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

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

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

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

A 65TH COIN WAS NOT MINTED



SAGE SALUTE

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PROUDLY PRESENTS



ALUMNI OF THE YEAR, 2012
MSgt (Ret) Gene and Dee
Mechior

Gene and Dee Melchior, 'Alumni of the Year, 2012.'
Honored at 'SnowBall XV' & 'Center Annual Awards Banquet'



Gene and Dee accept the 'Space Coin' Certificate from our President, Terry Hammond, following his announcement of their selection. Picture by Judy Milam-Henderson

(2012.02.09) A highlight of our annual SnowBall gathering was our President, Terry **Hammond**, announcing Gene and Dee **Melchoior** were selected for this honor by their peers of the years before. Gene and Dee's unflagging devotion to alumni, and the alumni assn, has been cumulative over the years and they have never failed to be major supporters of this annual event and many others. They were presented our 'Space Coin' plaque and Gene the 'Traditional T.'

Other notable events of the evening were the invocation by Sean **Ryan**, our Secretary, who preceded his prayer by naming Sages, and Spouses, who have deceased since last year's Snowball, (continued on Page 3)

SAGE ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

APR 26-XXIII ANNUAL SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER

Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick AFB @ 1300

CHIEF MELTON/TM, MAJOR ARRANGER

This LRD Alumni Assn sponsored event, on a Friday, has a check in time of 1100 and a shotgun start at 1300. Cost is \$40 for Alumni members and \$45 for non-members.
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JUN 14-16, AFTAC LRD WORLDWIDE REUNION

June 13, Det 418 Mini-Reunion

THE COLORADO CHAPTER IS HOSTING BOTH EVENTS. MAJOR ARRANGERS, WORLDWIDE, BILL SCHMIED-DET 418, FRANK CALENA

Complete Information and Registration Forms at the 'Colorado Chapter' pages, 13 to 15 of this PoMo. Online, 'cut and paste' this link, <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B2JQHEzSezXEb09uWnNUbnJEOWM/edit>

ACTIVE-DUTY ALERTS

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

CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC

BOOSTERS CLUB INFO, SSGT ENNESER/LSOMH

Events are well attended & not to be missed. More details, if any, at 'Active-Duty' section of this issue and updates can be followed on the assn website, URL below and banner above.

NOTE: Alert updates/changes are posted at the assn website: <http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtaknow/>

Page 01: 'Breaking News' or **Page 05:** 'Schedule of Events.' You can also 'Auto-Receive' eALLerts (deaths, breaking news, etc)-contact your editors, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

SAGE EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

IN TRUE ALERT TRADITION, WE REPORT 'EVENT DATA'

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

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION*(Deceased members are identified with a 'D')***Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients (17)**

Gene & Dee Melchoir/2012-Dale Klug/11-Jack Smith (D)/10
 Jack Jackson/09-Bob Wiley/08-Bill Schmied/07-Deborah Carson/06-Mike Black/05-Joe Goldian/04-Pat Snyder/03
 Joe Johnson/02-Jim Payne/01-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000-John & Christel (D) Horsch/99-Frank Hall/98-Judy Milam/97
 Carl Gailey (D)/96-Clark Creery/1995

Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring Center people and its history exist: Two, '**Hall of Heritage**' (data/artifacts) and the '**Wall of Honor**' of alumni who served the Center for 20+ years (and have mailed in their photos/bios), are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an **AFTAC display at the Encampment, Wyoming**, Museum, and plans are ongoing to add LRD artifacts at HQ, Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency. (AFISRA).

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired & active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at the Patrick AFB, FL, NCO Club on March 12, 1985, and formed the association (chartered, 1986). Originally '**AFTAC Alumni Assn**' a name change was necessary in mid-2001 due to AF rules to continue operating 'on base.'

The assn provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to past/present employees of all organizations associated with Long Range Detection (LRD) (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

1. Florida: (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ (Bldg 989), or other dining venue, at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Clark Creery, ccreery@cfl.rr.com, mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triannual newsletter, '**Post-Monitor**' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a multi-page Website, '<http://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknow/>', 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 89-06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04; Joe Goldian, Treas since 03; Randy Vlassick, Mbrship 04-09.

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

3. West Coast (CA): Formed 1999, **\$10 year/\$75 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, '**Depot Fall-out**' and have a website, 'www.AFTACWCC.org'.

'60-'87

"A TEAM" ...OF HORSCHES'

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

PICTURES BY SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/CC/PA, WINTER SOCIAL, 2011

NOTE: This issue comes to you a month early to accommodate the suspense date for 'signing up' for the 2013 WorldWide Reunion hosted by the Colorado Chapter on June 14 and 15, with a Det 418 Mini-Reunion the day before. Information and registration for these 'dual events' are at 'Chapter News,' 'CO Chapter,' of this PoMo.

This issue's editorial must begin by noting my favorite co-editor is no longer helping me on earth but continues that important role from afar, but very near, and dear, in my mind, as she always will.

--because of that, and at least for this issue, I continue her picture and byline below

Next must be the thanks owed so many and of note, for the Dec issue, and so many other day-to-day alumni items, Clark and Ruth **Creery**. Chris and I agreed, even though she was in the hospital at the time, I must attend the Nov meeting to move some of the alumni things from our house to others.

--the **Creery's** immediately stepped forward to shepherd PM2012.12 through its final stages and into fruition ... and, what a job they did!! Clark's experience as the original editors shone brightly!

--Terry **Hammond** stepped up to the AOY tasking for the completion of the 'Space Coin' artifact.

--and others supported us in innumerable ways that will not be forgotten:

--Assn members, other Sages and many active-duty came out in droves to Chris's ceremonies (visitation and funeral service) and she could not have known so many cared so very much

(NOTE: Chris's guestbook has over 60 entries. If you've not done so, and would like to, please go to Chris's website here: <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/dignitymemorial/guestbook.aspx?n=christel-horsch&pid=161097717&page=2&sort=1>

--each stopped by to wish my family well and offer help

--Chief **Melton/TM** paid Chris the ultimate organizational honor by placing a 99/S coin in her hands ... my story will always be that she did not want to let that coin go after the service!!

Now, I must move on with this issue, and note, and thank, right from the start, **Clark and Ruth** for their help in also getting this issue to you in a timely manner!! My Brother, Dennis, visited from KS to 'lend a hand' and I drove him home to visit with friends along the way. This trip was right at the time of finalizing and publishing this early PoMo ... again, those two stepped right up without hesitation. Thank you so much!!

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

SAGE SALUTE (continued from Page one)

we had comments from AFTAC CC, Col **Worley**, and an exceptional Detachment 402 briefing by the Detachment Chief, SMSgt **John Shank**, (who was here for the Center's Commander's Conference). Det 402 was honored at this event as our 'newest Det,' and 'Japan' was our theme (Gene and Dee had the club-house decorated accordingly with many items from their travels and fellow colleague sages who donated items).

Dee made a short 'thank you' speech and Gene gave us a shout!! Later they wrote, "We totally enjoyed last night's Snowball and to say the least, it was a wonderful surprise to be given the award! Our association has so much shared history. It is our pleasure to be a part of the group! We thank everyone for this honor."



Gene, joined by Dee, accepts the 'Alumni of the Year, 2012' trophy from Col Worley/CC and Chief Neri/CCS. Photo by Bob Wiley

(2013.02.12) Gene and Dee were also honored at the '**Center Annual Award Banquet**' the following Tuesday evening (02.12) with a trophy bearing the 'Alumni of the Year, 2012' Selection. (pictured above)

NOTE 2: Gene and Dee had made 'origami doves' for the tables. Later they sent note writing, "Please put the website listed below in the PoMo. Some folks at the SnowBall want to try the paper folding art. Thanks." www.origami-instructions.com/'

ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP (continued from page 1)

GOLF N'GETOGETHER (continued from page 1)

MAJOR ARRANGER, CHIEF MELTON/TM

Check-in starts at 1100. Format is a 4-person scramble (also known as better-ball). Fee includes golf, cart, and BBQ from Tides served for dinner. Mulligan's will be on sale 3 for \$5. Each mulligan is an entry into the drawing of door prizes. Active-duty military, retirees, civilians, and contractors are welcome to participate.



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ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF (continued from page 1)

Dec 14, Center Annual Winter Social

BOB WILEY/JOHN HORSCH

Wow, what an alumni night. We were told there were some 50-Sage tickets sold ... that's a new 'modern time' record!. And, they participated in every was possible, dancing, dining, and winning prizes. We're not sure this list is complete but we do recall Jack **Jackson** won a \$10 pizza certificate, Kathy **Sorice** something, Patty **Hammond** a Nikon Coolpix camera, Terry **Hammond** a \$200 AVON products prize (maybe he can trade with Patty!) and Bob **Wiley** the Top 3 Fishing trip basket.

Dec, 'Sage' Ladies Luncheon

JUDY MILAM

After talking about it for a couple of years, some of the retired AFTAC ladies decided it was time to have a luncheon. In keeping with previous tradition (started before we moved to FL from VA) of having active duty and retired ladies get together for a Christmas luncheon, we decided to start small and invite only retired ladies and a few ladies who have been with AFTAC for a long time. Deborah **Carson**, Judy (Milam) **Henderson**, and Eileen **Best** put their heads together and came up with a list of ladies in the local area. After talking with others – Eunice **Harris**, Pat **Snyder**, Carol **Snyder**... -- we came up with a list of 28 ladies to invite, and we opened it up to any active duty lady who would like to attend.

--we ended up with 17 attendees who met at Mimi's Café in Viera, and others who would have attended if they had not had previous plans – a cruise, out-of-town, doctor appointment, another engagement, etc.

It was great to see AFTACers we had not seen for years, exchange "Christmas ornament" gifts, exchange phone numbers and email addresses, etc.

Fortunately, Mimi's put us in a separate room, because all the chatter would certainly have been overwhelming for the other restaurant patrons.

In attendance were Sherry (Andrews) **Adams**, Eileen **Best**, Shirley **Brent**, Susanne **Cahill**, Judy **Callahan**, Deborah **Carson**, Brenda **Clarson**, Stephanie **Fisher**, Eunice **Harris**, Judy (Milam) **Henderson**, Diane **Herdner**, Florence **Martin**, Jean **Petscher**, Mary O. **Smith**, Carol **Snyder**, Pat **Snyder**, and Lois **Stephano**.

Feb 09, SnowBall XV

DEBORAH CARSON, 'MAJOR ARRANGER,' REPORTS ON THIS EVENT

In keeping with the Japanese theme, the club surpassed themselves by preparing a menu appropriate for the night. Several of our guests experienced

edamame and gyoza for the first time, but found both quite delicious. The Katsu Curry was very popular as well. Although not truly "kobe" beef, the prime rib was still excellently prepared.

We had so much fun last year with the entertainment, we invited Billy Lee back for dinner music and, later, dancing. Everyone had a fabulous time listening to and dancing to his Motown tunes.

Our Sage, Sean **Ryan** (FL Association Board Secretary) assisted Deborah **Carson** with arrangements at the Patrick AFB Manatee Cove Golf Course Café as they hosted us again this year, and with help from other Sages, (Dee/Gene **Melchior**, Judy **Milam**, and Frank/Edna **Calenda** lent a Japanese Wedding Dress) had the place looking very oriental. There were artifacts and displays decorating the café. Clark **Creery** spent a great deal of time preparing/presenting a slide show of 'happenings' from the past.

