solicited, and received agreement for the following individuals to run for office on the 2012 LRDAA slate: President: Terry **Hammond**, Vice-President: CMSgt David **Melton/TM**, Treasurer: Joe **Golden** and Secretary: Sean **Ryan**. The Nominating Committee was Bob **Wiley**, Chair, and members Deborah **Carson** and Frank **Hall**.

In addition, nomination of willing individuals will be taken from the floor during the elections.

##### NOV 4TH, 21ST ANNUAL ASSN FALL GOLF N'GETOGETHER

**Format:** 4-person scramble, also known as better-ball-**Mulligan's** on sale 3 for \$5. Each one is an entry into the drawing for door prizes.

Active-duty military, retirees, civilians, and contractors

are welcome to participate. Registration will be closed at 144 golfers. Enter by calling:

CMSgt Dave **Melton**, david.melton@patrick.af.mil or

damelto@aol.com

or call 321-494-4956/759-1122

Or MSgt Kevin **Alig**, kevin.alig@patrick.af.mil

or call 321-494-9156

**If you want to come just to eat and socialize, cost is \$10, but, you need to 'sign up'!**

**Prizes**-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 and door prize drawings.

**Beverages**-There will be at least one beverage cart for those desiring something stronger than soft drinks.

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##### SPRING PICNIC

CLARK CREERY, DATELINE 23 APRIL 2011, WICKHAM PARK, MELBOURNE, FLORIDA



The annual 'Center Spring Picnic' a smashing success. I have no idea how many families attended but the affair was planned to support all likes and dislikes. The food consisted of Ribs/Chicken, Hot Dogs, Corn, Beans, Potato Salad and all the fixens. When Ruth and I arrived it was evident that everyone was interested in eating because the line appeared to be a mile long, but it moved quickly.

It was a fair showing for an Easter Weekend and I do believe that everyone had quite a time. Alumni that I saw during my time at the affair were Lloyd and Michelle **French**, Tom **Dunn**, Al and Kathy **Moy**, George **Mirda** and Sean **Ryan** as well as others whom I missed seeing.

Music was 'spun' by a Disk Jockey and the MC did a masterful job of attending to entertainment. MSgt **Taguba** was seen taking pictures of the event and everything from the cooking, serving, entertaining and general operation was evident that it was a well run affair. Congratulations Boosters Club for a suburb event!

Activities provided were Badminton, Horse Shoes, Tug of War, Volleyball, Softball and all sorts of bouncing/jumping enclosures for the kids. Somewhere along the line the MC had everyone up dancing and it was fun to watch (Old foggy reporting here!) The



MC announced door prize winners about mid-way through the picnic. Sorry to say that we did not win anything. Sign in was expedited by members who manned a tent near the parking lot and they had attendance lists and did a commendable job.

**We cannot wait until next year!**

## WORLDWIDE REUNION-2011

HOST, CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, 05.12-15

'WorldWide' is an event hosted every other year by one of the three chapters on a rotating basis. 'WorldWides' welcome all who served the LRD/AFTAC Mission over the years. Please find 'Wrap-Up' and 'Reflections' in the California Chapter pages later in this issue.

## SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER

CHIEF MELTON-AFTAC/TM, COCOA BEACH, 05.20

We had a beautiful day at our 21st Annual Spring Golf N'Getogether. 114 golfers participated in a 1300 shotgun start at Cocoa Beach Country Club. Contestants were competing in the best-ball (scramble) format for gift certificates and merchandise valued over \$2100. When the divots were done flying, the following golfers rose to the top:

**1st Place** - Joe Asher, Hammond and Clay Wilcoxen  
**2nd Place** - Lee Cote, Jeff Pearson, Mark Klayman and Aaron Juergens  
**3rd Place** - Mark Lambert, Addison Mitchell, Jon Green and Brian Washington  
**4th Place** - Joey Vermillion, Mike Holt, Justin Beeler and Craig Long

The one team picked up the rear:

**Last Place** - Chris Clark, Mike Stlop, Steve Bray and Jimmy Gower

We were blessed with the many fine sponsors: **BAE** Systems (multiple divisions), **Hensel Phelps** Construction, **AIS, Riverside** Research, and **Kegman**.

Each sponsor contributed to closest-to-the-pin, longest drive, and longest putt prizes and were recognized with a sponsor's sign on their respective golf holes.

### Winners:

Closest-to-the-Pins, River #2 - Gary Killian

Dolphin #2 - Terry Hammond

Dolphin #5 - Bob Scarbozi

Dolphin #8 - Paul Bertrand

Longest Putt, River #2 - Mike Ballard

Long Drive, Men - Jon Green, Women - Darcy Covenah

### Volunteers:

SSgt Edward Martinez/LSOMN, SSgt John Miller/TMVA, SRA Eli Hanson/TMVG, SrA Dustin Brundrett/TMVA, SrA Brian Stoffel/TMVG, A1C Peter Hollman, TMVA

**Participants, Volunteers and all who signed up for the meal, enjoyed Smokin' Joe's BBQ after the golf.**

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## SAGE SPORTS REPORT, BOWLING

BOB WILEY, ARTICLE AND PICTURE

### Awesome Alumni Wins AFTAC & Friends Bowling League Championship, 2011.05.25



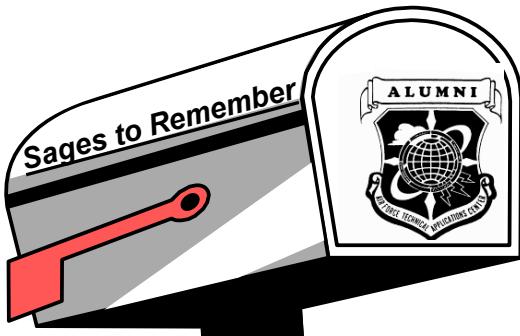
L>R: Tony DeMarco, Howard Dibble, Bob Kilbowitz, Rick Manley, Terry Hammond, Bob Wiley. NOTE: The team wears their 'TC' shirts in honor of Tom Ciambrone who was a long time member of the team. Our readers recognize that Tom is deceased and the founder of our PoMo segment, 'Tom's Treasure of Tantalizing AFTAC Trivia.'

After seemingly trapped in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place for more than 10 years, the **Awesome Alumni** bowling team finally broke out and once again finished the league in first place in a game that was decided on the last ball in the tenth frame of the 3<sup>rd</sup> game by the opposing team's anchor. Those who stayed at the PAFB Rocket Lanes to see the final outcome were truly entertained as the lead changed hands several times. The losing team also had several alumni members so it was bittersweet.

Members of the team are Howard **Dibble** (captain), John **Caban**, Terry **Hammond**, Jeff **Stefoneck**, Wally **Jones**, Bob **Kilbowitz**, Rick **Manley**, Bob **Wiley** and Tony **DeMarco**. Many of the team have been bowling together since the late 1980's and were league champs many times in the '90's.

In prior years, the strategy had seemed to be start in the middle of the pack and gain position during the season and roll for the championship in the final game. This year the approach was to capture and hold #1 which worked for most of the year, dropping down only in the last few weeks when travel and illness made putting 5 able players on the lanes a challenge. The team was in 2nd place going into the championship game.

The Alumni needed 3 of the total 4 points of the final game to win the trophy. The first two games were split so the whole year was riding on the 3<sup>rd</sup> game. The scoring stayed close but when anchor Tony DeMarco had finished his 10<sup>th</sup> frame it was clear the Alumni had the game point, but the series total was still to be decided by the opposing team's anchor man. He struck with his first ball and picked up 7 with his 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sparing would give his team the championship; picking up 2 on his last ball would result in a tie score. He picked up 1 and the Alumni 'squeaked into' the league victory by only 1 pin out of a 3000+ pin series – proof positive of the adage "every pin counts". At least this is the way, the Alumni team remembers the game; after all, there had been a few beer frames involved.



## Personals ...

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

## In Memoriam and In Our Thoughts

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## Rest in Peace

### Wayne E. Reece

NOTIFIED BY 'NEWSLETTER EDITOR,' CA CHAPTER, 04.20

May 29, 1933 - April 13, 2011 Wayne E. Reece, age 77, of Carlton, OR, died on April 13, 2011, in McMinnville. Arrangements by Macy and Son Funeral Directors. Published in the Sacramento Bee, 04.16

Wayne was a lifetime member of AFTAC Alumni Assn, West Coast Chapter. Guest Book, if still valid: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/sacbee/guestbook.aspx?n=wayne-reece&pid=150307081&cid=full>

### Helga Dibble

CLARK CREEERY, 04.23, FL CHAPTER



DIBBLE Helga M., 73, of Melbourne, died Sunday, April 10, 2011. Arrangements by Beach Funeral Homes, Melbourne.

Published, FLORIDA TODAY on 04.12. 'Link,' if still valid: <http://beachfuneralhome.frontrunnerpro.com/runtime/40958/runtime.php?>

### Captain Nathan Nylander

CHUCK CONRAD, EMAIL 04.29, FL CHAPTER NOTE: WE WERE FIRST NOTIFIED BY CHUCK WHEN HE EMAILED: "NOT SURE YOU HAVE HEARD, BUT ONE OF THOSE KILLED IN THE KABUL SHOOTING BY AN AFGHAN AF OFFICER WAS NATHAN NYLANDER WHO WAS A CAPTAIN IN THE USAF. DURING HIS FIRST TOUR IN THE AF, CIRCA '94, HE WAS A 9S100 AT AFTAC. CHUCK ALSO ADDED: A LINK ABOUT NATHAN,



I FOUND OUT THROUGH FACEBOOK, ON WHICH MANY OF THE 9SS ARE DISCUSSING NATE. [HTTP://AZSTARNET.COM/NEWS/LOCAL/ARTICLE\\_778D26F0-7203-11E0-9FFC-001CC4C03286.HTML](HTTP://AZSTARNET.COM/NEWS/LOCAL/ARTICLE_778D26F0-7203-11E0-9FFC-001CC4C03286.HTML) NOTE 2: YOUR EDITORS THEN WENT ON LINE AND FOUND THIS 'TUCSON WEEKLY' REPORT.

**Farewell to a Soldier:** Capt. Nathan J. Nylander. Posted by Jim Nintzel on Fri, Apr 29, 2011, at 11:41 AM  
**Senior Airman Shane Dunaway** delivers the sad news about Capt. Nathan J. Nylander, who was killed in Afghanistan last week: Capt. Nathan J. Nylander, an Airman assigned to the 25th Operational Weather Squadron here at D-M was pronounced dead on April 27 after a shooting at Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan. The death of this Airman marks the third loss Davis-Monthan has suffered to either operations in Afghanistan or Iraq. Captain Nylander is survived by his wife Miriam Nylander and three children. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and loved ones of the Airmen who paid the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedoms," said Col. John Cherrey, 355th Fighter Wing commander. "Today's tragic event hit close to home as one of our own was among the casualties. We will continue to support the Airman's family as they deal with this loss." Our condolences to Captain Nylander's family and friends for his sacrifice on our behalf. Tucson Weekly, Late-April.

### Charles W Gay

MRS. JOAN GAY LETTER TO CLARK CREEERY-FOLLOWUP BY BOB FITZGERALD 05.23

SMSgt (Ret), USAF. Two Guestbook Sites were noted, if still valid: 1. <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/sacbee/guestbook.aspx?n=charles-gav&Did=147880353&eid=sD>, 2. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=Charles-Gay&pid=147880353>.

Passed away on January 6, 2011, in Citrus Heights, CA. He was born on October 4, 1936, in Chipley, FL, to Wilmer and Sallie Gay. After graduating High School in 1954, Charles enlisted in the Air Force, serving several tours in Japan, in Florida at Tyndall AFB and Patrick AFB, in Colorado at Lowry AFB, and in California at McClellan AFB, finally settling in Citrus Heights, CA.