So, mark your calendars for early February 2014 next year and make it a date.

Feb 12, Center Annual Awards Banquet

BOB WILEY REPORTS

Sean **Ryan**, Jack **Jackson**, Frank and Edna **Calenda**, John **Horsch**, Gene and Deanna **Melchoir** and myself attended this event at the Tides Club. While there were other alumni who still work in the building at the dinner, we felt our table really represented the "Alumni" contingent and celebrated appropriately.

At the beginning of the dinner, all the nominees were brought into the ballroom through an arch of sabers held by an Honor Guard. We were especially proud when Gene and Deanna entered the room and took their place at our table.

Our 'honored' status was confirmed when we got served dinner first. This let us have a more relaxed evening and didn't have to hurry eating to be ready for the ceremony.

One of our distinguished alumni members, Mr. Charles "Chuck" **McBrearty**, former TM Director, was the featured speaker for the evening. He amused us with a Walt **Singlevich** story involving the Roswell 'UFO' incident. He swore it was told to him by Walt himself years ago before the recent releases of classified info on the event. The story – Walt was the reported "alien" wearing his radiation protection suit while handling sensors that had been on a high altitude balloon mission.

Of course the highlight of the evening was Gene and Deanna Melchoir receiving the 2012 Alumni of the Year trophy from Col **Worley** and Chief **Neri**. But their award wasn't our only occasion to cheer because 'Mitch' **Addison**, one of our former LRDAA Vice-Presidents and Golf Tournament Chairmen, also won an award for leading the Best AFTAC Team of the Year (from LS).

SNOWBALL—9 Feb 2013



John and Marie Shank and Collin Pesicka from Detachment 402. John treated the group to an exceptional and interesting briefing and we thank him.

CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET 2013

AOY's are saluted-
What an honor!



LRD-Alumni in attendance enjoyed the evening. L/r. Bob Wiley, Sean Ryan, Jack Jackson, Ed and Edna Calinda, John Horsch, Dee and Gene Melchior. The event was held at the Tides Club on Patrick AFB, in Florida.



Personals ...

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

None Reported

In Memoriam

Morris Dickson Otto	Edgar Joseph Edwards
Raymond Allen Vitkus	Ronald A DeStasio
Paul J. Chesnut	Robert Bell
Alice "PJ" O'Brien	James Neil
Fred VanDyck	Ron Pobieglo
Wayne E. Brown	Tom Sullivan
Robert Davis	



Rest in Peace

Morris Dickson Otto

NOTIFIED BY BOB CHADWICK, CLARK CREEERY AND JUDY MILAM

Morris Dickson Otto, 92, passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2012. He was born January 25, 1920 in Navasota, TX. After 53 years of service, Morris retired from the **United States Air Force**. Survivors include two sons, Gary Otto and Stuart Otto; one grandson, William Otto; and one granddaughter, Haley Otto. He was preceded in death by son, Alvin Otto. Visitation was December 20 at North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.; Funeral services and burial in Navasota, TX.

Published in FLORIDA TODAY. Online condolences and obituary, 'cut and paste,' <http://www.northbrevardfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Morris-Dickson-Otto1662110620/>

Edgar Joseph Edwards

NOTIFIED BY EMAIL, BUTCH KEMNA, JERRY LABARRE, AND JIM DAVIS-PHONE CALL, JAMES MCMURTRY.

Butch wrote: "Don't know if you heard Chief Edwards passed away just before Christmas." Jim Davis also wrote: "It is always tough to hear this kind of news ... I knew Ed and he is one of the good ones. Even tho we seldom communicate we keep track of one another and we will miss him ... Ed was a happy "warrior" and had a great sense of humor and a great smile to let people know he was your friend ... and he did his job well ... again, he was a good one ... we will miss him."

Edgar Joseph Edwards, age 82, of Gilbertsville, KY, died Friday, December 21, 2012, at his residence in Gilbertsville, KY. Mr. Ed-



wards was retired from the **US Air Force**. He was the son of the late Felix Edwards and the late Ella Green Edwards. He is survived by: Two Daughters: Gayla Taylor, Columbus, Nebraska, Deborah Lynn Edwards, Santa Cruz, California; Four Grand Children, Nine Great-Grand Children; and One Great-Great-Grand Child. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife: Reba Sue Edwards; one brother and one sister. Arrangements are being handled by Collier Funeral Home, P.O. Box 492, Benton, KY. Funeral service were December 31, David Hendrickson officiating. Visitation was prior to the funeral. Interment was military honors on January 2 at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO. Go Online to see 'Memory Book,' 'Life Images,' and more, 'cut and paste,' <http://hosting-5577.tributes.com/show/Edgar-Joseph-Edwards-94982021>

Raymond Allen Vitkus

NOTIFIED BY KERRY VITKUS, SPOUSE

Col. Raymond Allen Vitkus, 60, passed away Saturday, September 25, 2010, at UNC Cancer Hospital. He was born in Chicago, IL to the late Charles and Rhea Vitkus. Col. Vitkus is survived by his loving wife Kerry; daughters, Mary Ellen Tomczak (husband Tim) and Pamela Rae Jordan (husband Nick); brother, David Vitkus (wife Barbara); grandchildren, Kimberly, Cali, and Michael; and niece and nephew, Gwen and David (wife Cheryl). Col. Vitkus served 28 years in the United State Air Force. Arrangements, Williford Funeral Home, Fuquay-Varina, <http://willifordfuneralhome.com/>



Ronald Anthony DeStasio

NOTIFIED BY ROB DESTASIO, (SON)>BOB SCHLEY>BILL SCHMIED

BILL SCHMIED WROTE: (THIS INFORMATION) WAS FORWARDED BY BOB SCHLEY, A FRIEND OF RON AND A FORMER 99125. BOB ALSO RELAYED INFO FROM ROB THAT RON WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 1155TH FROM 1967 TO 1970 AND THEN TO DET 422 AS I SYSTEM CHIEF 1970 TO 1973.

ROB DESTASIO WROTE (EXTRACTED): RON SERVED HIS COUNTRY FOR OVER 50 YEARS AND ASKED THAT NO SERVICE BE HELD FOR HIM, ONLY THAT ANY MONEY SPENT WOULD GO TO THE TROOPS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL CAROL, SHE IS DOING WELL AND IS STRONG AS USUAL. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME WITH QUESTIONS, RON'S SON, 757-358-5341

Ronald Anthony DeStasio, age 74, passed away December 29, 2012 at Bay Health Medical Center Dover. He was born March 19, 1938 in Waltham, MA to Anthony and Rita (Boudreau) DeStasio. After retiring from the US Air Force he had served with the US Civil Service as a Bio Medical Technician at the Dover Air Force Base Hospital. He had been a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed the time spent with his family. Throughout the years Mr. DeStasio had a passion for building model air planes. Mr. DeStasio is survived by his loving wife, Carol DeStasio, Dover, DE and his two sons; Richard A. DeStasio of Boise, ID and Robert A. DeStasio, NewPort News, VA. Also survived by 3 grandchildren; Nicholas, Anthony and Alexandra DeStasio and two sisters, Donna Meehan and Debra Byrne. There will be no formal services. Life's End Services are by Michael J. Ambruso Funeral Director, Inc. Dover. Condolences/Guest book (cut/paste), http://www.ambruso.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=1891892&fh_id=10314

Paul J. Chesnut

NOTIFIED BY BILL SCHMIED

BILL SCHMIED WROTE: PAUL WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF OUR COLORADO ALUMNI CHAPTER. I DISCOVERED HIS OBITUARY WHEN OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER TO HIM FAILED DELIVERY. I MET PAUL, OR 'PJ' AS HE WAS REFERRED TO, WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED TO SPINNSTRAS AS A TECH WRITER IN 1977. AS I RECALL, HE HAD SOME MEDICAL ISSUES AT THAT TIME AND

ONE DAY WHILE WALKING FROM THE SCHOOLHOUSE (B-359) ACROSS THE PARKING LOT TO THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING (B-349), HE SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK AND WAS RUSHED TO FITZSIMONS WHERE HE HAD HEART SURGERY. IF MY MEMORY IS CORRECT, NOT TOO LONG AFTER THAT HE GOT A MEDICAL RETIREMENT FROM THE AF. EXCEPT FOR AN OCCASIONAL NOTE WITH HIS DUES WE DID NOT HAVE MUCH CONTACT WITH HIM AFTER HE MOVED TO TEXAS.

Paul J. Chesnut, 70, of Burk Burnett, Texas died Monday, July 23, 2012, at his home. Funeral services, with Full Military Honors, were July 30, 2012, at River As-

sembly of God in Burk Burnett, with Rev. Charles Reed and Rev. Carl Euglow officiating under direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Burk Burnett. Paul was born to Roy and Joyce (Gilbert) Chesnut. December 8, 1941, in Peoria, Illinois. He served his Country proudly in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam conflict. Paul and Judy Geer were married February 12, 1994, in Colorado. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting. He was a member of River Assembly of God in Burk Burnett. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Paul David Chesnut. Paul is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Judy Chesnut; his son, Tim Chesnut and his wife Andrea of Austin; a daughter, Karen Surdam of Wichita Falls; sister, Lynda Hoke and her husband Jim of Kennesaw, Georgia; and three granddaughters, Gabby, Ashley and Kristen. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Paul David Chesnut.

Robert Bell

NOTIFIED BY EMAIL, BOB AND ETHEL BELL'S DAUGHTER LAURIE>FRED BREWSTER>BOB FITZGERALD, AND, AGAIN, A PHONE CALL FROM JAMES MCMURTRY.
OBITUARY PROVIDED BY STEPHEN LACCINOLE

Robert Bell - d. 12/31/2012 Bob was born on September 7, 1935 in Syracuse, Indiana and grew up in the Syracuse area. He is survived by Ethel M. Bell his wife of 54 years, his daughter and son-in-law, Laurie B. Munoz and Juan J. Munoz, his grandson Noah J. Munoz and three brothers and one sister, Jack, Gary, Ron and Jean. He was predeceased by his son, Robert E Bell, his father, Richard S. Bell, mother, Anna K. Bell, and brother Wayne M. Bell (United States Army)

--Bob was an Airborne Special Equipment Operator (SEO) before the SEO's began to number themselves and was with AFTAC for more than 4 years having been stationed at McClellan AFB (1155th), Eielson AFB (Det 202) and Beale AFB (9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing - SAC). He participated in Project Milrow while at Det 202 among many others, and was often instrumental to the success of many successful collection missions. He concluded his career in 1973 and retired after working on high altitude missions associated with the SR-71.

--During this time, all those who got to know him well became impressed with his many good qualities not only as a first rate NCO but also as a man. Bob showed dedication in everything he did; he was a man of principles and integrity, he was intensely loyal to his friends and family - yet was quick to show humility to all that he met. His optimism and wit will be missed by his family and friends, many of them former SEO's.



--Bob retired from Sprint, as Manager of Materials and Fleet Operations. He was a member of the Community United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park, Florida; Noah Lodge #357 F.&A.M. in N. Ft. Myers, Florida; and the American Legion Post #52 in Leesburg, Florida.