Charles married Joan, his childhood sweetheart, upon returning from his first tour in Japan in 1957. While stationed at Tyndall AFB, their sons were born- Michael in

1959 and Jeffrey in 1960. The family moved to Colorado where Charles completed technical training at Lowry AFB, and then on to his initial assignment with the **1155th** Technical Operations Squadron at McClellan AFB, where he developed an impeccable reputation for outstanding leadership and dedication. Assigned to Detachment 407 in 1970, Charles returned to McClellan and the Tech Ops Squadron in 1974, retiring from the Tech Ops Division in September 1981. Charles had an interest in coins from an early age. On his second tour in Japan, he studied foreign coins, participated in coin shows, and encouraged those around him with the same interest to take part in coin collecting. There, he developed lifelong friends and business associates and a reputation for great honesty and integrity. Charles carried his passion for coins into post Air Force life, developing it into a thriving business as a highly respected Numismatist. Everyone knew they would get a fair shake from "Ben" and he was an honest and loyal friend.

Surviving Charles are Joan, his beloved wife of 53 years; son Michael, his wife Annette and their son Christian of Sacramento, CA; son Jeffrey, his wife JoNell and their daughter Isabelle of Melbourne, FL; brother Clarence Gay and sister Pamela Darrow of Panama City, FL; god-daughter Kathryn Bandy of Rancho Cordova, CA; and, numerous friends and associates. His family and friends will miss his honesty, consistency, loyalty and most of all his wit and sense of humor.'

### **Memoriam**

BOB FITZGERALD 05.23

I knew Ben very well. We served together at MCL where most of us called him "Ben" (for 'Ben Gay'). In fact when I first arrived at MCL in July 1964 and was assigned to John Miner's Counting Room crew, I believe that Charlie was a part of that unit at the time. I remember Charlie during lunch breaks trying to teach me (or any newbie he could grab on to) how to play Cribbage for quarters. He'd always count so fast you never knew what happened. I remember too that he would closely inspect every bit of change he got a hold of to see if there was a coin he needed in the batch. I understand that after he retired he had a coin trading business.

AND, AS OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, CLARK CREERY ALWAYS DOES, HE WROTE ASKING IF MRS GAY WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE POMO-SHE WROTE: I would like very much to continue on the mailing rolls.

Charles was, and I am, very proud to be part of the Air Force family. The past eight years were difficult for Charles health wise but the Air Force was there for us and we will be forever grateful. The Post-Monitor kept us informed on news and events even though we could not participate. The Post-Monitor provides a connection for military families that strengthens the bond forged through each member who proudly served their country.

Thank you for your considerate letter. 'Ben' would be honored. As we are for your considerate words for the importance of the PoMo, as editors, we feel honored in the role we play.

### **Stella Jung**

DONALD DIKE , 06.05-OUR FIRST NOTIFICATION OF THIS DEATH

Stella Jung, Wife of Wade Jung, Z system , Det 426, passed away last year, 29 May 2010. Stella was a friend to all and like a mother to all us younger airmen. Cards can be sent to Wade Jung, 2143 Bernard way, Sacramento, Ca., 95822. Wade is in a wheelchair and cared for by his daughter. He loves to get mail.

### **Eugene D Wills**

NOTIFIED BY CLARK CREERY, 06.22, FROM A NOTE SENT TO OUR PO BOX

ENGLEWOOD, Fla. — Eugene D. Wills, 74, of Englewood, Fla., and formerly of Morrisonville, N.Y., passed away Friday, April 16, 2010. He was born in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., on May 29, 1935, the son of William Wills and Naomi (Whitford) Wills. Eugene served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years, retiring in 1979.

He then went on to work as a civilian at Plattsburgh Air Force Base and later worked as an armored truck driver for Loomis, retiring in 1999. Soon after, he and his wife moved to Florida, and he enjoyed painting and travel. He was predeceased by parents; a brother, William Earl Wills; and a brother-in-law, Warren Henry.

Eugene is survived by his wife of 51 years, Gemma (Duval) Wills; two sons, William Wills and his wife, Lori of Plattsburgh, and Craig Wills of Arcadia, Fla.; a daughter, Deborah Farrell, and her husband, Wayne of Chateaugay; six grandchildren, Stephen Wills and his fiancé, Kim Duquette and her daughter, Hallee, Zachary Farrell, Nicholas Farrell, Courtney Wills, Kristin Farrell and Trevor Wills; two sisters, Glenna Henry of Berkeley Spring, W.Va., and Gail Kesecker and her husband, Warner of Englewood, Fla.

Entombment was at Whispering Maples Mausoleum. Donations in Eugene's memory may be made to Tidewell Hospice in Sarasota, Fla. Online condolences and memorial candles may be offered at [www.brownfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.brownfuneralhomeinc.com).

### **Clark Wayne Eslick**

TESS AILSHIRE, EMAIL 06.29, FROM THE PLATT COUNTY, WY, RECORD-TIMES NEWSPAPER, POSTED: WEDNESDAY, JAN 19TH, 2011.

A funeral service for Clark Wayne Eslick, 48, was held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, January 7, 2011, at the United Methodist Church in Chugwater, WY, with Pastor Skip Perry officiating. Interment was in the Chugwater Cemetery near Chugwater with military honors accorded by the F.E. Warren Base Honor Guard.

Clark Eslick a resident of Chugwater died Friday, December 31, 2010, at the Cheyenne Healthcare in Cheyenne, WY. Clark was born July 16, 1962, in Lancaster, California, the son of Ronald and Marguerite (Cole) Eslick. He was raised and educated in Lancaster, graduating from the Antelope Valley High School in 1980. He entered the United States Air Force on October 17, 1980, and retired as Master Sergeant on September 30, 2001, from F.E. Warren Air Force Base, WY.

He was married to Patricia Rossin on June 15, 1983, and to this union a son, Joshua Aaron, was born. They were later divorced. He married Tammy Beth Penick on August 5, 1991, in Cheyenne, WY, and to this union two sons, Kevin Michael and Baylor Robert, were born. Tammy died November 16, 2008. Clark married Sara A. Cooney on March 29, 2010, in Wheatland, WY. He has resided in Chugwater since November, 1997. He enjoyed hunting, camping, and guns. He is survived by his wife, Sara; sons, Josh Eslick, Kevin Eslick, and Baylor Eslick all of Chugwater; father, Ronald Eslick; mother, Marguerite Shirley both of Lancaster; brothers, Dave Eslick of Wyoming and Brian Eslick of Socorro, New Mexico; and sister, Ellen Eslick of Lancaster. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Tammy; and father-in-law, William Penick on November 25, 2008. Serving as pallbearers will be Dave Eslick, Brad Taylor, Brian Eslick, Josh Eslick, Kevin Eslick, and Steve McCarty. A memorial to the Gold Star Wives, P.O. Box 361986, Birmingham, Alabama 35236 would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements are under the direction of Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.gormanhf.com](http://www.gormanhf.com).

## Memoriam

TESS ALSO WROTE

Clark Wayne Eslick, (was the) administrative specialist at Det 452 in 1997-1998. Clark, known to Det members as "Chug" had an infectious, upbeat attitude and an irrepressible sense of humor. His every task was performed efficiently and competently and the we knew he was a stalwart on our team. Chug's nickname came from his hometown; in almost any conversation with a visitor or newcomer, he managed to mention Chugwater within the first five minutes. He was extremely proud of his home and his family.

Prior to joining us at Det 452, Chug had served in Germany and elsewhere with Security Police forces. He retired from F. E. Warren AFB and spent his remaining time in Chugwater.

### James Walter Kehoe

NOTIFIED BY CHIEF DAVID MELTON/TM, 06.29, WITH THE DEEPEST REGRETS AND A HEAVY HEART I SEND THIS INFORMATION REGARDING THE PASSING OF JAMES KEHOE. SSGT KEHOE SERVED AT BOTH THE CENTER AND DET 452. IF YOU CLICK ON THE BOTTOM LINK YOU CAN LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR HIS FAMILY.

James Walter Kehoe, 26, passed away, Monday, June 27, 2011. He was born November 28, 1984, in Wake County, NC. He is the son of James and Donna Kehoe of Nashville. James proudly served in the USAF. In addition to his parents, he leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Kit Yam Kehoe, paternal grandfather, James W. Kehoe of Marietta, Georgia, maternal grandmother, Naomi Batchelor of Spring Hope, one sister, Michelle Kehoe of Raleigh, NC. Memorial Service was June 30, 2011, in the Chapel of Cornerstone Funeral home with the Rev. Rick Downing and Rev. Ron Hawley officiating. Memorials may be made to Salvation Army (Local Chapter) 420 Paul Street, Rocky Mount, NC 27803. Condolences may be sent the Kehoe family by visiting [www.cornerstonefuneralhomeandcremations.com](http://www.cornerstonefuneralhomeandcremations.com). Arrangements were entrusted to Cornerstone Funeral Home and Cremations, 1052 South First Street, Nashville, NC 27856. <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rockymounttelegram/obituary.aspx?n=james-walter-kehoe&pid=152278944>

**OBITUARY NOTICES CONCERNING FRED FOOTE AND BRENDA BLASCO WERE RECEIVED JUST BEFORE WE FINALIZED THE POMO. PLEASE FIND THOSE NOTICES ON PAGE 21. WE WORKED WITH FRED AND BRENDA'S HUSBAND, TOM, AT HQ FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEY WERE TRUE AFTACER'S.**

### Request for Information

#### William H Moore

DALE KLUG, CA CHAPTER, FORWARDED THIS EMAIL REQUEST FROM GARRETT SERGEANT. SUBJECT: 1009TH SPECIAL WEAPONS SQUADRON.

My name is Garrett **Sergeant** (contact information follows). I came across your website while searching for information pertaining to the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron. My grandfather was Lt. Col. William **Moore**, deceased, 2007. By his own account and other supporting documents in his collection, he served with the 1009th in Washington, DC, in the early 50s and possibly late 40s. I am looking for anyone who may have worked with him during this time period. It would mean a great deal to me if I could get some corroborating accounts to gather a greater perspective on this chapter of my grandfather's life.

I appreciate your assistance greatly and hope you will be able to point me in the right direction. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you! AND IN A FOLLOWUP

I realize it's like finding a needle in a haystack to search

out people who worked with my grandfather - a haystack where a lot of those needles have blown away so to speak. He passed away about three years back so I have only the few things he wrote down and collected over the years. He was stationed in Washington DC, I know for a fact, in 1953 working in the Office of the Technical Director shortly after graduating from Texas A&I with a masters in Nuclear Physics.

Thank you so much for your help. The deeper I delve into this, the greater my respect grows for entire 1009th and the great work they did securing our nation. I hope you will pass along the sentiment to anyone you might solicit on my behalf. I look forward to any and all replies.

**Please send replies to** [garrett.sergeant@gmail.com](mailto:garrett.sergeant@gmail.com), or if preferred, my mailing address is, 3701 Overland Ave. #163, Los Angeles, CA 90034, TEL: (609) 513-0375.

Garrett, as we reported back to you, we have several 'William Moore's' but no 'William H' in our 'Master Database' or in our running listing of deceased Sages. We'll keep our fingers crossed that one of our readers can give you additional information.

**NOTICE: A PERMANENT LISTING OF 'SAGES TO REMEMBER' IS AVAILABLE AT THE ASSN WEBSITE. THAT URL IS LISTED IN THIS ISSUE'S MASTHEAD. THERE YOU WILL ALSO FIND A LISTING OF THOSE WHO DIED WHILE IN SERVICE TO OUR MISSION ON REPRODUCTIONS OF THE HQ PLAQUES.**

### In Our Thoughts

#### Jack Matthews

DEANNA MATTHEWS IN RESPONSE TO CLARK CREEERY, 06.20

**Subject: JACK L. MATTHEWS UPDATE** My name is Deanna Matthews. I am the daughter of one of your members, JACK L. MATTHEWS. He received your letter recently explaining the problems your organization has had in getting the Post-Monitor delivered to him. Unfortunately, my father has been in ill health recently (and) had to make numerous moves. Therefore, if you would send your electronic newsletter to me, I will print it and take it to him.

He is currently a resident at the William R. Courtney Texas State Veterans Home in Temple, TX. I don't expect him to be moving again anytime soon. I live about an hour away and go to see him every weekend. He is making positive progress.

If you do need (would like) to send correspondence to him: Jack L. Matthews #510B, 1424 Martin Luther King Jr. Lane, Temple, Texas 76504, or you can most certainly continue to send him mail to my home address: 1508 Glenmeadows, Round Rock, TX 78681.

Please feel free to share this address with the appropriate individuals. Kind regards, Deanna Matthews.

email: [deanna.matthews@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:deanna.matthews@austin.utexas.edu) Deanna, your father is lucky to have an angel such as yourself. We knew, and worked and played with, Jack and Monique in the 60's at AFTAC HQ in Alexandria, VA-and only lived blocks away in Woodbridge ... I remember beating them at cards often. Please pass on our thoughts to him and trust he will read this notice and approve. **READERS, if you knew the Matthews we encourage you to make contact via the mailing address or thru Deanna's address.**



# 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, chrisjohnn2@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.

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

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



## FIRST eSAGE(S) TO 'REPORT IN'

EPOMO POSTED 0933, GENE/CLARK RESPONDED 1136, 2-HOURS AFTER

**Gene McKay/by proxy-Clark Creery 04.12 @ 1136**

Glad you got the issue ok Gene! Don't thank me, the ones to thank are John and Chris **Horsch** (our editors). I am just the flunkie who maintains the database so we can get the issues out to you when they are ready to send. Glad you like it because John and Chris really pour their hearts into each issue. We all strive to provide you folks with the latest and greatest and make sure you visit the new website to be further enlightened.....thanks for your comments. Stay safe up there in the cold country of Oakland, ME. Clark 'creery da database guy' Wow, a 'twofer!' Thank you both for responding and the compliments ... and, Clark is far from 'flunkie,' funky maybe but never 'flunkie.' We'd be up an unknown creek without him.

**Jim Davis**

**04.12 @ 1300**

(Gene 'beat you out' again) John as I said in my other message...I sent a reply to you that I had received the PoMo at approx 1300. (Also) I made the comment that it was a little different than previous PoMo's in as much

as it came in two sections rather than the usual one...the format seemed a little different also although I'm sure it was me....I am getting a little older and maybe I'm not as quick on changes or adjustments as I once was I am sure everything was basically the same...anyway I appreciate you checking up on me !!!!!! and as usual, I thought the PoMo provided a lot of interesting information...I especially thought the pictures and references to ole Joe **Johnson** and I was super great...it is always a great feeling to be placed in the same manner with a person like Joe...to me he is one of the GREAT ones that served AFTAC..it was always special to be associated with him...I had almost forgotten about the pictures of those that had served AFTAC for 20 years or more!!!!

As you may or may not know, Joe replaced me at the 1155th (WFO) when I went to Alaska...to get away from the never ending situation of working for Maj **Galinney** for a year....I always wondered how long Joe would hang in there.....yea, you guessed it.....about one year also... Galinney was tough but fair and very demanding and always mission orientated...he was there to get the job done!!!! and he did!!! We recall your 'Sage Stories' mentioning the Major...also, you may be very sharp eyed indeed; with the 'new' MSPub2010 we found we could move the side margins out and squeeze another letter or two on both sides. Also, this was our first issue to exceed 25MB as a pdf file ...our link site, 'Box.net,' in the 'free' version, only allows 25MB uploads at one time-thus we had to 'upload' twice.

**Judy Milam-Henderson**

**04.13**

Thank you, John and Chris, for another fantastic PoMo. You betcha, Judy! you are such a part of the PoMo process that thanks from you is extra special (Judy has reviewed our issues from the very beginning of our editorship, 96.06!)

**Frank and Edna Calenda**

**04.19**

Just got through the latest PoMo. Great that you include 'ActiveDuty Monitoring' with it too. It gives a lot more insight to what's happening to the active group.

As always, thanks for your hard, laborious work. I just know it's appreciated by all who read it. And thanks for your compliments, readership and authorship, we've always enjoyed your 'stories' and look forward to the next one ... the active-duty are very good to us.

**Jack Wagley**

**USPS, 05.07/06.10**

EDITORS NOTE: WE RECEIVED 2-MISSIVES FROM JACK THIS PERIOD. THE FIRST WAS WRITTEN ON THE LAST TWO PAGES OF THE 2008.06 POMO AND AN ADDRESSING LABEL. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO REPRODUCE THAT WRITING. JACK HAS BEEN WRITING VERY INTERESTING MATERIAL TO US SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OUR EDITORSHIP AND WRITES OFTEN-LATER HE SENT THE LETTER BELOW. HE IS ALWAYS WORTH A READ! TOM EDDLEMAN WAS OUR DECODER BECAUSE, AS JACK DOUBTS ... IF ANYONE CAN READ MY WRITING.' WE OFTEN 'EXTRACT' JACK'S LETTERS BUT, IN THIS CASE, IT IS TRANSCRIBED EXACTLY AS JACK WROTE IT SO OUR READERS WILL HAVE THE FULL 'JACK IMPACT!'

Dear Fellow Founders, I doubt if any of you are left, I doubt if anyone there can read my writing even though it has been over 3 years since I had my CATARACT SURGERY, only one of the many I brought back to the U.S.A. after 10 months in SOUTHEAST ASIA in 1966. Viet Nam & Thailand Nakom Panomand and Ubon Ratchathani and I think if any of the old ones are left, it would be Joe **Johnson**, who is still living in Carmichael, CA as far as I know. I am over 80 and my wife Frances

is pushing 80. I have been outpatient at VA-Ann Arbor Healthcare System since 2002 when I was told I could not re-enlist because I had made Master Sgt in my first 20 years (E-7 in the military). The reason I had not been promoted is because two Civil Service Raters had lied on my ratings. I have been thinking of "Calling Sam" **Bernstein** but it's probably too late for that. My wife Frances got a worse deal from S.S. than I did though I'll tell about it sometime. For now I will just say she is getting far less Social Security than she should be. My Mother in-law did not give any except Junior a Middle Name or Initial, my Father in-laws surname had been (is still – but he's not alive) Schwartzenberger, many of my wife's employers stuck fictitious middle name or initial on my wife's paper causing her to go without much of the Social Security she should have received and still should be receiving. She told me a few days ago that most of her employers paid her the least they could. On my first tour to Germany, she stayed in South Carolina where I was for basic training after a Air Force recruiter had recruited me into the Army with a bunch of lies (he told me I would probably spend my complete Army tour at Fort Sill, Ok, I never saw Fort Sill, and I was offered 5 days delay to catch Army troop transport to Germany. I told them to forget it, but when I got to Germany (Erlangen ?????) they had taken 6 days off my leave records but that was only the beginning. I've had an advocate for over two years now & I've never heard from .

I'm going to stop here it just gets worse and worse. I am sending \$5 off admission to the Space Center. You can all probably get in free of charge and there is no way I can get there (if any of our readers would like this coupon let us know-it expires 09.05). I can hardly walk and it gets worse by the day. Pray for me, I'm praying that someone will be our new President after seeing how Obama has done things. Sincerely, Jack D. **Wagley** If no one prints any part of my letter, at least let Joe Johnson know I'm still alive. Jack, we sent Joe a copy right away.

#### **Art Morton**

**05.23**

Thank you for invitation to join. I have often wondered what became of the organization after I left. I met John Cabin at the bridge table and we were telling war stories when he realized that we had been in the same unit. He invited me to join the association.

I joined the Air Force after I graduated from high school. I was invited to join the 'organization" by a distinguished white haired senior master sergeant whose name I have forgotten. I was on orders to go to Mississippi to train as an air traffic control specialist. My orders were cancelled and I was sent to Denver to begin training for an unspecified job. After about 18 months of waiting and training, I was sent to Korea to join Team 405 as a System B specialist (seismic operator/interpreter.) I left the Air Force after one tour and returned to college. I have some interesting photos of the site in Korea and some of my colleagues. I would

be happy to share them with you sometime. Art, we'd enjoy meeting you at one of our meetings. Maybe you could bring the photos along for us to have a look.

#### **Alexander DiSanto**

**06.20**

Thank you for sending the letter to us about the Post Monitor mailing. We love receiving the newsletter and tried the electronic edition for some months last year. Although I am still quite deft on the computer and have the latest equipment with widescreen monitor I find it difficult at my age (90) to read the newsletter on it and the printout is not practical for me.

I appreciate the costs involved for the organization on printing and mailing, but ask that it be sent to me by postal mail for the present. Respectfully, with Kind Regards. Alex, thank you for this kind helpful reply. We understand and your readership is treasured above all.

#### **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.

#### **Airborne Annual Luncheon, CO Chapter**

MARVE GIBSON REPORTS

Airborne Personnel living in Colorado met for their annual luncheon at the Hickory House in Parker, CO, on 09 April 2011. The following were in attendance; Dave & JoAnn **Goss**, William "Bill" & Linda **Scott**, Bob & Marsha **Haeflein**, Arnold "Skip" and Joni **Wunder**, Wayne & Cathy **Zahm** and Marvin & Sue **Gibson**. Skip & Joni were a welcome addition since they flew in from Iowa to join the group. The only couple missing was Roger & Marilyn **Krautkramer** who were vacationing in South Africa.



Back row; Dave Goss, Marvin Gibson, Bob Haeflein, Skip Wunder, Wayne Zahm, Bill Scott and Linda Scott. Front row: JoAnn Goss, Sue Gibson, Marsha Haeflein, Joni Wunder, Cathy Zahm.

#### **Sensor Network Detects Nuclear Blasts Worldwide**

SEAN RYAN REPORTS

American Forces Press Service

CHERYL PELLERIN

WASHINGTON, July 12, 2011-At any time of the day or night, on any day of the year, if a nuclear device explodes anywhere on Earth, a Defense Department network established in 1947 will know about it.



EDITORS NOTE: IF INTERESTED, ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AT THIS URL:

<http://www.veteranstoday.com/2011/07/12/sensor-network-detects-nuclear-blasts-worldwide/>

### Air Weather Reconnaissance Assn Report, WC-135

DON WHITNEY FORWARDED THIS REPORT FOM THE ASSN'S NEWSLETTER

"These pages about the WC-135 were in the Air Weather Reconnaissance Association newsletter. The SEO in the picture is, if I am not mistaken, Gene Couch."

EDITORS NOTE: IF INTERESTED, THESE PAGES ARE POSTED HERE:

[https://docs.google.com/leaf?  
id=0B2JQHEzSezXEYTAwYzMUTUzjA4ZS00NzczLWJOTAtNmQ4ODQ4MTQ3NzBk&hl=en\\_US](https://docs.google.com/leaf?id=0B2JQHEzSezXEYTAwYzMUTUzjA4ZS00NzczLWJOTAtNmQ4ODQ4MTQ3NzBk&hl=en_US)

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### Special mission lacks engine upgrade

JOE JOHNSON CHECKED IN FIRST WITH THIS ARTICLE-LARRY BURTON ALSO SENT THE INFORMATION ALONG

BY ROBERT F. DORR - SPECIAL TO AIR FORCE TIMES, POSTED : SATURDAY APR 9  
"The airmen who fly, maintain and support the WC-135C/W Constant Phoenix mission work long and hard without much recognition — until events like the earthquake and tsunami in Japan happen.

Their job: to detect nuclear radiation in the atmosphere.

These are the types of missions that can deliver life-changing news to millions of anxious people in the wake of a disaster."

EDITORS NOTE: IF INTERESTED, FULL STORY AT THIS URL:

<http://www.airforcetimes.com/community/opinion/airforce-dorr-special-mission-lacks-engine-upgrade-041111/>



### Late Mail

THE CALIFORNIA WEBMASTER, BOB FITZGERALD, SENT AN EMAIL ALONG FROM WILLIAM (BILL) MORAN, INQUIRING ABOUT THE ALUMNI ASSN:

#### William 'Bill' Moran

**08.04**

I would like information on membership in the AFTAC Alumni Association. For your information, I was assigned to the 1009th Special Weapons Sq., served on aerial sampling missions in WB-29s at McClellan, Det 407 and Eielson AFB during my 1952-1956 enlistment. I was discharged from USAF in May 1956, as an Airman First Class.