--He enjoyed making model boats, and flying remote control helicopters. Most of all, he enjoyed his friendships and was completely devoted to his wife and family. At Bob's request memorial services and interment will be private. **Condolences in Bob's name can be made to TBD (this info will be provided when available).**

Alice "PJ" O'Brien

NOTIFIED BY TOM NIQUETTE, SEAN RYAN AND SUSAN A ROMANO WEBSITE: <HTTP://WWW.BEACHFUNERALHOME.COM/BOOK-OF-MEMORIES/1459728/OBRIEN-Alice-PJ/INDEX.PHP>

Alice "PJ" O'Brien, 69, passed away peacefully at home on the 6th of January, 2013 after courageously fighting breast cancer for over 20 years. She was born in 1943 in Boston and moved to Brevard County in 1979. Her



life was dedicated to volunteering, always wanting to give rather than receive. PJ also immersed herself in all forms of sewing including quilting, cross-stitch, crewel and embroidery and completed enumerable creations, many of which she gave away. She formed many lasting friendships while playing tennis for many years in the Space Coast Tennis League. Her greatest joy was working with her golden retriever therapy dog, Taffy, bringing joy to patients at local hospitals and nursing homes. PJ is survived by her husband of 46 years, David; three children, Theresa, Kevin and Christopher; two grandsons, Joey and Thomas; and five brothers and sisters. Funeral arrangements have been made with Beach Funeral Home. Visitation was on Jan 15 and a Wake later that day. Funeral mass was celebrated at Ascension Catholic Church, Jan 16th followed by interment at Florida Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure foundation.

James Neil

NOTIFIED BY BILL SCHMIED, ALERTED BY LONNIE GIBBONS AND ED GARDNER LONNIE AND ED ALSO RECALLED: ED, A "99" TECH, REMEMBERS JIM, A "732" PERSONNEL TECH, WHEN THEY WERE BOTH ASSIGNED TO AFTAC HEADQUARTERS IN THE EARLY 1960S. JIM WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED OVERSEAS AND THEN TO DET 57 AT LOWRY WHERE LONNIE, ALSO A "732" TECH, WAS ASSIGNED. JIM RETIRED FROM THE AF AND REMAINED HERE IN THE DENVER METRO AREA UNTIL HIS PASSING.



James Neil, 79, Castle Pines, passed away January 11, 2013. Born July 27, 1933 in Providence, Rhode Island. Survived by wife, Janice; daughters Linda (Jeffrey) Davis & Kelly Cavanaugh; granddaughter, Abigail Kaelberger. Preceded in death by son, Stephen and brother, George. Following his career in

the Air Force James began a second career as a self-practicing accountant. He was an avid follower of basketball, golf, the Red Sox and the Broncos. Visitation was January 15 at the Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, Funeral Mass was January 16 at the Church of the Risen Christ and burial following at Fairmount Cemetery.

Memorials suggested to VistaCare Hospice, c/o Gentiva Hospice Foundation, 7801 Mesquite Bend Dr., Suite 105, Irving, TX 75063. Obituary, with Guestbook Link, <http://www.horancares.com/obituary/James-Neil/Castle-Pines-CO/1162362>

Fred VanDyck

NOTIFIED BY TOM EDDLEMAN OBITUARY, FLORIDA TODAY, 02.08



Fred VanDyck, 77, of Melbourne passed away Monday, February 4th. Born in New Jersey, and raised in California and Nevada; Fred was a resident of Brevard County since 1973. He concluded a distinguished Air Force career in 1979 and transitioned to executive management positions with aerospace contractors at the Kennedy Space Center/Cape Canaveral Air Station until his retirement in 2000. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, and best friend Shizuko; two sons, Mark (wife, Ally) of Fort Lauderdale, and Ken (wife, Monica); grandson, Adam, of Melbourne. There will be a service at the Beach Funeral Homes, 4999 N. Wickham Rd., Melbourne, on Monday, February 11th, at 11:00am, followed by a private family reception. Anyone wishing to share a memory or send the family a message is asked to please visit Fred's guest book at www.beachfuneralhome.com.

Editor's Note: After reading the notice in the paper, I called Shizuko "Cisco" to offer condolences. She asked me to pass on this personal story. Just before Fred died a KC-135, a plane she recalled Fred had over 10,000 hours in, flew over the hospital and made a turn. Cisco was very struck by this coincidence.

Memoriam(s)

JOHN HORSCH

We have lost a 'True Chief,' 'Sage Old Timer' and Gentlemen. Fred 'raised' many a troop and will be long remembered. He and Cisco lived 'right around the corner' from us in Satellite Beach, and right next door to another well known Sage and Alumni Assn Star, Carl **Gailey**, also deceased. I recall a visit Fred made to Germany and not only did he bring us up-to-date in several areas he joined us in a week-end Volksmarch and forever endeared himself my mate, Chris, also now deceased.

Ronald Allen Pobieglo

NOTIFIED BY JERRY LABARRE AND BUTCH KEMNA



Born in Ware, MA on Dec. 21, 1944 **Departed** on Feb. 9, 2013 and resided in Belchertown, MA. **Service:** Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 Belchertown, Ronald Allen Pobieglo, 68, died peacefully on Saturday, February 9 in Springfield. Born December 21, 1944 in Ware, to Aloysius and

Dorothy (Magee) Pobieglo, he has lived in Belchertown for 25 Years. He received his BA from Maryland University and attended Christ Community Church of Belchertown. He was retired from the **Air Force after 23 years**, having served in Anchorage, Alaska. He was also a Crisis Clinician for Sheltons in Belchertown, and owned the Belchertown Copy Center for 14 years. Ron was a member of American Legion Post 239 of Belch-

ertown, and started the Legion Baseball Team in Belchertown. He was also a member of the 9/12 group, and the Patriot Guard. He will be deeply missed by his wife Rebecca (Tarbox) Pobieglo , along with his children and grandchildren, Christopher Pobieglo and wife Angie (Ferry) and their children Nicolas, Caitlan, and Nathaniel of Anchorage, AK, Michael Pobieglo of Anchorage, AK, his children Isabella and Rachel of Gresham, OR, Rebecca (Pobieglo) Chaleunvong and her husband Som and their children Vienna, Kaiyin , Esaia and Aysa of Apex, NC, Michelle Tongren and fiancee Joel Cano of Gresham OR, Sjana Pobieglo her boyfriend Sean Genereux and her children Dominic Pobieglo and Riana Ulrich of Belchertown MA. Additionally, his siblings Cheryl (Pobieglo) Gil her husband Romeo of Orlando, FL and Jeffrey Pobieglo and wife Amanda (Gifford) Pobieglo of Fort Oglethorpe, GA survive him. A memorial service was February 23, at the Christ Community Church of Belchertown. Beers & Story Belchertown Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please omit flowers and for those wishing, make donations in his memory to Dwight Chapel Family Fund, P.O. Box 1270 Belchertown, MA 01007. NOTE: Link here, http://beersandstory.com/_mgxroot/page_10794.php?id=1174954 for the obituary 'online' with photo and guestbook.

Wayne Edward Brown

NOTIFIED BY BOB WILEY



Wayne Edward Brown, Palm Bay, FL Wayne Edward Brown, 69, of Palm Bay, FL passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 10th, at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, FL after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Cass City, MI on August 23, 1943, the son of Willis R. and Loretta S. (Jackson) Brown. Wayne married Jill A. Parker on October 9, 1965, in Sacramento, CA. He is survived by his wife; children, Jeff (Jennifer) Brown of Macclenny, FL and Mark Brown of Palm Bay; grandchildren, Jared, Justin and Jack Brown of Macclenny; a sister, Linda Mika (John Ellis) of Oxford, MI; a brother, Morris Brown of Cass City; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws. Wayne graduated from Cass City High School in 1962 and attended Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. In 1963, he entered the Air Force via the military draft where he remained for over 20 years. His numerous duty assignments included bases in Texas, Japan, California, Nebraska, Thailand, Massachusetts and finally Florida, where he retired in December 1983. Wayne also served his country during the Vietnam War in 1971-1972. Throughout his career, he worked with military intelligence units and retired with the **Air Force Tactical Applications Center, Patrick AFB**, in Cocoa Beach, FL. After his military service, Wayne worked for DBA Systems in Melbourne and Harris Corporation in Palm Bay when he retired in February 2005. Wayne was an avid sports fan throughout his life and especially loved baseball and basketball. He excelled in both sports in high school and later played some baseball with the Philadelphia Phillies minor league organization. Wayne also umpired and coached many young baseball players during their Little League years in Florida. Wayne was a member of several organizations including the AFA, VFW, Moose Lodge and American Legion. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Wanda Benitez (Tino). A memorial service with full military honors was held in Cass City in early Spring, ('Sages' continued on last page 24)

MAIL - CALL



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

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

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



EDITOR'S NOTE: There was a void of letters for this issue. I believe this was due to the nature and content of the last issue. Losing my Co-Editor was a shock not only to myself but probably left our readers at a loss for words.

--However, many of you sent personal mail, and email, directly to me, or posted your thoughts at Chris's website, <http://www.legacy.com/guestbook/dignitymemorial/guestbook.aspx?n=christel-horsch&pid=161097717&page=2&sort=1>

I thank you so much for that ... your support was, and is, critical and will help me as I do my part to continue deserving the honor of being your editor.

--Now, please, lets hear from you for these pages!!

Sage Report(s)

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

MEMBERSHIP NEW/RENEWAL

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR
NOTE: PLEASE FILL OUT APPLICATIONS IN FULL. WE GET SOME THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE AND YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

'Serial Sages'

(New Lifetime Members/Total, 562)

Mark Smith, Ken Myers

'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals/Total, 621)

Craig Neri, Kathleen Yockey, Walter Black

New/Renewal Notes

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

Wayne Shearer-USPS

01.20

Well, I think it was last July that I promised you I'd join the Alumni group "in about a week". Well, I always keep my promises but I seldom keep a time schedule. So, here it is, 6 months later, and I've finally filled out the membership application, enclosed my check (Check!!! You still use CHECKS????), and fulfilled my promise to you.

Since I last contacted you, another 99, Barry **Lip-schutz**, contacted me. Barry lives in York, PA, about 25 miles from me. We were in the same training squadron at Lowry back in 66 and 67. And some 46 years later, he calls me he isn't great with schedules either ... maybe it's a 99 thing. Anyhow, we met for dinner at a restaurant and he and his wife, Betty, invited me to their house during the holidays. He has lots of slides of his time at Lowry and we had a little visual trip back to the 60's. Good times. They are on a cruise in the Caribbean at this time and we plan to get together again when they get back.

So, put me back on the list. I don't know that I'll have the time to get to any events in the near future, though. I teach high school (I'm teaching Computer Applications this year) and time off from August to June is in short supply. But, a couple more years and I should be unemployed (read "retired") and free to wander anywhere I want. You may have to put up with me from time to time then!

In the meantime, I'd like to get the newsletters online and keep in touch with the rest of us "old timers". I bet the AFTAC'ers today can't believe the technology ... or lack thereof ... that we used to do our jobs half a century ago. Most of us held our stations together with bailing wire and chewing gum. We didn't even have plastic "duck tape" in those days. How did we hold the world together???? Lol

Oh, one more event in my personal life. I'm now an extra on a cable show called "Ordinary" that is being taped here in Lancaster. It's a sitcom on the Catholic Channel on cable and on 'CatholicTV.com' starting February 10th. It will be on every other week during Lent this year. So, now I can honestly say, "No, I'm not a Catholic but I play one on TV"

Note: Your membership chair is from East Petersburg, Pa. just north of Lancaster and he used to attend St. Anne's in Lancaster. May the new pope bless you! We here with the newsletter still have to revert to duct tape and bailing wire from time to time. Clark Creery

New Member requests assistance:

Just a note to tell you I mailed the application for membership 26 Feb. 2013. Will you need any other info, other than what was on app? As I recall I started the factory school around March 1962 and went to Det. 311 in Aug. 1962 and left Det. 311 in Dec. 1963. Is it required to be an Air Force retiree or does any amount of time with the group make you eligible for membership? After sending the app. I was reading the attachment you sent me and other on line material and was not sure of requirements for membership. thanks so much for your help. Walter C. Black

Note: As usual, I replied and he responded: Clark thanks for your prompt reply. My interest in the unit has been there since I first got involved but never imagined there would be such a thing as an alumni org. so I never pursued it on line until I recently had my military records updated. and just on a lark I searched for history of the 1157 th. and found you.

Editor Note: Walter, keep those larks coming and I will be updating your records momentarily. We received his payment on 3/5/2013 and your dues are good until 2016.

ANOTHER LOST SOUL HEARD FROM!

On 5 March 2013 we opened our mail and found a membership application from Capt Kenneth E. Myers. It contained a check for \$75.00 for a Lifetime membership. When I receive information I open our master database and enter the personal information and all sorts of other things that cover their career; dets, ranks, wives, status, etc. This particular request had my brain spinning because I remembered a Ken Myers who was with the organization years ago. I was right, I located his name and position as CCS. We lost track of him when he moved up North and we are elated that he found his way back. He is now a Capt and lives in the Dayton, Ohio area. Welcome back Ken!

Membership note: As I was working on the article in the following column I received an email from Ken Myers! Ken says: "I had listed myself but had never joined the alumni association. Also, did you go through Lowry sometime in the summer of 1967? There was a staff sergeant that was assigned to keep an eye on flights as we marched, including checking for black socks. I am thinking that it was you." I admitted that it was me! And Ken responded: "No, I was a barracks chief for the barracks with several permanent party and transient incoming personnel. I was in Z1 training from March 67 through September. Over the next several hours Ken and I swapped war stories back and forth and I was forced to ask him if he really served in the position CCS. For his answer, see page 20 in the 'Tales Section'.



What Can I Expect from Florida Alumni Membership?

Why Join? Our constitution spells out our charter:

"The purposes of the Association are to foster continued awareness of the mission and accomplishments of the United States Air Force, in general, and of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, its subordinate units and its predecessor organizations, in particular; and to provide its membership a forum for desirable social, educational, and humanitarian services."

When the Florida Chapter first organized everyone desired to have a forum to stay connected. It is hard to spend years with members and then in the flick of a retirement or assignment change we lose track of very good friends. Over the years Bowling, Golf, Picnics and Headquarters functions filled the bill but it always surprised me that most folks wanted to stay informed but were reluctant to get involved. In March we celebrate our 28 years in existence. Initially we needed to identify our product to welcome and keep members! Our newsletters became the forum for our membership (now worldwide) to become involved and stay connected. We certainly thank everyone for that!

11 March we continue to be strong. Florida membership is 620 and of those 562 are lifetime members. Our membership has revolved around 650 for quite a few years, and yet, we do not get the turn-outs at some of our functions that one would expect. Folks continue to tell us how busy they are and how they just love the newsletter and that can be a good thing or a bad thing. They love the snowball and other social gatherings. (Don't we all?)

Often folks do not understand that membership is voluntary and is open to all military and civilian personnel currently or formerly assigned or attached to the outfit. We do not discriminate on race, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, age or ethnic group; nor do we support or participate in any organization or activity that engages in such practices.

We decided to have monthly meetings to discuss the association (more or less a business meeting) but we welcome everyone and if the interest sparks we will be able to do more for the overall membership and the community.

I personally ask you to spread the word and get some new members and get some folks who have new ideas and wish to get involved.

Respectfully: Clark Creery, MSgt Ret (Membership)

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CHAPTER NEWS

PREZ

Terry **FROM** Hammond
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Because we're publishing the PoMo a month early this quarter, our Annual SnowBall (15th) is fresh in my mind. As usual it was a fun evening of cold drinks, good food (at least my prime rib was), and great company. SMSgt John Shank, Chief, Detachment 402 (Yokota) gave a very nice presentation of life at AFTAC's newest Det. The evening was capped off with the announcement of our AOY Couple Dee and Gene Melchior. The only shortfall of the evening was that the attendance was down slightly from previous years so I didn't get to see as many old friends as I'd like. I think the change of date to sync with the Commander's Conference may have hurt attendance slightly, but I hope next year to see a lot more at this event. I want to take this opportunity to thank the people who made this year's event so special: Deborah Carson, Sean Ryan, Dee and Gene Melchior, Jack Jackson, and Judy Henderson (Milam).

As I do each newsletter, I would like to encourage more of you to join us for our monthly meetings and to become more active in your organization. We have a core group of 15-20 people who turn out for the 2nd Monday of each month, but would like to see a lot more participate actively. Each quarter we have one off-site meeting (at the Tides, Riverside Dining Facility, Manatee Cove, or other sites as recommended at our board meetings) to try to get more folks out. We notify everyone via the LRDA website (<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtobknownow/>). There is a lot of other useful info on that site and I recommend that you visit it frequently.

To keep everyone up to date on the new AFTAC Headquarters and Laboratory buildings, names for the buildings have been selected but not formally approved as of our Feb 2013 meeting. Roofs and outside walls are almost complete and things are looking really good. We're told that work is on time and within budget (almost unheard of for a government project) and occupancy is scheduled for Jan 2014. A lot of thought and planning is going in to including significant historical items and pictures (a Hall of Heritage), and the LRDA is being included in these discussions. Expectations are that there will be some type of open house for active and retired AFTACers after the buildings are completed and we'll keep you posted.

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.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members
Elected

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

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Neri/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)
Editor/Alumni of the Year Coordinator-John Horsch
Publicity-VACANT Sage Shop-CMSgt Steve Revels/IG

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A Minute with the Minutes

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

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

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

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

Membership: Clark Creery, WorldWide-4605, SEO-170, Deceased-438, FL/LT-623/561, ePoMo/USPS, 281/342.

Post-Monitor: John Horsch, as we went to print the 280+ eSubscribers 'clicked' the Dec issue posting at 'Box.com' a record number of times, 420 with 320 'Previews' and 120 'Downloads.' Thanks for that!!

'Membership Musings'

CLARK CREERY, 01.11

So far, this has been a very interesting quarter. We continue to urge you to go-electronic because it seems that all of the items that are important have already done so. Alumni is no different so we would love to have you in the electronic world.

I have been working with Frank Calenda as he prepares to assist Bill Schmied with the Denver Reunion this coming June. We have found folks who were not aware of the existence of the FI Chapter Assn Website, <https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtobknownow/>.

This gives you all of the data about what's happening now and in the future (as much as possible)!

We have folks who moved or changed their email addresses and forgot to tell us. If we don't know our Seismic Crystal Ball just does not hack the mustard. Even if

OTHER CHAPTERS

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you do not care to join you can still check out the 3 AFTAC Alumni sites on the web. Florida, California and Denver are there and you may just see some old friends or get the latest information from the horses'

mouth not the horses other end, URLs are on the information page 2 of every issue.

Membership this Month - January 2013-Stands at 620 members in the Florida Chapter and we send out 331 postal mailings and 289 electronic notifications in April, September and December each year.

For trivia buffs out there in cyberland, what is this??

Keep us informed so we can keep you informed. Clark Creery, Membership Facilitator

COLORADO NEWSLETTER, 2012.11 EXTRACTS

ECHOES

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

Membership: 87

Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) AND CONTACT BEFORE COMING
General Membership Breakfast: Florida Editor Note: Updated information was not available at press time; events below were carried over from the previous issue.

--Dinner/Social November 10th, details in next issue.

--Summer Picnic with the Detachments is pending. We will advise locally by separate email/telephone when available.



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, on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter also.

'WORLDWIDE REUNION 2013, JUNE 14 & 15

The AFTAC Alumni of Colorado will host the 2013 Worldwide AFTAC-Long Range Detection Alumni Association Reunion at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Denver-Aurora, which is located at the southwest corner of I-225 and Iliff Avenue in Aurora. The reunion reception will be held on Friday evening, 14 June, Flag Day, and the reunion banquet will be Saturday evening, 15 June. Other events on the agenda include a golf tournament

on Friday and a tour of the Detachment 45 Operations Center at Buckley AFB on Saturday. See the reunion overview sheet, hotel information sheet, and registration form included on the next three pages. These are also available at www.aftacco.org.

Also planned is a **Detachment 418 alumni mini-reunion** for Thursday evening, 13 June, in conjunction with the worldwide on Friday and Saturday. Frank Calenda and Al Derickson are 'Major Arangers' and have contacted those for whom they have information-if you've been missed, contact Frank at fcalenda@aol.com or call him at 321-773-2046.

The DoubleTree Hotel is providing a special \$89 plus tax reunion room rate for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, standard king (one king bed) or standard double (two double beds), single or double occupancy. This rate includes a complimentary full breakfast buffet and also applies for three nights before and after on a space available basis. **NOTE:** You must use the special group rate code 'TAC' when making room reservations either at the hotel web site or by telephone with a hotel agent. If there is a problem obtaining a room with our special rate code at the \$89.00 rate, please contact the DoubleTree Hotel Denver-Aurora sales manager, Jami Paronto, or her assistant, Eryn Schatz, directly at [303-368-3467](tel:303-368-3467).

Colorado alumni chapter members elected a new president, Steve Clark, and a new vice-president, Darrel Kline, at the general membership meeting on 2 Feb. Steve graduated from the 99105 Scientific Measurements Technician Course at Lowry AFB in 1989 and ended his active duty career in Dec 2011 as the Superintendent at Det 45, Buckley AFB, CO. His other assignments include several years at HQ AFTAC as a data analyst, satellite shift chief at Det 46, Schriever AFB; seismic maintenance tech at Det 421, Alice Springs; and 9S100 instructor supervisor at Goodfellow AFB.

Darrel graduated from the 99104 Systems Repair Technician Course at Lowry AFB in 1990 and ended his active duty career in Dec 2011 as the Detachment Chief at Det 402, Yokota AB, Japan. His other assignments include subsurface engineering at the Technical Operations Division, McClellan AFB; NCOIC of the field site facility at Det 421, Alice Springs; student in the Space Systems Analyst Course at Goodfellow AFB; NCOIC of Stan Eval at Det 46, Schriever AFB; special assignment at Hurlburt Field; Superintendent at Det 45, Buckley AFB; and Detachment Chief at Det 421, Alice Springs.

MORE REUNION FACTS AND SIGN-UP FORM AS WELL AS AN OVERVIEW ARE PRESENTED ON PAGES 13, 14 AND 15.

CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER, 2012.10 EXTRACTS

DEPOT FALLOUT

2012-13 Board: Dave **Tarquino**, President; Joe **Johnson**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); George **Thompson**, Asst. COB; Steve **Fritts**, Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Sec; Dave **Price**, Membership; Don **King**, Newsletter Editor; Bob **Fitzgerald**, Webmaster - Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org>.