Also do you have any upcoming membership events that I might attend? Thanks you for your assistance.

UPON READING OF BILL'S SERVICE PLACES AND TIMES WE KNEW WE HAD TO GET JIM 'RED' DAVIS INVOLVED.

#### Jim 'Red' Davis

**08.05**

Hey ... I do indeed know William Moran. He was stationed at Team 407 when I first went there in 1954, also a lad by the name of **Moles**, can't remember his first name but yeah I do remember them. Ted **Simms** was the NCOIC back then and I replaced Ted or maybe it was Thomas R **Hollingsworth** that I replaced. Always wondered what happened to Moran, think he had some desire for the entertainment field. Moles went to pilot training and joined the officer ranks. Please forward this to Moran and see if he remembers me. There were also a couple more that he may know as well...**Chandler** and **Cook**....don't remember their first names or where they got to.....THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO !!!!!!!!!

THIS EMAIL 'CONVERSATION' GOES ON AND BECOMES MORE INTERESTING. LOOK FOR THAT IN THE NEXT ISSUE. ALONG THE WAY, CLARK CREERY PROVIDED SOME VERY INTERESTING LINKS CONCERNING THE SEO MISSION:

Here is a bit of an update for you SEO's.

<http://www.goodfellow.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123103067>

Some of the technicalities of the SEO mission.

[http://www.airspacemag.com/military-aviation/Bomb\\_Squad.html](http://www.airspacemag.com/military-aviation/Bomb_Squad.html)

Excellent webpage concerning the airborne sampling missions.

<http://www.awra.us/gallery-feb09.html>



### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE

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)

Arthur Morton

Joan Gay – wife of deceased Charles W. Gay  
Michael Johnston

#### 'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals)

Derwood Covert - 3-year Special

Ed Waterhouse - 3-Year Special

◆ Long Range Detection Alumni Association, Patrick AFB FL

## CHAPTER NEWS



Three years ago Colonel (ret) Frank Hall called me to ask if I would consider a leadership role with the Long Range Detection Alumni Association. I said, "Sure, what would you like me to do?" When he said **President**, I was both terrified and honored at the same time. Somehow though, the organization survived me, and new faces joined our ranks.

With Executive Committee elections approaching in September, some of those new faces are stepping up to the plate to assume leadership roles. Our slate for these elections follows: President: Terry Hammond, Vice-President: CMSgt David Melton Treasurer: Joe Goldian, Secretary: Sean Ryan

These people represent a dedicated and pivotal component of an organization that survives by membership and participation—by passion and perseverance—and by sustaining the bond that keeps AFTAC a vibrant organization with an identity that survived virtually every other Air Force organization since the Army Air Corps. There are so many who could join, so many who join but do not participate; if we could entice even a small percentage of those people to meet just once a month for less than an hour, we could sustain the Alumni Association in perpetuity.

I extend to our current membership my heartfelt and deepest thanks for your confidence and trust during my tenure as LRDA President. It was not a job—it was truly an honor. To the current members who provide unwavering support through attendance, contributions, and fellowship, I salute you. You represent the fiber of AFTAC and its future, because within you lies the history of our organization that must be shared face to face to be truly appreciated. Working side-by-side with you was a priceless experience that defies description.

I wish the new Executive Committee every success and pray that AFTAC produces the impassioned professionals who find value in joining us and fulfillment in sustaining us.



**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/lrdalumniassnneedtobknownow/-Pg 07.>'

Directories available via email to requesting paid-up members from the Florida Membership Chair, Clark Creery, '[ccreery@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ccreery@cfl.rr.com)'.

## BOARD MEETINGS

### Board Members

#### *Elected*

President-Lloyd French	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 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 active duty section and alumni assn website for more details) Phone cards are especially needed and welcomed.

**Membership:** Clark Creery reports, **FL Membership:** 624/560LT; **ePoMo/USPS**, 262/362; **WorldWide**, 4177

**Post-Monitor:** Editor's report, on schedule

**Hall of Heritage:** RECALL WE WROTE IN OUR EDITORIAL OF THE RECENT ASSIGNMENT OF AN AFTAC HISTORIAN, MR MIKE YOUNG. WE WELCOME MR YOUNG NOW AS OUR 'HALL OF HERITAGE' CHAIR. MIKE HIT THE GROUND RUNNING AND HAS PROVIDED AN ARTICLE ASKING FOR 'SAGE ASSISTANCE.' SEE PG 14.

Mike advises he is reviewing the plans for the 'Hall of Heritage' approval by the 'AF Museum' and is working on a 'road map' to get there.

**Golf:** Chief Melton/TM, 'Major Arranger' reports, the 21st Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether will be played on Nov 4th. See page 1-follow any changes at our website.

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### Membership Thoughts

CLARK CREERY. 2011.06.20/EDITORS

Last December we took a huge step to move our Alumni Website to a new venue and we reviewed all of our roles and invited a host of people to join two separate groups. One group is used to announce publication of our newsletter and the other is used to alert everyone that an important or special event has occurred. Both groups seem to be functioning well! The last newsletter was so large that the electronic version (ePoMo) had to be published in two parts to pass through system. And, we noted a 'funny' anomaly. The 'Link Views' at the storage site, 'Box.net' were not equal!! We figured the 'reader' numbers for 'Part One' and 'Part Two' would be the same, NOT. One is consistently 40 views ahead of two. It could be that folks did not understand that the full issue consisted of both parts? —we may see more of this because we are on a roll and John and Chris keep cranking out PoMo's, each of which is better than the last. Congrats and thanks you two!

Active duty personnel have always been an important consideration for the association and are now recognizing that they can become members. In fact:

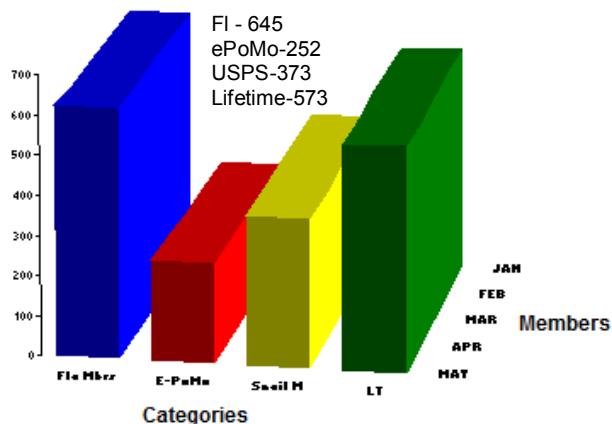
- our Vice President, Dave Melton/TM, is active duty and our first 'elected' 'Active-Duty' Board Member
- it has been our custom since Ken Myers (CMSgt, Ret) was 'Senior Enlisted Advisor' #8, 1998-2001, for that position (now 'Command Chief Superintendent/CCS) to

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be our 'Appointed Activities' Board member and a bridge to the active-duty force  
-AFTAC/CC has always been invited to be an Honorary Lifetime Member  
-complimentary alumni assn newsletters, Post-Monitor, are provided each directorate and detachment as they are published  
-monthly meetings are arranged to accommodate active-duty attendance  
-we have an open and written invitation for all who serve (or have served) to attend each of our meetings and all our events

The association has come a long way and we hope to make it even better in the coming year. September or October I will be sending out renewal instructions for 39 of our 645 Florida Members. Their dues will expire this October and I will be hounding everyone for a \$10.00 fee for 2012. Our Membership looks like this:



### COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2011.06

## 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 LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING General Membership Breakfast September 2011 0830 Hours Aurora Hills Golf Course Club House-Date TBD

Dinner/Social 12 November 1700 Hours Aurora Hills Golf Course Club House



**Florida Editor Note:** The CO Newsletter Editor, Jerry Moxley (Moxi), publishes many articles of interest to retirees concerning Tricare, DEERS, and other information. Sages can request a complimentary 'electronic' copy via email, [mox@wispertel.net](mailto:mox@wispertel.net), on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter also.

### CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER-(LAST ISSUE, 2011.01)\*

## DEPOT FALLOUT

Charlie Penn, President; Dave Tarquino, Vice; Ken Denbleyker, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George Thompson, Asst. COB; Steve Fri's, Director At Large; John 'Butch' Kemna, Treasurer; Dennis Nolan, Asst. Treasurer; Bob Baker, Secretary; Ken Breitwieser, Asst. Sec, Dave Price, Membership; Newsletter Editor-Vacant; Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob Fitzgerald-Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>.  
Membership: 145/133 are Lifetime

### Florida Editor Note:

Back issue's of the **Fallout** are posted at the CA website (URL above). Visit to view pictures, mail, and more. 10-year plus Editor, Dale Klug, stepped down following the 2011.01



issue and the position is still vacant to this date.

We have made the pages of the Post-Monitor available to this chapter until the editor position is filled.

### Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE)-CHECK BEFORE COMING **Meetings, 1st Tuesday** quarterly at the Lions Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park.

**Confirm before coming-call ahead to our Vice President or check 'Events' page, URL above**

### 2011 WorldWide Reunion-'Report' and 'Reflections'

CHARLIE PENN, PRESIDENT, WEST COAST CHAPTER

The 2011 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion, 05.12-15, was a huge success. If you missed this event, here's what transpired:

**Thursday** – The hospitality suite was open at 1400 hours. The Lions Gate Hotel, the old Officers Club and BOQ at McClellan Park, had let us use a converted on-base officer family quarters for this function. The house was located behind the Hotel and had a kitchen, dining room, living room, three upstairs bedrooms and a huge patio which provided plenty of elbow space for visitors. George Thompson was the "master of mixes" and there were plenty of stories, camaraderie, and festivities at the "Suite". Friday and Saturday the "Suite" was opened at 1100 hours and was the focal point for reminiscing and refreshments.

**Friday** – Around 50 of the attendees visited the Air Museum of California and were treated to special tours conducted by the museum docents. The reception started at 1700 hours with the venue being the "General's House" which was the commanding general of the Sacramento Air Material Area (SMAMA) on base quarters. This home had a huge, manicured backyard where the event took place. Approximately 130 attendees took advantage of a great California spring evening to gobble some appetizers, tip a few adult beverages and mingle. Both of the banquet's keynote speakers also were there to answer a myriad of questions about AFTAC. The reception wound down around 2000 hours and activities transplanted to the "Suite".

**Saturday** – Some guests tried their luck at a local Indian Ca-

sino in the afternoon but most of us were saving our energy for the banquet. One hundred thirty seven people were entertained starting with the Country Club Aires, a male vocal group with band, who serenaded us with songs while we socialized with our table guests. Next came the posting of the colors, pledge of allegiance, and National Anthem. The invocation followed which was nothing more than a moment of silence to pay tribute to the Alumni who departed since our last reunion.

Chow time was a terrific entrée choice of salmon, chicken Marcella, beef brisket, or vegetarian. During dessert the past commanders of 1155/TOD were introduced (Colonel Mike Lubin and Colonel Cal Brown) then the past AFTAC commander, Major General (Ret) Glen Shaffer (1994-96 as a Colonel) was introduced and he spoke for ten minutes on the easiest command he had in the Air Force, AFTAC, due to exceptional personnel. General Shaffer was emotional and sincere as he described his tenure with AFTAC.  
—it should also be noted, at the time, Colonel Shaffer initiated the 'Alumni of the Year' program in his first year as AFTAC Commander, and, here he was on-hand to see this honor bestowed for the 17th time!

Next we had the pleasure of two keynote speakers; CMSgt John Nederhoed, Command Superintendent of AFTAC, and Dr. Daniel DeForest, Director of Materials Technology Directorate, AFTAC. Chief Nederhoed talked on the plans of the new building, with lab, which is targeted to be completed in 2013. He also explained present personnel programs and the real time data terminal. Dr. DeForest addressed our current mission commitments, Japan's disaster and what is in store for AFTAC in the future.

—Dr. DeForest also donated a baseball cap and shirt from the closure of MCL. These items were given to the person who had the most time serving in AFTAC, Dennis Nolan; and the person who was formally trained in the most systems, Marvin Gibson with eight.

Following this, and in a surprise ceremony, results of the CA Chapter's selection process for 'Alumni of the Year 2011,' was announced for the first time—the CA 'Selection Committee' had been chaired by Joe Johnson (AOY2002). Joe gave a brief history of the award and George Thompson, a committee member, read the 'Space Coin' plaque inscription. I read FL Chapter President, Lloyd French's letter and then announced that Dale Klug was this year's selectee! Next Joe presented the 'Traditional T' and Dale spoke a few words about this honor.

Dale, and Rose, will also be recognized and honored at the Florida Chapter's 2012 SnowBall XIV, and the Center's Annual Awards Banquet ... both these events will occur in the January thru March, 2012, timeframe.

After this ceremony the formal banquet program was over and those that wanted to continue the festivities adjourned to the "Suite".

**Sunday** — There was a non-hosted farewell breakfast that was well attended.

**CHARLIE ALSO 'BOLDLY STATED' ONE SWELL TALE-THE WILL BE FOUND AT THE 'FEATURE ARTICLE' AREA.**

**JOE JOHNSON AND BOB FITZGERALD, CA BOARD MEMBERS, WERE KIND ENOUGH TO PROVIDE 'REUNION REFLECTIONS'**

\***Joe Wrote:** Some of my thoughts in no particular order. We probably had a first in that we had 3 Keynote speakers. General Shaffer went first followed by Dr DeForest who was followed By Chief Nederhoed. All three were great. We had a lot of the Airborne types. The stories they tell of past events

compare with the best told by anyone I have heard before. As for myself, my mouth ran overtime throughout the affair. I am still a bit raspy.

We noted that the crowd on the whole has grown older and that they don't consume nearly as much, or party as hard, as in the past! Might keep that in mind when stocking the bar at future reunions. I think everyone had a great time. This ramble may not be perfect but it's the thought that counts.

\***Bob Wrote:** By my feeble recollection regarding the 3 Keynote speakers at the banquet: Gen Shaffer spoke first and gave a very poignant talk about our AFTAC Alumni, how unique our organization is including our wives and families - and the importance of having these reunions in order to keep our AFTAC family connected; Chief Nederhoed spoke second about our AFTAC enlisted and attempts to involve more of the active duty members in our Alumni events; Dr. DeForest spoke last and expanded on the Chief's comments about the new lab construction at Patrick and about AFTAC's importance to the International scientific community and AFTAC's involvement in the recent disaster in Japan.

My memory is not as good as it should be these days, so you probably won't get much more out of me unless you want to hear about the "Country Club Aires" men's chorus & band performance at the banquet!

**PRIOR TO THE REUNION WE TOOK OUR POMO EDITOR'S PREROGATIVE OF ASKING THOSE WHO SPOKE TO PROVIDE THEIR RECOLLECTION OF THE PRESENTATION.**

MGen (Ret) Shaffer responded:

"I saw our current AFTAC Commander two weeks ago at a conference – his 'go by' name is 'Brain' Prupas— 'Brain' is a perfect name for an AFTAC Commander and one, that, I note, nobody ever suggested be my 'go by'! Anyway, Brain asked me to pass his regards and his regrets on not being able to attend this reunion. He wants you to know the AFTAC Long Range mission is as alive and vibrant and respected as ever. The sun still never sets on AFTAC; and we are just over 1,000 personnel assigned – similar in size to when I commanded in the mid-90s – significant given all the cuts since then. Brain wanted me to tell you AFTAC had just completed missions in support of US Forces Japan and the Japanese Government in response to the earthquake and tsunami disaster – these missions were similar to ones conducted in response to Chernobyl.

Ground will break on a new HQ building this summer and we will be recapitalizing lab positions lost when TOD was closed. There is much going on and all of it is based on the heritage you have built.

(the General went on) I have a short personal message for you as well. First, I don't know most of you but I feel like I know all of you. We share a common Air Force bond, but there is more than that – there is something special about AFTACers and the AFTAC mission that make them special. It isn't just a job, it becomes a life, a way of life that builds a unique character. I think each one of us here tonight could describe a common set of strengths in each other. So, while I may not know each of you by name, I know a lot about your character and integrity and honor. Second, what we are doing here tonight is as important as anything else we have done for AFTAC. Heritage matters. Remembering and honoring heritage and those who established it – especially those who are no longer with us- is a fundamental part of the 'character' I just spoke of. The fact that you are here tonight matters to those on active duty because you continue to sustain the AFTAC Heritage as something special, something to

be proud of, something to never let go, something to continue to build upon. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do. God Bless you.

**WE ALSO ASKED SEVERAL 'OUT OF TOWN' ATTENDEES FOR THEIR 'REFLECTIONS.'** FLORIDIANS, DENNIE AND CONNIE ROBINSON STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND REPLIED:

Upon arrival (May 12, Thursday) and check-in, the first item on the agenda was locating the Hospitality Suite!!! No problem, Joe (**Johnson**) and George (**Thompson**) had it well stocked and ready for weary travelers. This is also the first place that the updated stories can be heard with a few more grandiose items inserted in carefully selected areas.

The next day we took the trip to Thunder Bay (Casino/Resort) and made a donation to the native Indians. That evening the cocktail party was held at the hotels' 'Generals House.' It was well attended and followed by more 'Hospitality Suite' libations and story telling.

On Saturday we took the trip to the aviation museum and saw many aircraft and aircraft accessories. Steve **Fritts** had an aircraft on display he is restoring.



Jay **Bilyeu** sent this historical picture. A caption reads: "Weather Reconnaissance Aircraft on the ramp at 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, McClellan AFB, March 1968. L>R WC130B#23494/WB47E#12417/BR57C#33851/WB57F#13299/WC-135B#12672

The Banquet was Saturday night, and there was a great turnout for the event. A social hour started the event with a musical program playing songs recognized by the attendees, and most knew the words, 'scary' eh, dinner followed. CMSGT John **Nederhoed** and Dr. Daniel **DeForest** (HQ) briefed us on recent developments and some future plans. That was followed by a 'Surprise Ceremony' recognizing Dale **Klug** as the Association's 'Alumni of the Year, 2011.' After the banquet, the 'Hospitality Suite' was again filled with old stories, new ones about old times and slightly varied stories from past reunions.

The Sunday morning farewell breakfast was better attended than I expected. So, the chance was there to embellish some of the old tales again.

I hope this report will give enthusiasm to new people to attend these forays to add their stories to the agenda and listen to us old timers. One thing I would like to add is that many of my acquaintances from the past seem to have aged, which is odd to me, I know I haven't!!!!

Have a great day, Luv to all, Connie & Dennie

**AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WE ASKED OUR ATTENDEES FROM HQ'S TO PASS ON THEIR 'WORDS TO THE WISE.'** FIRST UP CMSGT JOHN NEDERHOED, CCS (SEE INFO AT ACTIVE-DUTY PAGES) RESPONDED.

Thank-you for that introduction; I'm honored to be here. I'd like to welcome Gen **Schaffer** and his family and all the alumni here tonight. I have to tell you something about General Schaffer from watching him at conferences whenever AFTAC is briefed. He puts his arms like this, his chest sticks out a

little bit, and he gets small grin—most definitely a proud dad moment. I'd like to thank you sir for supporting the Alumni.

I never thought I'd be in my current position back when I worked in Mass Spec. It was leaders in the lab such as Chief **Anning**, Chief **Nelson**, and Chief **Breck** and supervisors like Bill **Fairbairn** and Rusty **Strum** who pushed me and others to get us where we are at today—I'd like to thank them for their leadership. I'll try and keep it short and to the point since I'm normally on the other side of the podium waiting as you are for the speaker to finish and get on with the evening.

I tried to include some jokes like the project officer sitting on a plane who started talking with the small child reading a comic book next to him. The project officer goes on to brag about how he works on all things nuclear and is really smart as a nuclear project officer. So the child wants to know if he is so smart can he answer a simple question. The project officer says no problem. The child asks him the following question "Why does a cow poo in clumps, a dog has pointy poo, and a deer poos in pellets? The AFTAC project officer answers "I don't know". So the child asks him "If you are so smart to an AFTAC nuclear project officer what makes you qualified if you don't know crap?" HOMECINC and my kids heard that one and I got the "Dad we love you but that wasn't funny"

My focus tonight is the past, present, and future with an underlying theme of people with maybe a war story or two thrown in. The reason I want to include people is AFTAC has the most tech equipment, but without the people to run it; all of it is worthless junk. I look around the room and I'm humbled; today's current AFTAC would never be where it is without your hard work and dedication. You provided the nation the strategic advantage to prevent strategic surprise. That's my General Officer quote of the night from Major General **Hiethold**, the current AFISRA Commander. He said those words at the recent AFISRA annual awards—pretty neat he started his speech talking about AFTAC.

To borrow a comment from MSgt **Taguba** from the Snowball this past February in Florida with the Alumni there "I feel like I'm standing in the presence of giants and pioneers." Many of the techniques, processes, and procedures you invented are still in use today; I know over time some of the specific mission techniques ended and when they come back we hit the AFTAC history books to apply your lessons learned. Some of the work these days is done by contract facilities, but again it's using processes invented by your selves. AFTAC is a world class organization because of you.

In today's fiscally constrained environment AFTAC continues to shine. We are one of only a couple DoD and Air Force organizations that at times have members on all seven continents – a true global organization. In fact we are a 24/7/365 organization with AFTACers standing watch right now.

I like to brag whenever I go to Chief Conferences that I have the best job in the Air Force; only two other Air Force Chiefs cover the same real estate – the AF ISR Command Chief and CMSAF. Speaking of which it was just over a month ago CMSAF Roy was speaking at a conference in Cocoa Beach; I heard about it and asked the Patrick Command Chief if anything was planned. He told me no it was a quick land, speak, & leave trip. So around 1600 I'm in a VTC with the rest of the senior staff and I'm handed a note which says CMSAF is at the back door waiting. So we got him in and a quick mission update & chance to talk with the Airman on the operations floor. What I found out was as soon as he landed at Patrick he asked to come see AFTAC. You know it's a great organization when the CMSAF will 'break a schedule to see you' unit.

We are a talented bunch of officers and enlisted, civilian

employees, and contractors- over the last year AFTACers have been awarded 12 AF level and one Presidential award. We still have the IG but now they are called Unit Compliance Inspection's—AFTAC continues to set the bar w/100 % compliance. But the most interesting aspect is the Morale rating—Col **Hiekkinen** who was the IG for AFISRA asked me recently what do we do to have people with such high morale and close knit units. I told her it's an AFTAC culture of taking care of people and an attitude of mission first and people always; it's a culture of creativity and ingenuity, a leadership culture of not being afraid to try something new, a culture of providing support and guidance supporting the Airmen trying to improve the mission, a culture started by people sitting here tonight.

AFTAC also has the best educated enlisted force; 23.9% of Air Force enlisted have a Community College of the Air Degree; however 45.8 percent of AFTAC enlisted have an associate's degree. The world is scarier now than ever before. We are in the global war on terror and AFTACers are supporting it. AFTACers are routinely deploying downrange.

AFTACers deployed last year with a R&D platform providing support to the Marines; I can't tell you what it can do, but I can tell you something forwarded from a Marine Capt "Thank God for the United States Air Force; you are saving my Marines lives on a daily basis."

But it's not just about those working in the building; I'll be the first one to admit I have a higher calling and she reminds me of it quite frequently. But the spouses of AFTAC provide us with a lot of support. Many of them and you have had to move across the globe at times saying goodbye to friends and established contacts. The AFTAC spouses group is an integral part of supporting our deployed AFTACers with care packages which include phone cards supplied by the Alumni. Would all the spouses stand and let's give them a round of applause.

The powers to be decided to fund a new Center in Florida along with a new laboratory. Ground breaking is scheduled in a little more than a month and it's the Air Force's largest construction project this year. Along with the new building is a new laboratory. It won't be on the scale of TOD, but we have the same challenge of ramping it up and finding the right people with the right skills. I'd love to tell you about new mission sets and the technology AFTACers are leveraging to increase our countries and allies global situational awareness but the security office wouldn't let me. However in a moment, the man with the plan, Dr **Deforest** will come up and elaborate a little on the planned laboratory and some new capabilities.