Membership: 154, 135 are Lifetime



Events Calendar

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

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

A Word from the President

(Florida Editor: Columns below are extracted due to space limitations)

Happy New Year and Best Wish's to all for a safe, healthy and prosperous year. I hope to see you at the AFTAC Reunion in Denver on June 14-15 this year.

The West Coast Chapter is looking for someone (to assist) our Webmaster. Bob Fitzgerald does a fantastic job ...and he would welcome website assistance. HTML and FTP coding and FTP expertise (is desired) ... we are looking for someone within the AFTAC family and there is no requirement to live in the Sacramento area ... If interested contact me at 916-723-7634, or dtarquino@surewest.net. Bob at Webmater@AFTACWCC.org. Stay tuned for more info on our 2013 events: Spring Picnic (mid-May), election of officers (Sept) and our Fall Social (mid-Nov).

Membership News

DAVE PRICE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Total=154, Lifetime=135. Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year, Life, \$75. You can use the application form from our web site 'Forms' page to send with your dues. Alumni not current will be dropped from the 'active roster' along with our newsletter distribution and email notification lists. (See our web site 'Forms' page, 'WCC Roster' to check your status).

WEST COAST CHAPTER OUTING



—10 NOV 2012

China Garden Restaurant

NEVER FORGET—A SMATTERING OF HISTORY

In the fall of 1950, AFOAT-1 stood-up a permanent facility at McClellan AFB, CA called the Western Field Office (WFO). It was originally located in the vicinity of the Base Cafeteria. The WFO HQ function was located in Building S-34 and the laboratory portion of the facility was operated under contract to Tracerlab, Inc in Building S-39. By the close of the year, another facility was added to the rapidly growing organization. Building T-39 housed the logistic activities, placing the procurement of Atomic Energy Detection System (AEDS) equipment and supplies directly within the organization. In the spring of 1953, the unit moved to what was later the Base Photo Laboratory. In 1958, the unit moved into Building 628. In 1960 the Western Field Office was designated the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron.

By 1954, with the rapid expansion of technical and analytical capabilities, and resultant increase in scientific personal and technical equipment, an acute requirement existed for additional space.

By the end of 1955, construction funds were earmarked for the Army Corps of Engineers to construct additional laboratory space, and additional funds were issued to the Air Materiel Command to construct a HQ Bldg. Personnel took occupancy of the facility sometime during the 1956-1957 period.

The remaining time between 1957 and 1999 the 1155th and the assigned personnel gave of themselves to help make the world a safer place in the face of nuclear dangers.

We continue to salute those who served!

Article extracted by Clark Creery from TOD Heritage Remembered
9 April 1999

◆ DENVER REUNION INFORMATION ◆

Hotel Information

AFTAC - Long Range Detection Alumni Worldwide Reunion 13 -16 June 2013

(Includes Det 418 Mini-Reunion on 13 June)

Aurora, Colorado

The reunion is being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver-Aurora, 13696 E. Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014-1319. The hotel web site is www.doubletreedenveraurorahotel.com and the telephone number is **303-337-2800**. The call center toll free number is **800-445-8667**. You can make reservations using any of these three avenues. Check-In time is 3 PM. Should you arrive early, an early check-in is possible as rooms become available. The hotel has a secure room for your luggage should you arrive early. Check-out time is 12 Noon.

A special group room rate of \$89.00 (total including tax is \$99.99) per night is available for reunion attendees. The hotel has provided a block of rooms, including three ADA accessible rooms on the first floor, at this rate for the period 11 to 18 June which allows reunion attendees to check in and check out on any dates during this period. Each room has either one king size or two full size beds, and the special group rate includes single or double occupancy. Triple occupancy is an additional \$5.00 and quad is \$10.00. **Included with this special group rate is a complimentary full breakfast buffet each morning in the hotel dining room and inroom high-speed internet access (HSIA).**

Reservations must be confirmed by 24 May to get the special rate, **or until the block of rooms is sold out**. Therefore, please make your reservations as early as possible so we can monitor our contractual obligations with the hotel and obtain additional room blocks as needed. When contacting the hotel for reservations, **be sure to request the special group rate code "TAC"** which is the special \$89.00 rate for AFTAC reunion attendees (including Det 418 mini-reunion attendees). If using the internet to make reservations, go to the hotel web site and on the home page left side enter the arrival, departure, and room information then click on the **Add Special Rate Codes** and then enter **TAC** in the **Group Code Block**, then click on **Check Availability**. This will take you to the next page which will show the three types of rooms at the special \$89.00 group rate. The complimentary breakfast and in-room HSIA are not shown as included with this rate, but these are in fact included and if making reservations by telephone, the agent can confirm this. However, please note that if you book your room using any other special rate or group code, e.g., AARP, Senior, Govt, etc., you will not get the free breakfast buffet or HSIA. Also, please note that the hotel will add a customary early departure fee if you check out of the hotel prior to your reserved check-out date unless you advise the hotel at or before check-in of any change in your planned length of stay. The hotel should also inform you of the potential charge at your time of check-in.

The hotel provides daily shuttle service to and from Denver International Airport (DIA). The pickup point is on the baggage level of the **East Terminal outside Door 511 at Island #3** at the hotel pickup signs. Call the hotel front desk at their local number 303-337-2800 to inform guest services/.driver that you are at the airport and get an estimated shuttle arrival time. Please be sure to board the white van with the large DoubleTree by Hilton Cookie on the side and marked **DoubleTree Denver-Aurora**. Space is limited on the airport shuttle, so you should also schedule your departure time with the front desk for return to DIA when you check in to the hotel. The hotel also offers limited local shuttle service within a five mile radius of the hotel based upon availability. This can include the University of Colorado Medical Center on the Fitzsimons campus, the Aurora Town Center and Mall, and the RTD light rail station at Parker Road and ~225 amongst other attractions. Additional information on the shuttle service is available at the hotel front desk, and information on other hotel amenities and many local area attractions is available at the hotel and on the hotel web site.

COME ON AND MEET OLD FRIENDS—SHARE A STORY!

DENVER REUNION SIGN-UP FORM

REGISTRATION FORM
AFTAC - LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WORLDWIDE REUNION 13 – 16 JUNE 2013
(Including Det 418 Mini-Reunion)
AURORA, COLORADO

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT NLT 15 APRIL 2013

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF ALUMNI / ATENDEE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE / GUEST _____

STREET ADDRESS / P.O. BOX _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS INCLUDING AREA CODE _____

REGISTRATION FEE WW REUNION (REQUIRED FOR EACH ATTENDEE) -----@ \$10.00 PER PERSON ----- X ____ = \$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE DET 418 ALUMNI ONLY MINI-REUNION, THURSDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING, 13 JUNE,
HOSPITALITY ROOM (REQUIRED ONLY FOR EACH 418 ATTENDEE) -----@ \$ 5.00 PER PERSON ----- X ____ = \$ _____

GOLF OUTING FRIDAY MORNING, 14 JUNE, HEATHER RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB -----@ \$ 40.00 PER PERSON ----- X ____ = \$ _____
INDICATE NUMBER PLAYING GOLF: **MEN** _____ **WOMEN** _____

ICEBREAKER BUFFET FRIDAY EVENING, 14 JUNE, DOUBLETREE HOTEL -----@ \$ 30.00 PER PERSON ----- X ____ = \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER, SATURDAY EVENING, 15 JUNE, DOUBLETREE HOTEL -----@ \$ 40.00 PER PERSON ----- X ____ = \$ _____

-----**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**---\$ _____

BANQUET ENTRÉE SELECTION (INDICATE NUMBER FOR EACH ENTRÉE):

10 OZ SLOW ROASTED PRIME RIB WITH AUS JUS & HORSERADISH CREAM. SERVED WITH ROSEMARY MASHED POTATOES
AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES.: _____

ATLANTIC KING GRILLED FILET OF SALMON. SERVED OVER ORZO WITH SUNDRYED TOMATOES, WILD MUSHROOMS AND
SEASONAL VEGETABLES: _____

FRENCH CUT SAUTEED CHICKEN BREAST FLORENTINE WITH FRESH HERBS, SPINACH & ROASTED GARLIC TOPPED WITH
LEMON CAPER CREAM SAUCE. SERVED WITH WILD RICE AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES: _____

NOTE: ALL ENTREES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED GREENS SALAD & SELECTION OF BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE & RANCH
DRESSINGS, FRESHLY BAKED ROLLS & BUTTER. DESSERT CONSISTING OF CHOCOLATE CARAMEL CAKE WITH KAHLUA
CREAM, AND COFFEE, BIGELOW HOT TEAS, ICED TEA & WATER.

WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES MUSEUM (TENTATIVE) ON THE FORMER LOWRY AFB. ADMISSION COST IS \$9.00 FOR SENIORS, VETERANS, AND ACTIVE DUTY TO BE PAID AT THE MUSEUM.

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED FROM HOTEL: (PLEASE CIRCLE) **YES** or **NO**

DETACHMENT 45 OPERATIONS ORIENTATION AT BUCKLEY AFB, SATURDAY MORNING, 15 JUNE. NOTE THAT THIS TOUR REQUIRES ACCESS TO A RESTRICTED AREA & ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRANTING ACCESS.

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED FROM HOTEL: (PLEASE CIRCLE) **YES** or **NO**

IMPORTANT NOTE: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND MAIL ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

BILL SCHMIED
2078 KENTON ST
AURORA, CO 80010-1310

**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY – YOUR EARLY REGISTRATION IS NEEDED TO MONITOR OUR
CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS WITH THE HOTEL AND SECURE ADDITIONAL ROOM BLOCKS IF NEEDED FOR ATTENDEES AND PLAN FOR THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES AT THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. PLEASE INDICATE HERE
IF YOU ARE MAKING ROOM RESERVATIONS AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL. PLEASE CIRCLE: YES NO**

REUNION COMMITTEE CONTACTS (See bottom of Page 15)

◆ WHAT WILL BE GOING ON IN DENVER?**OVERVIEW****AFTAC - Long Range Detection Alumni Worldwide Reunion 13-16 June 2013
Aurora, Colorado**

Yes, reunion time again: It's time once again to get together with old friends, make new friends, and see what everyone has been up to in recent times. As you know, the alumni chapters have been holding worldwide reunions every two years, alternating from Florida to California to Colorado. Having held highly successful reunions in Florida in 2009 and again in California in 2011, it's now time to come to Colorado in 2013 and we are ready to start taking reservations. Included with this issue of the newsletter is this overview, hotel information, and registration form.

What we need from you: mark your calendars now for 13 - 16 June 2013, register early by completing the reunion registration form and returning it along with your check, reserve your hotel room by calling the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver-Aurora, or by going to the hotel website (see the hotel information sheet for details). And, please pass the word along to other alumni who might not be members of any of the alumni chapters. Membership in an alumni chapter is not required to attend the reunion. Early registration will allow better planning by the reunion committee and some planned activities are tentative depending on the responses we get on the registration forms. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members listed at the bottom of this page.