I'd like to thank-you again for the opportunity to provide you a brief update of AFTAC and its members. The Alumni are the giants and pioneers who led the way through the Cold War and brought AFTAC to where it is today. Thanks again & good evening.

**CHIEF NOTED NEAR THE END OF HIS PRESENTATION DR DEFOREST WOULD BE SPEAKING NEXT. WE ARE FORTUNATE ALSO TO HAVE THAT TO PRESENT TO OUR READERS.**

#### Your AFTAC Team in Operation

DR DEFOREST, DIRECTOR/TM

I had the privilege of providing an update to the 2011 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion at McClellan Park, 12-15 May 2011. The keynote speaker was CMSgt Nederhoed and he did a wonderful job. Following his talk, I endeavored to give the folks there a sense of what AFTAC has been doing recently in the area of Materials missions. While I briefly covered some known historical activities such as AFTAC's response to North Korea's nuclear tests, and discussed AFTAC's role in analyzing samples for the International Atomic Energy Agency, I

particularly wanted to relate AFTAC's operations against the Japanese nuclear reactor accident and enlighten the attendees on AFTAC's future laboratory at Patrick AFB. For those that were unable to attend, I will attempt to repeat some of this below since I know this is of great interest to all ex-AFTACers. So here we go....

The Japanese reactor accident, which occurred on 11 March 2011 following the tsunami, involved five nuclear reactors, three of which had fuel in their cores. These were of great interest since it was feared that fuel meltdown and core breach had occurred, with highly radioactive reactor fuel materials being released into the environment. In addition, all the reactors had spent fuel storage stored onsite which was completely uncontained and could burn if left uncovered by water. As the US combatant commander for the Pacific, PACOM established the DoD battle rhythm to assist the Japanese government. In response, AFTAC was tasked by the Joint Staff to deploy the WC-135 to Eielson AFB to fly collection missions against the reactors. The tasking order came on 14 March, the WC-135 deployed on 15 March, and the first mission was flown early on 17 March. Only one other US asset was able to be operational as quickly - DOE's AMS system that maps out radioactive ground contamination. It is safe to say that this was not an event PACOM had planned for, and establishing the right response assets, the responsible parties for health assessments, and even the right questions to be answered (in the case of AFTAC's WC-135 capability) was somewhat adhoc for the first couple of weeks. Eventually, with the WC-135, there were two main questions being answered: 1) what was the health hazard to US personnel in and around Japan, and 2) what was the status of the reactors. For both of these, AFTAC's data, because it was highly accurate and included key lab-measured isotopes, like strontium, were critical in PACOM's assessments.

This event really showcased AFTAC's abilities within the Department of Defense and across the US government. For one, the WC-135 deployed rapidly and was operationally flying within 48 hours of call up. Secondly, sample handling and aircraft decontamination procedures were in place, practiced, and executed well. Finally, the WC-135 and its crew flew within 50 miles of the reactor directly in the heart of the plume. No other asset was capable of this. For those that don't know the capabilities of the WC-135, it has systems on board that detect radiation near the aircraft and point to the highest concentration. This is the main indicator of an "in-flight positive". The aircraft also has specialized equipment on board to filter cabin air from the radioactive materials in the atmosphere. The system indicated significant radiation present outside the aircraft, providing somewhat of a "pucker factor" for the crew on board. Fortunately, the safety systems on the aircraft worked and the aircrew only received doses equivalent to a couple of cross-country flights. In the end, AFTAC's data was used to make critical decisions regarding preventative health measures. PACOM and a separate DoD report highly praised the contributions of the WC-135, saying it "provided the best overall information to U.S. decision makers".

The second topic I addressed was the upcoming build of a new AFTAC lab at Patrick AFB. AFTAC recently broke ground on a new headquarters building to be completed in 2014. Along with that comes a new radiochemistry laboratory for analyzing filter papers associated with the nuclear test treaty verification mission. It is but one of the missions that had been associated with the Technical Operations Division (TOD), so is not as big, but will improve the robustness of a key part of AFTAC's readiness posture. Another difference from TOD is

the fact that the laboratory will be manned entirely by civilians. The total lab contingent will number 45, of which 6 are already on board. Currently all the positions are going through AF processes to get graded and advertised. Over the next couple of years we will be hiring the remaining 39, so if anyone out there knows a good chemist, mass spec operator, or nuclear measurement tech, tell them to keep checking USA-JOBS for the advertisements.

Now, for all the ex-99's out there you're probably wondering "why no military?" Well, the reason is that in aligning funding for the new lab, our customer's asked for and supported civilians vice military. Also, in truth, the 99106s of old don't exist anymore. We still get the brightest the AF has to offer, but no longer can one spend their entire career in a lab and the various 99 shred outs have been collapsed into a single 9S100 AFSC. However, I have been working with Chief Nederhoed and the other Chiefs to effect changes that can virtually produce similar results in the career field. For example, they have had discussions with AFPC about establishing special experience identifiers (SEI) for 9S100s to track experiences in lab-equivalent assignments. They have also been in discussions to lengthen some tours beyond the customary 3-4 year length. As they have made good progress on their work, I have indicated to them it is time to begin figuring out the potential path to introduce military into the lab, especially since no military billets currently exist.

With all this good news, I must close by cautioning that challenges still exist, particularly in the budget environments we are about to face. However, AFTAC has excellent support from our customers and events such as the Japanese reactor accidents, even though not AFTAC's primary mission, have recently illustrated to DoD the exceptional value AFTAC brings to the table. This is a true testament to the outstanding men and women of AFTAC - your AFTAC!

Signed,  
**Daniel DeForest, SES, Director, Materials Technology**

**AND, STAYING WITH THE LABORATORY THEME A BIT LONGER, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FROM OUR RECENTLY ASSIGNED HISTORIAN, MR MIKE YOUNG**

**'Hall of Heritage,' Chair, Request for Assistance**  
MIKE YOUNG/CC HO

#### **Calling All Tech Ops Division Laboratory Trained Officers!**

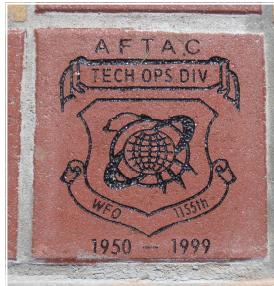
When McClellan Central Laboratory (MCL) was closed in 1999 the Air Force abandoned officer (On-Job-Training) OJT in various technical laboratory disciplines. These training programs were unique and valuable historical efforts. The training programs before the 1970s were very intensive, at the college level. They were believed to have been scaled back in the early 1970s and eventually eliminated by 1980.

AFTAC has scanned in some of the materials known as "The Blue Books" with the intention of preserving them, but it is incomplete. Training materials from the 1960s is even scarcer. If you still have any laboratory officer training materials from this era (1960 through 1980), I would very much like to hear from you. If the materials that you have are different from that which we have, I would like to find a way of getting them electronically scanned. If you know where any of these materials might be found, I would also like to hear from you.

You can contact me via e-mail at mike.young @patrick.af.mil or phone 321-494-9879. I appreciate any help that you can provide in saving these historical training documents and part of AFTAC's past.

#### **Aerospace Museum of California Memorial Plaza of Honor Dedication**

JOE JOHNSON



McClellan Air Force Base, (1935-2001), Sacramento, CA, had an aircraft display for years. After the base deactivation (2001.07.13), the aircraft display had to move. A lot of people got involved and the aircraft display was turned into the "Aerospace Museum of California." The Museum early on planned to offer brick pavers to individuals or organizations that wanted to invest

in that type memorial. The West Coast Chapter felt that the 1155 TOS, with a presence at the base of 49 years, should be remembered. Our donation to the Museum has been on hold for about 2-years pending on going construction. The pavers section recently opened and there was a ceremony honoring that opening. PHOTO: KEN BREITWIESER

#### **Scene Sages, WorldWide Reunion, 2011 Sacramento, CA**

#### **Welcome to WorldWide, 2011**



Editors: This is a very small sampling of the numerous pictures taken by Bob Fitzgerald of this great event.

Check out the CA website for many, many more by not only Bob but several others

Registration desk, Committee Members: Peggy Rheault, Eva Breitwieser, Joe Johnson.



CMSgt Nederhoed, AFTAC/CCS, Reunion Key-note Speaker with Charlie Penn, WCC President & Reunion Chmn

Dr. Daniel DeForest; AFTAC/TM, Charlie Penn, Wildon Blackburn; Past 1155th TOS Cmdr, Michael & Mary Lubin

Many a BS (barely substantiated) tale told everywhere you look!!



### Sage Shop News - Coins

CMSGT REVELS/IG HANDLES THE DUTIES OF THE 'SAGE SHOP.' RECALL WE RAN THIS HEADLINE LAST ISSUE AND INTRODUCED YOU TO SEVERAL COINS ... ONE OF THOSE WAS THE 99/95 COIN CREATED BY MSGT CHAD TAGUBA. HERE HE PRESENTS CREATIVE AND TECHNICAL PLANS FOR FUTURE COINS AND A COIN THAT IS LITERALLY BE 'GROUND BREAKING.'

We have a coin made for the groundbreaking ceremony that can also be offered through the PoMo. (Editors: Sgt Taguba provided the artwork/flyer rendered below-the coins are offered for sale at the 'Sage Shop')

And a heads up - I will likely be expanding my own fabrication capabilities once I get up to Wright-Patterson and get settled into the academic grind of AFIT. I originally designed the coins so that I might be able to make each one but, as I've mentioned in the past, it was just not practical for me to do so. I would first prototype the design in machining wax to see if the computer model and machining code were correct. The wax prototyping took about an hour. But when I switched over to brass to make the "real" coin, it would take >24hrs to cut. Because of the computer model's resolution and the mechanical backlash in the milling machine, any interruption in the cut would mean I would have to start over.

So I began investigating the possibility of casting the coins rather than machining them. I have found a (relatively) inexpensive casting kit that would allow me

to make the coins as I had originally envisioned them - personalized with your name, the year you first graduated the schoolhouse and (if retired), your retirement rank and dates of service. The coins would be modeled on the computer, machined in wax and cast in metal. I intend to cast the coins primarily in silver, though other metals such as bronze are available (gold is available, too, but at \$1500/oz, I don't think I'll get any requests).

Here's the kicker: it is my intention to incorporate "relics" of the mission into some of these custom coins primarily for specific offices - AFTAC Superintendent, detachment/directorate superintendents, etc. These coins would reside with the office/position, \*not\* the person. For instance, I might use some scrap metal from a seismometer holelock to create some of the features on the coin for the Det 460 Superintendent's Coin. This would give each coin some element or feature that has some history behind it, a story to tell. Due to the nature (Relic Bearing) of these coins, they cannot be sold and will likely fall under the authority of the AFTAC Historian and will be put on display in the HQ 'Hall of Heritage.'

Once I get the capability up and running, I will send the alumni an example. I don't expect these to be big sellers (and that's \*not\* why I'm doing it) but some folks might be interested in one.

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# MONITORing 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/>



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### AFTAC to break ground on new operations facility

BY TECH. SGT. MEREDITH MINGLEDORFF AF ISR AGENCY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA -- The Air Force Technical Applications Center is scheduled to break ground here June 17 on a new operations facility. The operations center will boast more than 310,000 square feet, including administrative space for approximately 1,000 employees, and an industrial area to support AFTAC's logistic functions. The construction contract, valued at \$158 million, was awarded to Hensel Phelps of Orlando, Fla.

The project will be built on an 11-acre parcel on the west side of South Patrick Drive between the Department of State aircraft hangars and the 45th Space Wing Security Forces Complex. It will house the AFTAC Operations Center, a sophisticated information technology system that makes up the United States Atomic Energy Detection System.

The existing facility is nearly 60 years old and is expected to be demolished, once Center personnel have fully transitioned into the new facility. Occupancy is tentatively scheduled for early 2014. Editor's Note: Believing our readers would enjoy the exact formatting of the 'official' release it is retained above for the 'heading' of this notice. The Center made this information available on a timely basis so all who serve/served would be notified and welcomed to the groundbreaking.

## The Future

FLORIDA EDITORS: THIS PICTURE, AND AN ARTICLE, RAN IN THE 2010.12 POMO. THE ARTICLE WAS AN EXTRACT FROM FLORIDA TODAY NEWSPAPER, 2010.10.14; PICTURE IS A COPY USED DURING THE FLORIDA WORLDWIDE IN 2009 TO ILLUSTRATE THE THEME OF THAT REUNION, 'HAILING OUR FUTURE-HONORING OUR PAST. WE REMIND OUR READERS OF THIS PICTURE AND THAT ARTICLE AS WE RUN THE 'OFFICIAL RELEASE,' THE 'NEW ARTISTS RENDERING,' AND ARTICLE.



Planned Facility at Patrick AFB, Florida

PICTURE AT REUNION, 2009



GROUNDBREAKING, 2011.06.17

FLORIDA TODAY, 2011.06.18. EXTRACT-ORIGINAL BY R. NORMAN MOODY

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE — Questions came up during congressional budget reviews whether an important surveillance organization that monitors nuclear detonation and testing worldwide should remain located in hurricane-prone coastal Florida. But historic hurricane data, weather vulnerability in other locations and discussions about the importance of retaining highly technical staff still favored keeping the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB.

On Friday, AFTAC broke ground to begin construction of its long-awaited \$158 million, three-building complex that will include its headquarters, a laboratory and a parking garage for its unique and highly specialized mission at Patrick. It marked the start of the largest construction project in the Air Force this fiscal year. "We've been looking forward to this for several years," said Col. Aaron Prupas, commander of AFTAC. "It's something that the nation needs."

Federal, state and county elected officials, including Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll, military personnel and civilians gathered Friday morning across Patrick Drive, almost in the shadow of the present AFTAC building at the base, for the ceremonial groundbreaking. "We're going to turn this concept into reality," said BG Bethel, vice commander, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. "This new facility is a symbol of how highly the nation regards your service."

Design work and permitting will start immediately, and heavy equipment is scheduled to begin work Oct. 10. It will include a four-story, 276,000-square-foot headquarters replacement building; a two-floor, 38,000-square-foot analysis laboratory; central utility building; and a parking garage. The complex will be west of the present AFTAC building located along State Road A1A. Construction is to be completed in 2014. The old building will then be demolished.

When the new building was being planned, questions arose on whether it should be moved somewhere else. "There actually were some considerations, with some saying, 'Why does it have to be in Florida?'" Prupas said. There are valid reasons for keeping it here. Prupas said about 145 employees at AFTAC have advanced degrees, including doctorates. Some have been with AFTAC for two to three decades, and many would not have been willing to move. In addition, Prupas said, there are floods, tornadoes and other weather phenomena elsewhere that are worse risks than here, according to historic data on hurricanes. Besides, the new building will be built to hurricane standards. "We made a strong argument that it needed to stay in Florida," he said. "It's not as bad as some areas of the nation."

AFTAC, headquartered at Patrick, is responsible for detecting nuclear explosions wherever they may occur, including under-

ground, underwater, in the atmosphere or in space for compliance of international treaties. It reports the location of explosions to the nation's top leaders, the president and the National Security Council. Its operations center is a sophisticated system that communicates with a network of underwater, underground, ground-based and space-based sensors that make up the US Atomic Energy Detection System.

So important is AFTAC's headquarters to national security that the military shut down SR A1A immediately after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Later, traffic along the bustling beachside roadway was restricted to just two lanes, and a barrier was built to shield the building from attacks. The front of the structure was also reinforced with steel and concrete.

More space is needed to accommodate the additional responsibilities in AFTAC's mission. Analysis laboratories that were closed years ago in California, and its work then done by contractors, is now being done at Patrick. AFTAC scientists, engineers and specially trained technicians process data feeds from hundreds of seismic sensors located in about 50 countries, on all continents, hydrophones in all of the earth's oceans and sensors on satellite constellations that monitor the atmosphere and space for nuclear detonations. It also has 14 manned locations and detachments, some of them remote.

Once completed, 45 new employees will be added to the 1,000 military, civilian and contract workers. The construction project is expected to have a significant economic impact on the area. "There are a lot of local subcontractors and they will be hiring people," said Kyle Spraberry, project development manager for the Southeast District of Hensel Phelps Construction Co., the general contractor. "A job of that size will have a good impact on the community. We're committed to keeping things local." Hensel Phelps, whose Southeast District Office is in Orlando, also has an office on Merritt Island.

The Air Force said the new building was necessary because the current headquarters -- a four-story, 213-square-foot building constructed in the 1950s -- is beset with safety and health hazards. It is vulnerable to attack being close to the roadway. In addition, with expansion of AFTAC's mission over the past three decades, the staff and functions have outgrown the building. The building was becoming too expensive to operate and maintain. Prupas, AFTAC commander, said the building does not have proper and modern fire protection system, or modern cooling and heating systems and is just "not up to 21st century standards for our workforce."

AFTAC expects a 15 to 20 percent reduction in energy costs over the long-term use of the new complex. The project has been certified by the U.S. Green Building Council and achieved an LEED Silver rating for its energy efficiency, reduced emissions and conservation of other natural resources.

Officials said they are eager to see the work started.

"It's a big day for our nation, it's a huge day for AFTAC and it's a big day for the local community," Prupas said. "It's going to be sad to see the old building torn down."

## BGen Scott Bethel, AFISR/CV

### AFTAC Groundbreaking Ceremony 17 June 2011



Good morning everyone. Thanks for coming out to what is surely going to be a "ground-breaking" event! I'd like to thank Colonel **Prupas** for inviting me to take part in this important occasion. And I want to especially thank Lieutenant Governor Jennifer **Carroll** for taking time out of her busy schedule to be here with us today. Also, to the men and women of AFTAC, thanks for being here to mark an important chapter in AFTAC's ongoing legacy... it's all of you who make ceremonies like these special.

I'm told that Building 989 (the current headquarters building) will be 54 years old this summer... so it's probably about time we start work on something new, don't you think? Well, today's that day. If we get "technical" (and I hear AFTAC is good at that!) I should mention the fact that work actually began a year ago with the funding, design requirements, blueprints...all the stuff that gets us to where we are today. So really, the work has already begun. But today marks the beginning of a new phase.

Today, we begin turning concept into reality. Today, the shovel hits the dirt. And from this point forward, you will be able to chart its progress each day; witnessing the new building being erected brick-by-brick, as we near its 2014 completion date.

Now, for those who currently work in the 54 year old, building 989, (with its so-called "structural deficiencies" and "safety hazards,") 2014 may seem quite a ways off. But when you consider all the outstanding and vital work AFTAC has accomplished since occupying 989 back in 1972, what's another three years? Time will fly just as surely as those WC-135s. And let me assure you folks, the wait will be worth it. This new 158 million dollar facility is going to be AWESOME.

It is the Air Force's largest construction project this year and will contain a brand new radiochemistry analysis lab and state of the art office spaces for headquarters personnel. It's going to be a place you'll be proud to call home! AFTAC has had many homes over its 64 year history... in D.C., at the Pentagon, in Virginia, and here at Patrick AFB. But this is the first time AFTAC has had a headquarters built specifically for you and suited

## 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	aftacsposse@yahoo.com

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

to the critical missions AFTAC performs. The importance of a good workspace may not seem like a big deal... but I'm here to tell you, it is. Most of us spend 40 to 50 hours a week in our workspace... more time than we spend in our beds. And given how much time we spend here, it's safe to say our workspace drives how effectively and how happily we do our jobs.

The fact that the Air Force is spending 158 million towards your quality of life... the most they are going to spend on any organization this year... shows just how highly regarded you, the Airmen of AFTAC, are. You have been keeping the world safe from nuclear proliferation for decades. From AFTAC's advanced atomic energy detection systems... to your treaty monitoring efforts... to your humanitarian efforts in Haiti and Japan... to things so technical it makes my head spin, you make the Air Force proud each and every day with your accomplishments.

This new facility is a symbol of how highly the nation regards your service. And I know you'll do it proud by continuing to do what you do best. My boss, Major General **Heithold** and I want you to know how important you, the men and women of AFTAC are as members of the Air Force ISR team and as American Airmen. Keep up the great work!

Thanks again for allowing me the honor of participating in this historic occasion. Like you, I can't wait to see to the final result of the work being started here today. Now, let's break some ground... and see if those seismic detectors are working properly!

### Command Changes

THANKS TO CAROL SNYDER FOR PROVIDING THESE UPDATES

#### AFTAC Detachment 1 welcomes new commander



06.29-Col. Aaron M. **Prupas**, AF-TAC/CC, passes the Detachment 1 guidon to incoming commander U.S. Air Force Maj. John **Baycura**, during a change of command ceremony.

inside the Martin Bomber Building on Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Charles Haymond)

**June 30, Detachment 46, Major Robert McLaughlin** will assume Command from Lt Col Bradley D **Graves**.

**July 6th, Detachment 45, Major Barry Croker** will assume Command from Captain Paul L **Muller**



### AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed

**Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link. POC: Carol Snyder,**  
**Carol.Snyder@patrick.af.mil**  
**Update**

SUBMITTED BY CAROL SNYDER

This month we mailed out 15 Care packages and received several letters of appreciation. As always, thanks for all the **Phone Cards**

#### Thank You(s)

CAROL HAS BEEN SENDING THESE NOTES AS SHE RECEIVES THEM AND WE POST THEM AT THE WEBSITE NOTED IN THE HEADING OF THE COVER OF THIS ISSUE. THEY MAKE FOR VERY GOOD READING AND, IN MANY CASES, PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO WHAT OUR DEPLOYED EXPERIENCE. WE ALSO POST THEM HERE, AS WE HAVE SPACE, FOR THOSE NOT USING THE INTERNET. THEY ARE REPRINTED JUST AS RECEIVED. IN MOST CASES, NAMES FOLLOW THE NOTES.

**05.18** I just got the box today from the AFTAC gang! Thanks a BUNCH! You definitely made our day. Shared it with all the gang here. **Richard Bohn** Your great picture is at the website.

**05.24** AFTAC Spouses (**Alumni**), I wanted to let you all know that I received the care package you sent. I knew that you put them together for the deployed members, but I had no idea how much really went into them. The care package that you sent not only made my day, but the days of about a dozen other guys here in the office. So with that I offer a very sincere "Thank You!" from all of us out here. You really do make the time away from family and friends easier to deal with. **V/R, Lt Derek Cole, 455 ECS/SCX FI Commander**

**05.28** AFTAC Spouses (**Alumni**), I recently received my 4th Care Package from you, and it was every bit the pleasant surprise as the others. Your care packages really lifted my spirits over the past year. I also shared them with my office mates and battle buddies who weren't so fortunate. My sincere thanks to you, **Alumni**, and the Booster Club! **Jay Crow**

**06.20** AFTAC Booster Club/**Alumni**, Hello from Paradise. I got my Care Package today (18 Jun). Just want to drop a line to say THANK YOU! You made my day! There's nothing like getting a postage box from your 'Family,' that is, my AFTAC Family. I really appreciate all the goodies that you have sent. Thank you for the enclosed phone card. This will definitely be used. Thank you for the Joint Effort to make this happen for my Awesome package. Warm regards to the AFTAC Family. Please keep me and my family in your prayers and God Bless you for all you do. Take care. Very Respectfully, **TSGt Orlando P. Lopez**

**08.05** AFTAC Spouses Club, I would like to thank you, the AFTAC **Alumni**, and the AFTAC Booster Club for the care package I recently received. My office and I greatly appreciate your support and keeping us in your thoughts. Respectfully, **Noel Dupont, Maj, USAF**

#### Booster Club Officers (Nov Elections)/Report

President: Lt **Pastoor**-Vice: SSgt **Ennesser**-Treas: SSgt **Jordon**-Secretary: A1C **LeFevre**-Public Affairs: SrA **Rule-Hot Dog Sales**: A1C **Brown**-Top Banana Rep: TSgt **Sanger**-Clothing Sales Rep: TSgt **Collins**/SSgt **Payton**

#### The Booster's Club Prez Reports

Upcoming Fundraiser: We will be working security for the UCF home games again. The first game is September 3 versus Charleston Southern. The POC this year is Lt Peery, 494-6542. More details to follow.