Hospitality Room: We will have a hospitality room in the DoubleTree Hotel open daily beginning Thursday afternoon, 13 June. This is where you sign in and pick up your welcome package if not available in the hotel lobby. Look for the alumni welcome table in the hotel lobby and for information on the electronic sign board as to the hospitality room location. Name tags will be provided in the welcome package so please list names on the registration form as you want them to appear on the tags.

Det 418 Mini-Reunion Thursday afternoon/evening, 13 June: There will be a mini-reunion for Det 418 alumni in conjunction with the main reunion. People attending this mini-reunion must return the registration form the same as those attending the main reunion. Additional information on this event is being provided by Frank Calenda. See bottom of page for contact information.

Golf Outing, Friday morning, 14 June: This is a tentative item depending on the number of people signing up for it, and if held will be at the Heather Ridge Country Club, now a public course, just a few blocks from the DoubleTree hotel. It will be arranged by Lonnie Gibbons with shuttle bus transportation available from the hotel. Cost is listed at \$40 each on the registration form and refunds will be made if the actual cost is less or the event is cancelled due to lack of interest. Please note that the cost includes 18 holes with golf cart and that rental clubs at the golf course are very limited.

Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Friday morning/afternoon, 14 June: This is also a tentative item depending on the number of people signing up for it. The museum is located in one of the large hangars on the former Lowry AFB just a few blocks from the former Det 57 and SPINSTRA schoolhouse, Bldgs 358 & 359. We will attempt to arrange hotel shuttle bus transportation but this is subject to availability. Museum admission cost is \$ 9.00 for seniors (65+), veterans, and active duty to be paid at the museum. www.wingsmuseum.com

Det 45 Operations Tour, Buckley AFB, Saturday morning, 15 June: The detachment will provide tour escorts and a show and tell of their satellite operations area. This is inside a restricted area, so additional personal information will be required to obtain visitor clearance. Transportation will be provided from the hotel for those who need it.

Reception Icebreaker, Friday evening, 14 June: DoubleTree Hotel, AFTAC Ballroom, informal mixer with cash bar and mixed hors d'oeuvres buffet, including Teriyaki beef and pulled pork skewers, coffee and tea. Dress is casual.

Reunion Banquet, Saturday evening, 15 June: DoubleTree Hotel, AFTAC Ballroom, social with cash bar followed by sit-down dinner with choice of Prime Rib, French Cut Chicken Florentine, or Atlantic Salmon entrees. Guest speaker to be announced.

Breakfast Buffet, Sunday morning, 16 June: Double Tree Hotel restaurant off the lobby, hotel guests attending the reunion eat free, bid farewells.

REUNION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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Det 418 Mini-Reunion Only: FRANK CALENDA (321-773-2046) fcalenda@aol.com

MONITORing Active Duty Doing's from around the AFTAC world

Command Section



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

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



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

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



My name is CMSgt Craig Neri, the new AFTAC Superintendent. I officially took over on 1 Dec 2012 from CMSgt John Nederhoed. The Chief will be retiring this summer after 5+ years as the AFTAC Superintendent. I will NOT be able to fill the void that Chief Nederhoed leaves. His corporate knowledge and expertise is rivaled by very few and he will be missed. He's been part of the backbone of this organization for a very, very long time. As Chief Nederhoed's active duty Air Force career winds down, we want to wish him and his family the absolute best!

Unlike Chief Nederhoed, I am very much a rookie in the AFTAC organization. I arrived here in Jan 2012 from Wright-Patterson AFB. I want you to know that my family and I are extremely honored and privileged to be able to serve the Airmen (Big A) of AFTAC, past and present. We truly do work for you! In my time here, I will do my best to advocate for issues that improve and enhance not only the mission of this great organization but also the health, morale and welfare of its people. I'm dedicated to the AFTAC family and I look forward to all that is in store for us in the coming months and years, especially as we transition into our new \$210M home here on Patrick.

Thank you for your service to our country and for what you represent as an LRDA member. Hopefully, we'll see ya around. If you ever need anything please don't hesitate to call or e-mail. God Speed!

AFTAC HQ 'a Building'

EDITOR: WE HAVE REPORT CONCERNING THIS PROJECT AT THE WEBSITE AND A REALLY SUPER PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRESS THANKS TO MSGTS (RET) MARK SMITH (SON OF SMITTY FOR THOSE WHO KNOW HIM) AND CLARK CREEERY, OUR MEMBERSHIP GUY, AS HE CALLS HIMSELF, AND ALL AROUND 'DOER.' CHECK ALL OF THIS REGULARLY TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE.



From our 2012.04 issue

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

45th Space Wing Annual Awards

Updated 26 Feb 2013 (Provided by Sean Ryan)



Installation Field Grade Officer of the Year

Maj. Noel Dupont (AFTAC)

Installation Senior NCO of the Year

SMSgt Tikwan D. Garland (AFTAC)

Non-Supervisory Installation Civilian of the Year

Mr. Kurt G. Malmstrom (AFTAC)

Supervisory Installation Civilian of the Year

Mr. James E. Ordway (AFTAC)

Congrats to all!



The Alumni Secretary Sean and his wife along with several active duty folks supported the Daytona 500 this year. It is always quite a spectacle for race fans and they are given a chance to attend by helping out with concession stands. The great American race was over the top! 29 AFTAC personnel supported and some profits are shared with the Booster's Club.



CMSgt Edward Lindsay, Jr. retired from AFTAC on 1 March 2013. He advised the Chief of Maintenance on matters involving Mission maintenance. He led 110 Technicians and seven detachments to Manage operations and 24/7 system monitoring of the \$400 million USAEDS system. The chief had served over 30 years in the US Air Force.



AFTAC Cares

Packages for Deployed

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

'Cares' Contact: Carol Snyder, Carol.Snyder@patrick.af.mil, Carol provides this update: We currently have 18 AFTAC/members/family/ & friends deployed. And, over this period, we received several **very desirable phone cards**, and 'notes of appreciation.'

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

**Several of those 'Thanks You's' follow:

Captain Adria Martin sent a hand written 'Thank You,' Hello AFTAC Spouse's Club, (and Alumni Assn), "I just wanted to say thank you for the wonderful care package. I know you guys probably have no idea who I am, but I wanted to say thanks anyway and let you all know how much it meant to me. I appreciate the time you took to send me something. Thanks again. Adria"

Chaplain Calvin Dixon, Wing Chaplain, (Official 451 Expeditionary Wing, Kandahar, Afghanistan, letterhead) Thank you immensely for the wonderful care package I received on 24 November. It came at just the right time to lift my spirit. I really appreciate your thoughts and prayers for all of our deployers as the holiday season approaches. Also. I Will be sure to share some of the goodies with the troops. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity, God bless!

NICHOLAS B. CONNER, SrA, USAF 380 ESFS/CSS, AIC, Commander's Support Staff I received my care package today and I just want to say thank you to everyone that had a part in putting the care packages together. I shared the items with some of the guys in my squadron.

Kevin Pastoor (Editor's Note: Over time, Capt Pastoor has sent us several 'Thank Your's' during his deployment) Indeed the package arrived on Saturday. Please pass along my thanks to the spouse's club and the alumni for the great package. The decorations have already been put up in the laboratory; they are a big aesthetic upgrade. I hope things are going well. See you soon.

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

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

EVENT	DATE/TIME	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 'Schedule of Events' kept up to date, and complete, at the website, '<https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/4-active-duty-schedule>'

5 Feb 2013 Calvin D. Dixon

Thanks you for the wonderful care package I received on 2 Feb 2013. It is encouraging and uplifting to be remembered by a great group of spouses while being deployed far away. Please convey my deepest appreciation to all of the AFTAC Spouses. I will certainly share some of the goodies with the troops. Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and strong support. May God continue to richly bless you my AFTAC family.

The Boosters Club Prez Reports (Elections-Nov)

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT: TSGT JESUS OSUNA VICE: TSGT SEAN MACKAY TREAS: A1C NICHOLE HART SECRETARY: A1C SHAMIQUA VICTORINE; HOT DOG SALES: A1C JOSE MILLIN TOP BANANA REP: SSGT JASON BARON CLOTHING SALES REP: SSGT SARAH OH

THIS MONTH'S REPORT BY TSGT JESUS OSUNA

'CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC'

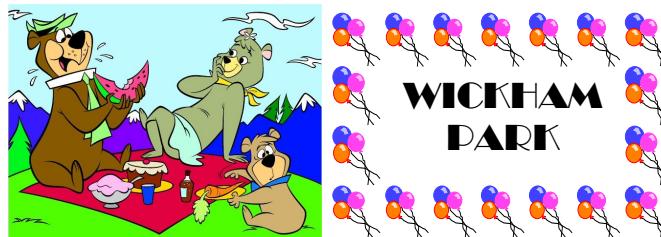
This event is well attended and not to be missed. Details:

As always, Carol **Snyder**, Assn Prime 'Intrepid Insider,' is the 'Sage Contact,' carol.snyder@patrick.af.mil.'

We have a large number of **99/9S coins** available for \$8 apiece. Order thru the 'Sage Shop' available at the back pages of this issue.

To follow events at the Center see the NOTE below.

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



SPRING PICNIC Saturday, 13 April 2013

AFTAC Annual Spring Picnic

Wickham Park Pavilion (BCC Campus)

1100 - 1700

Sponsor: Booster Club

POC: TSgt Shebon Goldsboro & TSgt Kevin Sanger

AFTAC 'Now'

SUSAN A ROMANO, AFTAC/PA, PROVIDES ITEM OF INTEREST ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WE POST THEM AT THE ASSN WEBSITE, 'BREAKING/NEWS TO KNOW' PAGE, [**02.01 Posting. Today's local newspaper, Florida Today, reports: If N. Korea tests a nuke, Brevard-based AFTAC would know Patrick AFB group monitors the world to detect detonations** By R. Norman Moody FLORIDA TODAY Though specialists in South Korea have said it would be virtually impossible for them to confirm whether North Korea detonates an atomic device, scientists at the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base likely would be the first to know. And within minutes. The best indication of a test will be seismic tremors and abnormal radiation in the air, which North Korea could try to mask. In all likelihood, the first word of the test will come from Pyongyang itself, just as it happened when the country conducted nuclear tests in 2006 and 2009, the Associated Press reported. \[http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20130201/NEWS01/302010005>If-N-Korea-tests-nuke-Brevard-based-AFTAC-would-know?nclick_check=1\]\(http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20130201/NEWS01/302010005>If-N-Korea-tests-nuke-Brevard-based-AFTAC-would-know?nclick_check=1\)](https://sites.google.com/site/lrdalumniassnneedtoknownow/1d-association-newsletter-post-monitor/5a-breaking-news-updated-07-30--check-there-often-as-space-permits-abSTRACTS FOLLOW WITH A LINK TO THE COMPLETE STORY, OFTEN WITH PICTURES. LINKS WERE CURRENT AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING. MANY OF SUSAN'S ITEMS ARE POSTED AT THE 'AFISR' WEBSITE. WE WILL OFTEN REFER YOU TO THAT SITE.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

01.19 Posting. Small Businesses converge at Patrick AFB By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Several representatives from local and regional small businesses converged here Thursday to attend a Small Business Expo hosted by the Air Force Technical Applications Center. "<http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123333113>

01.17 Posting. Voices reverberate into words of thanks By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – A group of 20 vocalists from Tops in Blue paid a visit to the Air Force Technical Applications Center here Tuesday to sing a few songs from their repertoire and present a token of appreciation to the AFTAC commander. Senior Airman Kerrilee Meeker, a systems control technician with AFTAC, has been traveling with the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase since March 2012. The troupe was in town to perform at the Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts in Melbourne, and made a special trip to the base to perform for Meeker's co-workers, family and friends. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123332687>

01.04 Posting. From Tennessee to S. Korea – a woodworker's selfless act of love By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs-PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – When Ed Wares (father of Sabrina Miller, AFTAC's Scientific & Technical Information Program Manager) heard about Airmen from the Air Force Technical Applications Center who were sponsoring an orphanage in South Korea, he knew he had to reach out and offer his support. That support, however, didn't come in the way of clothes, food, or even money. Instead, his donation came from his heart and through his skill as a woodworker. carved more than 100 wooden toy cars to distribute to orphans ...