For more information of current events at the Center, please check out our electronic newsletter on Page 5 of the LRD Alumni website. Editor's note: We will pass on any 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.

## ◆ FEATURE ARTICLES ◆

**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 ... "/2010.12
3. "A Family Affair"-Parent/Child Serve LRD/2007.09
4. "Sage Stars"-Post LRD Success/2010.08
5. "BS Tales"/This Issue
6. "Where In The World Is"-From Website/2008.12
7. "Tom's Trivia"/This Issue

## SAGE 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 (3),  
Clark Creery (2), Frank Calenda, Bob Wiley

### Jack Jackson

INPUTS FROM JACK HIMSELF, CLARK CREERY ASSISTED WITH THE PHOTOS AND YOUR EDITOR'S PROVIDE SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

Every year in May the Veteran's Organizations in Brevard County, FL, host an event honoring veterans. Always in place for this event is a traveling replica of the 'Viet Nam Wall.' Several years ago, area veterans collected funds for, and procured, a replica for the county.

Moving the wall into place each year is a 'moving experience' in several ways-it starts with a motorcycle parade of over a thousand bringing the wall from storage at the BCC Campus in Cocoa, FL, to the local Wickham Park, which hosts so many events for the county. There the wall is assembled and stays in place for the several weeks of this event. There are also entertainment and various food venues. All in all, it is the largest event of its kind in the United States.

Jack is a veteran who exemplifies the spirit of this event, and, as noted in his 'Alumni of the Year, 2009' honors, "he is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of Brevard (VVB) color guard, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Disabled Americans, American Legion, VFW, Veterans Memorial Center, Brevard Veterans Council and the AFTAC Alumni Association (being one of the first to join)." It goes on to read, "Jack is on the VVB Reunion Committee for the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall. He brought Stand Down for homeless veterans to Brevard County. He also worked as a County Service Officer and was a National Service Officer for the American Legion."

Jack was honored at the veterans event this year. The pictures were taken at the opening ceremonies for the Vietnam Veterans Reunion. Jack reports, "We were raising the colors. There were about 500 people attending. Closing ceremonies included a 'Massing of the Col-

ors' and Ross Perot spoke." Jack ended his report with a 'Thank You' to everyone for their support.



Look at this, Jack can still look resplendent in his uniform.



Right Picture: Jack assists 'Raising the Flag' during opening ceremonies. Karen Templeton, TSgt (Ret) also previously with AFTAC, and William Sowerwine join him in this honor.

### 2011.04. "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 Vlassick, (deceased), Brian Berenbach, Mike Gingrich (2), Frank Liberatori, Bill Taylor, Frank Calenda (6), Ron Cook (2), Walter Franks, Ken Oyer, Bob Chadwick, Frank and Nedra Szachta (4), Chuck Wallace, Jon Kempe, George Kraus (2), Bud Horrell, Mike Steskal, Ray Copeland (4), Geno Wagner, Harold Huhs, Jack Wagley, Leroy Jones, Jack Dorneden (7), Clark Creery (4), Richard (Alkie) Summers (2), Les Miller, Jon Richardson Mike Higgins, Kenneth Stanford, Dick Grim, James Gindleperger, Bob Chadwick, Harry Joseph, Brent Braud, this issue, Charlie Penn

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.

### Charlie Penn Reports: A 'Blast from the Past' 'Boldly Stated' at the recent CA WorldWide

MAYBE WHAT HAPPENS AT A REUNION SHOULD STAY AT A REUNION ... BUT, WE HAD TOO MANY CALLS FOR THIS TO BE RETOLD AND CHARLIE AGREED BY THIS REPLY:

I had just graduated from Airborne Training and my first TDY was to Hawaii. I was supposed to be getting training on the beta platform of one of the systems but instead was volunteered to go down to help out on Christmas Island during the last few weeks of OPERATION DOMINIC, our last atmospheric testing series.

"TAKE OFF YOUR NAMETAGS AND LOOK AT THE PICTURE. I witnessed 7 nuclear detonations!!!! Awesome, Frightening, Spiritual!"

When I got there I was greeted by two other airmen and an ops officer and was instructed that my job was to help download high altitude sampling aircraft that would recover soon after each nuclear event. Our little contingent had 2 jeeps and a Lambretta motor scooter as our transportation.

Soon after my arrival the Ops Officer left for Hickam and said he would be back the day before the next shot to attend the "pre-shot briefing". Well, we airmen receive a call on the day the Major was to come back and are notified that he couldn't make the plane and one of us would have to attend the briefing.

Me, being the junior of the group, was volunteered so off I go

to the command post and after 15 minutes finally get cleared by security to go into the briefing room. I entered and there were at least twenty people sitting around a conference table with placards in front of them that read LRL, LASL, Army, Navy Air Force, and so forth, and there were more stars than the Milky Way. There was one empty seat at the table with "AFTAC" written on the placard. The briefing officer looked at me and asked if I was from AFTAC, I nodded.

"Why are you late?" "Security wouldn't let me in, SIR." "Okay, well, take your seat and now that everyone is here, let's get started." For 15 minutes they were discussing things that I had no clue.

Then the chairman said "Shot roll call". Around the table came the responses "LRL Ready" "LASL Ready" and everyone did the same routine. You would be proud of me, when it came my turn "AFTAC is Ready SIR" came booming out of my mouth.

The briefing then was ended and we left with me having another problem with the security force as they questioned how it was possible that an airman second class could have a security badge that allowed total access to anywhere on the island.

I jumped into my jeep and headed for the base proper which was a mile from the CP. Along the way there was someone walking on the side of the road so I stopped and offered him a lift. Turns out he was at the briefing and was a One Star Army general. He asked me how I rated a vehicle and I told him about the 2 jeeps and scooter we had for three people. I dropped him off and he thanked me.

Several weeks later operations were winding down with all the atmospheric testing completed. I hopped on a plane to get back to Hawaii and that same general that I had given a ride to sat down next to me.

While the plane was filling up with other passengers the general told me this: "I was really miffed that an Air Force two striper had transportation when I could not get any. After that fateful briefing I went to my boss, a three star general, and told him that while I was walking AFTAC had three vehicles for 3 enlisted men. I told him I was going to appropriate one of those vehicles for myself."

He told me his boss said: "**You said AFTAC, you better leave them alone; they aren't like a military organization, they are a FRATERNITY that takes care of their own.**"

I never forgot this conversation. I often reflect how AFTAC is a fraternity that not only includes active duty, but spouses, dependents, civilians and retirees: **WE DO TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN!!** Well stated, Charlie, and what a great way to make the point!!

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**THE FOLLOWING OBITUARIES WERE RECEIVED LATE IN THE PUBLISHING CYCLE. WE HAD THE PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH BOTH FRED AND TOM (HUSBAND OF BRENDA).**

#### Fred Foote

NOTIFIED BY JOHN NELSON, 07.28, BELOW FIND THE FLORIDA TODAY OBITUARY:  
Frederick B. Foote, 75, died peacefully in his sleep Tuesday, May 24, 2011. Fred was born and raised in New Haven, Connecticut. He served proudly in the United States Air Force for 20 years where he traveled the world with his family. He then worked and retired from Omni Business Solutions and was owner of Crystal Clean Blinds here in Melbourne. He was a member of Suntree United Methodist Church.

Through his whole life, he was an avid volleyball player where he played well into his 70s. He is survived by his

wife of 54 years, Sandra; daughters, Debra (Russell) Wolfe and Diana (Mark) Doyle; grandchildren, Gage Doyle, Shelby and Marisa Wolfe. He was predeceased by his parents, Milton and Muriel, and his brother, Bob. Memorial services were at Suntree United Methodist Church.

Fred was diagnosed in December 2009 with an acute form of pulmonary fibrosis, a rapidly advancing disease that eventually took his life. His kindness, gentleness and love of God, life and family will be forever remembered by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the American Lung Association or Hospice of St. Francis.

#### Brenda Blasco

NOTIFIED BY JUDY MILAM-HENDERSON, FL TODAY OBITUARY, 08.03

Brenda L. Blasco, 64, of Satellite Beach passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2011. She was born in Etowah, TN, to Billie and J.C. Mackenzie. Brenda moved from Hawaii in 1968 to Brevard County. She was a member of United States Woman's Bowling Association. She enjoyed selling Avon and bowling. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Tom Blasco; daughter, Helen Blasco; sisters, Suzi Samuelson, Barbie Phillips; brothers, Robert, Ernest and Sam Potter; granddaughter, Marissa Blasco. Brenda was preceded in death by her son, Steven in 2008. Services were held on Aug 05th, by Beach Funeral Home, Indian Harbour Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Mima Cancer Center in Brenda's memory.

#### "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, 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.'

#### \*\*Answer(s) at bottom of the 'Sage Shop'\*\*

HONOR ROLL: Tom Ciambrone (4 trivia), John Horsch (8); Dale Klug (5), Bob Wiley, Don Moore, Steve Herrick, Hank Raymond, Chuck Schuster, Clark Creery, Bob Long, Joe Johnson, Les Miller, and this issue, John Nederhoed, Eugene McKay.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.

#### Gene McKay checks in again this issue

Recall the TTOTAT was pictorial last issue and we promised answers this issue. It is very disappointing that no one tried to determine any of the locations. However, true to our word, Gene tells us: 1. The old prospector's "cabin" located at 204, 1958. 2. The "Day Room" at Team 204 about 1958. 3.

3. A shot taken outside of Det. 204 in the hills above Fairbanks, Alaska, 1958. This was taken after the addition for the "Q" system was added. 4. A shot of the fairway and bowling alley club at Det 418 about 1962



# NOTICE: Det 418 Reunion Project

Long Range Detection Alumni Association, Patrick AFB FL

OPRs, Frank **Calenda**/Al **Derickson**, Contact, Frank at Fcalenda@aol.com or 321-773-2046. To those who are, or know of, former Det 418 members, I am SMSgt Frank **Calenda**, retired and was stationed at Det 418 from '68 through '70. Al and I have been communicating for the last few years and have developed a plan for Det 418 reunion at some point, most likely after January 2012.

To this end, we must identify and locate as many of those folks that were stationed there in the late 1960's and early 1970's. These dates are loosely established to insure that the people of interest might have interacted with each other at the det during this period of time. However, ANY former Det 418 assignee is welcome. Once we have names we will provide the list to you and details.

**Please provide the following:** 1/**7. Your interest** in attending a reunion. On this matter, please understand that the location where we have the reunion would obviously be a determining factor in your final decision. Even if you are not interested you might want to provide the info for dissemination to the others 2. **Your name**, and spouse, if applicable 3. **Dates you** were stationed with that Detachment 4. **Your** mail and email addresses and your phone number. (Please indicate if you'd be willing to share). 5. **Would you** be more likely to attend a reunion if it were held on the East Coast, the central USA or the West Coast? 6. **Any information** you might have on these or other members to include their contact data if you have any. If you communicate with anyone you might know, please direct them to my email address and I'll contact them to fill them in. If they only have a phone, have them call me at 321-773-2046. Or, provide me their phone number and I'll give them a call. This request for names would also include any of your children that were there and might be interested. 7. **Finally, a recent photo** of you and your spouse, if applicable. Based on some of the parties we had at that location, try to provide a picture of you sober.... ;-. To date, we have knowledge of the following people but not necessarily all data. If you are on this list, please be sure to provide the data in 1 - 7 above- Al **Derickson**, Frank **Calenda**, Tony **First**, Bill **Schmied**, Tom **Harris**, Chuck **Smith**, Paul **Hahn**, Hugo **Redlin**, Lonnie **Gibbons**, Monique **Miller**, Joe **Clien**, Mark **Sepelyack**, Harry **Joseph**, Fred **Aldrian**, Ned **Shaw**, Stew **Earl**, Pete **Wiggington**, Major **Kridle**, Reno **Clingan**, Jim **Graham**.

Here's hoping we can get something together, Frank, Al

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