<http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123331488> **01.14 Addition. The 2013.01.14 Edition of Florida Today** picked up on Susan's posting below and developed their story, <http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20130114/NEWS01/301140008/AFTAC-s-ties-Korean-orphans-span-decades>

01.12 Posting. AFTAC Airman collars 'Excellence in Warfighting' award By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – An Airman assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center here earned the title of a Gen. John P. Jumper Excellence in Warfighting award winner for 2012. Senior Airman Glenn Brown, an enterprise information services technician with AFTAC, was selected as the Air Force's Information Dominance Outstanding Knowledge Operations Management Airman of the Year. Lt. Gen. Michael Basla, Chief Information Dominance and Management Officer for the Air Force, made the announcement Jan. 5. There were a total of 587 nominees competing for the Jumper Awards in Excellence in various categories. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123332266>

01.03 Posting. AFTAC Airman wins Air Staff-level award By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – An Airman assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center here was selected as the **Air Force's Outstanding Scientific Applications Specialist-Technician of the Year Award for 2012**. Senior Airman Jacob Caron, a systems control shift leader at AFTAC, learned of his selection when he opened his email to find the official announcement, along with multiple congratulatory messages from friends and co-workers. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123331395>

12.21 Posting. AFTAC creates recipe for compassion, success By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – They may be just a few ingredients – flour, sugar, eggs, butter – but something magical happens when they are mixed together. Add in a dash of selfless dedication, and it's a recipe for success. Members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center as well as AFTAC's Spouses Group took the time to bake more than 150 dozen sweet treats to spread holiday cheer to two groups of people in the local community – AFTAC's single Airmen and senior citizens from The Town Square, an assisted living facility in Viera, Fla. To make the task even more fun, the center held a taste testing contest to award the top three bakers for their culinary delights. Five judges were selected to nibble on 25 different bite-sized desserts, rating each one based on taste and appearance. Many of the submissions received rave reviews from the judges, with the top three choices easily agreed upon by the panel. <http://www.afisr.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123330807>

◆ 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 ... "/This issue
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"/2012.08
7. "Tom's Trivia"/2012.08

"I REMEMBER ... "**LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE**

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

HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd, John Horsch (3-articles), Jim Payne, Tom Ciambrone (deceased), Robert Jones (deceased), Mary Miller, Jim Davis (6), Rick Holderman (2 articles), Carl Raines, Dan Burk, Harry Bedsworth, Walter Franks, Bill Braukman (deceased), George Kraus (2), George Waters (2), Marvin Ross, Joe Marshall, Chuck Conrad, Joe Johnson (2), John Bright(3), Robert Mason, Curt Smith (3) Jim Lillethun, William Koerschner, Glenn Kennedy (deceased), Tom Dunn, Bob Long, Vern Mikkelson, Brian Swan (deceased), Bruce Deffler, Les Miller, Clark Wilberg, Lloyd French, Tony Valentine, Wayne Myers, Clark Creery, Gary Warfield, Clentis Bailey, Dr. Romney, Bob Chadwick, Dave Wingfield, Bill Moran, Ron Geleta, Harry Hodges, Mary Welch (Deceased, 2), Karl Starzinger

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'I REMEMBER' REPORTS

Karl Starzinger, Point Barrow, AK

KARL SENT THIS STORY, AND PICTURE, 2012.09.20, AND ASKED ABOUT DET 206, POINT BARROW, AK. WE REPLIED THAT AT THE TIME THE 50TH HISTORY WAS WRITTEN FOR THE ANNIVERSARY THIS LOCATION WAS LISTED IN THAT HISTORY. KARL WENT ON TO WRITE:

I have been trying to locate team members of the ground air monitoring station located at Pt Barrow. My self and 4 others arrived there Jan 12th, 1951, on a C-119 and brought with us the air turbine, lead pig, lots of sampling filters, stacks of Top Secret LOTP pads

(Note: To our query about 'LOTP' Karl replied, 'Literal One time Pad,' a very hard to break cipher system, we had letter clearances, as well, but only C, S and TS stamps.), M1 Garands (packed in cosmoline), a water cooled machine gun (yes, watercooled) and a ton of other gear. 2nd Lt Hugh Edward May was fresh hatched Auburn Univ grad. and our CO. The Sea Bee detachment got us on the air quickly and we sent the first 300 group encryption by the end of the month via the AAC Det 1930-5 located on base.

My DD214 has no information about being in the 1009th SWS, detached to 5001st R&D Group at Ladd and thence detached to a

SeaBee Det for logistic support, or any other allusion Alaska. The group of Quonset huts of which we had one for the lab and another for quarters was very close to the shore, just clear of the ice pile-up line. We took our classified Mail to the Barterville PO as our personal mail went by civilian acft supporting the Oil exploration contractors (Naval Petroleum Reserve, PET -4).

We were sent up in a rush, almost a panic, with "BRICKBAT" priority. For example we flew out of Ladd with the Temperature at -54 degs.f. I understand the official flight minimum was much less than that but am not sure. OBW, after 4 weeks of Course 72000 at Lackland and 4 weeks of Tracor instruction at Sacramento Calif. we departed for Alaska from Great Falls AFB Montana. Those stationed there with me, that I can remember, where 2nd Lt H E May, Cpl Karl Starzinger NCOIC, (me) Cpl Robert E. McMillin. That Det might have later morph'd into the Det 206 but I am very sure we were the first ground sampling team in northern Alaska, and we were on the SeaBee/ Oil exploration Base.

A year or two ago I called Charles A. Zeigler, one of the authors of 'Spying without Spies' and asked him why my Det was not mentioned. He said that he and co author Jacobson, had no direct knowledge but used such documents as were available.

After My "Truman extension" I left the service and spent the following 35 years mostly at Patrick AFB. on the ground instrumentation for the Explorer, Mercury, Gemini, Apollo Matador, etc. etc. I would like to establish that thee was indeed a sampling station in operation at Pt Barrow as early as January 1951.

Oh, the date on the sign is, 13 October 1950, Rear, Left to right ;1. Kirschbaum?/ 2. can't remember but he's in the back of my mind 3.Karl Starzinger 4.Unk 5. Joe Valero 6.Robert E. "Bo Bo" McMillin Left to right Front row, 1. it will come to me eventually but we traveled together to Great Falls AFB for transport. 2. through 5. I think went on either to Turkey, or Brazil? they did not go to Alaska with the rest of us



"BS TALES"

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

HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd (1 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 (3), Frank Szachta (4), Chuck Wallace, Jon Kempe, George Kraus (2), Bud Horrell, Mike Steskal, Ray Copeland (4), Geno Wagner, Harold Huhs, Jack Wagley, Leroy Jones, Jack Dorneden (7), Clark Creery (4), Richard (Alkie) Summers (2), Les Miller, Jon Richardson Mike Higgins, Kenneth Stanford, Dick Grim, James Gindleperger, Bob Chadwick, Harry Joseph, Brent Braud, Charlie Penn, Joe Johnson, Bill Moran, John Griffiths and Dave Jarman, Ken Myers (1)

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

Dave Jarman files this report entitled, 'Tape Ball'

CLARK CREERY'S SHARP EYE FELL UPON FACEBOOK, 'AFTAC ALUMNI OF THE WORLD UNITE. ENTRIES CONCERNING THE BALL AND ASKED ABOUT A REPORT FOR THE POMO. THE FIRST ENTRY WE FOUND WAS FROM ANDREW SCOTT MORGAN ON DEC 8TH:

"Think they'll find "The Tape Ball" when they clean the old building? Hope "vertical bowling" makes it to the new one!" ON DEC 9TH ANDREW ADDED: I'm not an expert, but I know it came from the developorders from the old "B" system. By time I got there the TOS was online. However, we did use it for vertical bowling. Mostly, we'd go in the back stairwell. It was fun to go to the front stairwell and scare the cr(ee)p out of the SPs at the front door! You could hear it echo through the whole building!

MANY MORE INTERESTING ENTRIES FOLLOW AND DAVE JARMAN REPORTED ON DEC 14:

I know the origins of the tape ball! I believe it was started right after we moved from Alexandria. In fact, Larry Mahoney, Dave Rice, Jim Short, Lee Brent, and myself owned that thing from 1976 to 1979 when we worked permanent swing shift. The film was changed daily, for the SP, and weekly for the LP developorders, at 2400Z (1900L EST/2000L DST).

The tape is almost identical to medical/sport bandage tape. I left the zip room in Jan, 1979. 10,000 years from now, when archeologists dig up the old building, they'll probably find the tape ball along with the fossilized remains of Delbi Solar!!!

ALSO REPORTED ON DEC 14 BY Bob Wilson, 'The tape ball is safe and sound' We have queried Bob about the ball being safe and sound and hope to hear back from him.

Bob replied, It is in the Basement in the Hall of Heritage in a glass case.

THERE YOU HAVE IT, ANOTHER MYSTERY PRESENTED AND, PERSHAPS, SOLVED!!

Capt. Kenneth E. Myers continuation from page 9.

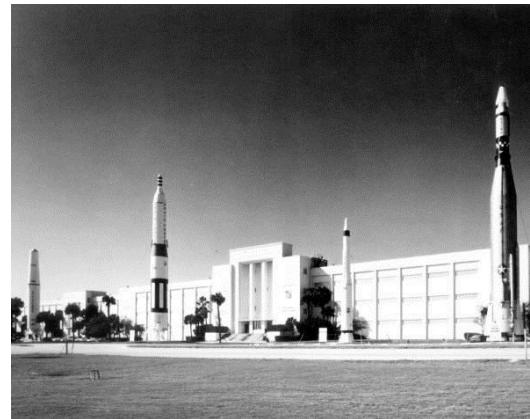
This does not actually fit the category of a BS Tale but I was running out of room in the mail call section and I think his response to me is of value to the readers.

Ken replied: But one reason I remember you is you were looking for white socks and one day when you showed up, you didn't harass us because as you said: "I am now one of you and on your side." When I saw your name with the alumni I wondered if it was you. **OOPS**, case closed, I have been discovered! Naturally I did not give up and I wanted him to tell me about the CCS position.

No. From Lowry I went to 301 in Bebasi (Ankara) Turkey; then to the 1155th; to 360 in Keflavik, Iceland; and back to the 1155th. In 1972 I left AFTAC for AECP at Cal State Sacramento and a degree in Electrical Engineering. I was commissioned as a 2Lt in 1974. Went to Keesler for engineer school; then to Griffiss AFB, Rome NY as a telephone traffic engineer and then to Rome Air Development Center where I worked in the Digital Communications Experimental Facility. I was then in Extremely Low Wave Communications! Transferred to AFIT at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH in 1980 to study Electronic Warfare and Stealth Technology. Stayed at WPAFB as a Liaison Officer for the Air Force Electronic Warfare Center and retired in 1986. Worked for ARINC Engineering Services for 22 years as a contractor on various Air Force projects from black programs to writing mil specs, and whatever else to stay employed. Retired in 2009. **My best AF memories are those with AFTAC from 1966 to 1972,** One quirk of my military service is that I signed contracts for a total of 14 years of service, ,but ended up with 8 years enlisted and 12 years of commissioned time.

NOTE: What a career and we of the alumni salute you and welcome

I am convinced that there are many many BS tales that were part of this building and the missiles out front—keep us informed!



Our thanks to MSgt Mark Smith (Retired)

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"

#14 and 15 of our presentations of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ.
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SMSGT WILLIAM N. ALEXANDER

(1955 - 1981)

1955 - 1957	** DETACHMENT 421
1957 - 1959	** DETACHMENT 141
1959 - 1960	** LARAMIE ANALYSIS CENTER
1960 - 1961	** 1155 TCHOS
1961 - 1966	** HQ/TD-1A & HQ/DO
1966 - 1969	** DETACHMENT 447
1969 - 1972	** HQ/TD-1A/NYGV
1972 - 1973	** DETACHMENT 415
1973 - 1977	** HQ/TT
1977 - 1978	** DETACHMENT 452
1978 - 1981	** HQ/TT

Four Gentlemen, two this page and two the next, whose assignments speak for themselves.
Between them, our mission was served from 1951 to 1986.



SMSGT ARTHUR (ART) L. DAHLGREN
(Pictured with wife, Ruth)

(1951 - 1971)

1951 - 1952	** 1009 SWS; NEVADA TEST AREA; & FORT SILL OK
1952 - 1955	** DETACHMENT 301
1955 - 1958	** DETACHMENT 141
1958 - 1960	** DETACHMENT 313
1960 - 1965	** 1155 TCHOS
1965 - 1968	** 1157 TCHOS
1968 - 1971	** 1155 TCHOS

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR"

#16 and 17 of our presentations of 50-plus 'Rangers' currently featured on the wall in the 'Hall Of Heritage' area at HQ.
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CMSGT HAROLD M. BAKER

(1965 - 1986)

JUL 65 - JUL 68	**	DETACHMENT 421
AUG 68 AUG 70	**	HQ/ODR (VIRGINIA)
AUG 70 AUG 71	**	EL 066
AUG 71 JUL 77	**	HQ/OSF & HQ/DO (VIRGINIA & FLORIDA)
AUG 77 AUG 78	**	DETACHMENT 372
AUG 78 DEC 86	**	HQ/DO/LG



SMSGT GERALD R. LABARRE
(Pictured with wife, Terry)

(1951 - 1975)

AUG 51 MAR 55	**	HQ (VIRGINIA)
JUN 55 NOV 55	**	LOWRY AFB CO
NOV 55 JUN 56	**	WESTERN FIELD OFFICE
JUN 56 JUL 59	**	TEAM 407
JUL 59 JUL 64	**	1155 TCHOS
JUL 64 JAN 66	**	DETACHMENT 427
JAN 66 JUL 67	**	1156 TCHOS
JUL 67 JUN 70	**	HQ (VIRGINIA)
JUN 70 SEP 73	**	DETACHMENTS 207, 202 & 460
SEP 73 JAN 75	**	HQ (FLORIDA)



SAGE SCHEDULE



1. WindDowns-(normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays** at 1530 taking place behind the HQ building, fondly referred to as 'The Outback.'

2. Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings

Normally-2nd Mondays at 1700 gathering behind HQ (Outback) at 1645 for escort into the building.

--if a Federal Holiday, the meeting will be the next day
--other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Dining Facility) may be considered for any meeting

b. **Quarterly**-meetings during the last month of a quarter (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) may be a luncheon, or a dinner, and at the venues noted above.

NOTE: Venues/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website.

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.

BEFORE COMING VERIFY DATE/TIME/VENUE ONLINE

AND/OR WITH YOUR EDITORS

'chrisjohn2@gmail.com'

(See April, lower right column) **May**

03, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

June

07, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

10, 1700-'Off-Site' Board/Membership Meeting, TBD

July

05, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

08, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

August

02, 1530-WindDown at the Outback

12, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

3. Traditional Annual Event Plans and Timeframes (Bold Dates are tentative-others for planning only)

January-April, four events

a. SnowBall XVI, PAFB Clubhouse, Theme, TBD

b. Center Annual Awards Banquet

c. Center Annual Picnic

d. **Page 1, 04.26**-24th Annual Assn Spring Golf N'Getogether

May-August, one events

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

September-December, 4 events

a. **Sep**, Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting, '**Sociable September VI**'-'Tides' Club, will be held on an announced day/time to enhance the opportunity for, and encourage attendance of, members and all alumni & active-duty

b. **Oct/Nov**, 24th Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether

c. **Oct 1st**, **Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**

d. **Dec**, AFTAC Winter Social

WorldWide (WW) Alumni Reunions

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

CO plans WW for 2013.06.14-15-a **Det 418 Reunion** is planned in unison for 06.13.

See 'Chapter' pages for more information.



SAGE SHOP



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

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2013.02.28)

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
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GOLF SHIRTS, with pocket and collar, \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	0	0	1
Jade (medium green)	2	5	0	2
Navy	1	1	0	0
Red	2	1	0	2
White	1	0	0	2
Royal Blue	1	0	0	0
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	4	6	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	1	0	2
Maroon	2	0	0	0
Black	1	1	0	0

T-SHIRTS, no pocket - \$7.00

Light Blue	1	1	3	3
Royal blue	2	0	2	1
Navy	2	0	2	1
Ash Gray	2	0	2	0
Purple	1	1	2	1
Red	2	1	3	1
Fuchsia	1	0	2	0
Stone Washed Green	1	0	0	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	1	1	1
Black	4	0	0	3

SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15

NYLON JACKET , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'	1	0	0	1
White emblem with 'Alumnus'	0	0	1	0

HATS - \$8.00 # MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#

Blue/White	14	-50th Commem Coin	\$3.00/50
Blue/Grey	2	-60th AF/LRD Com Coin	\$4/122
Red/White	2	—60th flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs. 18th Logo Pin:	\$3.25/202

AFTAC Top-3 Coin made available by Top-3 Assn \$7

*Traditional Coin (HQ w/aircraft/motto/logo' on reverse) \$8.00

*99/9S Coin - presented in the 2011.04 PoMo. Cost \$8.00

*'New Building' Groundbreaking Commemorative Coin - presented in 2011.08 PoMo. Cost is \$10

*Asterisked Coins available to us from AFTAC Booster's Club

AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin To order, contact SSgt Suberlak, david.suberlak@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9184 or SSgt Wilkens, matthew.wilkens@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9146.\$7 each. Shipping is \$1 a coin, up to \$5, then on an as needed basis for more than 15-20 coins.



APRIL 26

Manatee Cove at Patrick AFB

Don't forget about the April Alumni Golf Tournament on the 26th. In case you missed it, facts are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.

Sages to Remember (continued from Page 7) with interment at the Elkland Township cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#). Arrangements entrusted to Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care, 950 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, FL (321) 724-2224. Share memories at www.afcfcare.com.



SULLIVAN, Thomas D'Arcy CMSgt, (Ret.) 80, of West Melbourne; Buena Vida Estates, passed away on Feb. 11, 2013. Notified by Clark Creery He was born in Buffalo, NY on Aug. 5, 1932 to the late Melvin and Mary Sullivan. Thomas served his country honorably in the USAF, where he retired in 1986. He was actively involved in many organizations, including the Elks Lodge 1744, Azan Shrine Temple, Masonic Lodge 143, life member of the VFW, DAV, American Legion, and the Patrick AFB Retiree Committee. Thomas is survived by his daughters; Jeanette Whitescarver Hilleary (Lew), Hilda Sullivan Mildner (Bill), and Carol Jane Sullivan. He was predeceased by his spouses; Joyce N. Sullivan and Marion V. Sullivan; sister, Patricia Hayes; son, Thomas M. Sullivan and his buddy dog; Champ. A visitation was on Feb. 17, with a funeral service and Entombment following at Florida Memorial Gardens, Rockledge. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Melbourne Elks Lodge #1744 Modernization Efforts or the Brevard Humane Society in Thomas' name. NOTE: Picture, Guest Book, and more:

<http://www.beachfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/1498556/Sullivan-Thomas/index.php>

Memoriam: Jim Davis, Sorry to get the news that Tom had died...I have a lot of great memories of knowing Tom at AFTAC in Alexandria...I was fortunate and honored to have been part of the bowling team which included Tom, Jim **Salus** and Gen. Scott **Hall**.....Tom and Jim were excellent bowlers with a low or no handicap...Gen Hall and I were not very good with high handicaps and we were invited to join the team to give us a

few pins to work with...we really had fun and most always won the championship each year!



DAVIS, Col. Robert M. USAF (Ret.) Notified by Dale Klug, from the Sacramento Bee, 02.16

July 11, 1922 - 2 Feb. 2013

Passed away peacefully in Roseville, CA after 90 long and joyous years, with Joan, his beloved wife of 67 years, and daughters Deborah and Leslie at his side. He was

the father of four children, Bob Jr, Deborah, Douglas, and Leslie, all of whom adored and revered their father for his love of life, devotion to his wife, intellect, wit, ethics, courage and best of all, friendship and support. He will be fondly remembered by his family and friends made over the course of his 35-year Air Force career, golfer and other pastimes. He preferred that there not be a public service. His extended family plans a private gathering to celebrate his life.

Obituary, with picture, <http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODE/SacBee/LandingPage/LandingPage.aspx?href=TVNCLzlwMTMvMDlvMTY.&pageo=MTY.&entity=QXlwMTYxMA.&view=ZW50aXR5>

NOTE: Dale added, Col Davis was Chief, Personnel & Administration Branch, 1155 Technical Operations Squadron in the mid 1960s.

APPRECIATION

We continue to appreciate your support and hope that you find that our newsletters keep you informed? We try to include almost everything that we hear or find interesting and appropriate for sharing with all of you. Remember that as being involved with AFTAC over the years you have made a difference. We find that we are always reminded that what we sometimes thought were long and arduous days were actually in support of one part of defending our nation and keeping history secure for those who are up and coming. Share your pride and get involved because an organization of this type cannot solely run by a few, it always amazes me how much we can accomplish together!

Membership Application

(complete and mail to ATTN: Membership Chair) (address/contact information on Page two, left panel)

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

SPECIAL OFFER, for first time (new) members only, 3 year's dues for **\$20**

NAME _____ Spouse _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL/HOME PAGE (optional) _____

NOTICE: Membership information will be passed to other Alumni Chapters and members, and may be made available on the association website unless you state this information is not to be released.

SELECT PUBLICATION DELIVERY MODE: I choose to receive the triannual newsletter, **Post-Monitor** via

(X one) (Same Day as 'Printer') Electronic (Link/PDF) (Hard-Copy, Several Weeks Later) USPS

IN GOD WE still TRUST - ALL OTHERS, WE used to MONITOR!