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HAPPY 25TH LRDAA, MARCH 1985-2010

2010 APRIL



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

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

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

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



SAGE SALUTE

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



WALTER 'JACK' JACKSON
ALUMNI OF THE YEAR, 2009



CHRIS PIC

Jack's selection as our 15th AOY was announced on Jan 30th at SnowBall XII. Here we see him accepting the 'Traditional T' and our 'Space Coin' plaque from Assn President, Lloyd French. In making the announcement, Lloyd spoke of Jack's accomplishments for the assn (see editorial), and his involvement with veterans everywhere. For this 'Salute,' we asked Jack to provide information about himself. As you read what follows, you will come to fully understand Jack's selection for this honor.

Jack was born and raised in Philadelphia. After graduating from high school, he entered the Air Force, completed basic training and received his first assignment as an Air Policeman at Craig AFB, Selma, Alabama. After this assignment, he served at Bitburg Air Base Germany, George AFB, Victorville, California, Danang Air Base Republic of South Vietnam, (see pg 3)

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

CENTER ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC MAY 1ST, PATRICK AFB 'BLOCKHOUSE'

PAT SNYDER-DETAILS, MSGT JERRY RICE, BOOSTERS CLUB PRESIDENT, MSGT JEFF ANTHONY, 321-494-1680, IS CHAIRMAN

The Blockhouse is just North of the main gate on A1A. Ticket sales will commence 1 Apr and will be \$5 each/ \$25 max for families over 5 if purchased prior to 25 Apr. The price will go to \$7 ea/\$35 per family if purchased on or after 26 Apr. This event is catered. Tickets will not be sold at the door; however, Sages may pay for their tickets the day of the picnic if they let us know they are attending before the end of ticket sales (April 25th) (see active duty section for more details) ALUMNI CONTACT, PAT SNYDER, (321) 494-6867 OR PATRICIA.SNYDER@PATRICK.AF.MIL

20TH ANNUAL ASSN SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER MAY 14, COCOA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB, 1300

CHIEF MELTON

SPRING 2010 LRD Alumni Association Golf N'Getogether 14 May-Check-in starts at 1100, 1300 Shotgun Start. \$40 for Alumni Assn members and \$45 for non-members.

Format is a 4-person scramble (also known as better-ball). Fee includes golf, cart, and BBQ from Smokin Joes served for dinner. Mulligan's will be on sale 3 for \$5. Each mulligan is an entry into the

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ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

'Event' articles, when published, follows 'Alert' articles.

Stay current-visit 'www.aftacalumni.org,' and its links, often. Update/add your Sage information and register your email address to 'auto-receive' updates (eAlerts).

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients****Jack Jackson, 2009**

Robert 'Bob' Wiley 08-Bill Schmied 07-Deborah Carson 06
 Mike Black 05-Joe Goldian 04-Pat Snyder 03-'Joe' Johnson 02
 Jim Payne 01-Ben Vlassick 00 (deceased)-John Horsch 99
 Frank Hall 98-Judy Milam 97-Carl Gailey 96-Clark Creery 95

Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects representing and honoring center people and its history exist: Two of these, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts) and the 'Wall of Honor' of alumni who served the center for 20+ years (and have mailed in their photos/bios), are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment, Wyoming, Museum.

ASSOCIATION HISTORY A group of retired and 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 with a charter in 1986. It intends to provide 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 AF-TAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

There are three chapters.

1. Florida: (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Clark **Creery**, ccreery@cfl.rr.com, Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil; mailing address is: **Long Range Detection Alumni Assn, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**. There is this triannual newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below) (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor'), and a Website, '<http://www.aftacalumni.org>', with assn/alumni data, newsletters and photos-WebMaster-Mike **Black**; a 'Need to Know Now' link contains current event & 'Sages to remember' data-for link update notification, '<http://twitter.com/lrdntkn>'.

Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS" (5+ years board service) Clark Creery-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage, 01-07; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam, Sec 89-00/since 06, Hospitality since 01 Pres 04; Eunice Harris, Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch, Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey, Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' since 96, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster since 96; Jim Payne, 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' and a website, 'www.aftacco.org'. They meet several times a year-for information, see Website or Bill **Schmied**, (303) 367-0625.

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

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

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

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Boo's and Boo Boo's: None reported.

'Happy Birthday, AFTAC/LRD Alumni Assn!' See boilerplate left and you will read it was 1985.03.12 when a group of Sages got together at then Col **Clapper's** invitation and got this whole thing rolling and roiling. 25-Years and better than ever! To those interested, our 2005.09 (Sept) issue, on web site, is worth a read when we celebrated 20 and wrote a 'Special Sage Salute.' We would add to that article that Reunion 2007 (CO) and 2009 (FL) have come and gone and 2011 (CA) is being planned. Well worth a look.

We hope your 2010 has been a '10' so far and we wish you the best for the remainder of the year. We continue this first editorial of the year congratulating **Jack Jackson** on his selection as '**Alumni Of The Year, 2009.**' We have been working side by side with Jack for more years than we can remember; during those years he has been most active and served as President in FY2005. Jack is 'a regular'-rarely does he miss a meeting and is invaluable in getting this PoMo in your hands ... he has made the journey from printer to mailer almost every time starting over 6-years ago (12.2003) when we first contracted with ACMS to do our bulk mailing...., and, as you read in his 'Salute,' no one is more active in the veteran community than Jack ... thanks, Jack, for all you do for LRD Alumni, and veterans everywhere.

During the holiday season I had my annual eye appointment at the VA clinic in Viera, FL. While there, we were reminded of an important program that we have not mentioned for some time and becomes more and more pertinent as the years pass. It is a program most of us are eligible for and has the unusual name of 'Aid and Attendance.' Visit/call your closest VA office or read about this program at the website, '<http://www.veteranaid.org/program.php>'. The first paragraph of this website states, "The Aid and Attendance (A&A) Pension provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of the needs of nature. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisting living facility also qualifies."

eSense: As you know, we get mucho email every day purporting to be 'important.' Recently, Sage Gene **Ross** sent us an email that had such a logical, simple idea that could potentially be important, we just have to share it ... basically, it entails using your car alarm as a 'house/personal alarm' - keep your car keys close by at all times to 'sound the car alarm' if your home or life is endangered, and your car is close by. Never thought of this, Gene ... thank you.

SAGE SALUTE (Continued from page one)

Langley AFB, Kusan Air Base, Korea and Patrick AFB, Florida.

While serving his country, Jack had the opportunity to do a lot of traveling and was in 13 countries around the world. He was active in sports playing football in Germany and softball as a pitcher. He was also on the Air Training Command swimming team in 1959 finishing third place in the 100 yard back stroke.

After retiring from the Air Force, Jack worked as a Veterans Employment Representative with the state of Florida. After 22 years he called it quits and is now enjoying his retirement.

He is a member of the Vietnam Veterans of Brevard color guard, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Disabled Americans, American Legion, VFW, Veterans Memorial Center, Brevard Veterans Council and the AFTAC Alumni Association (being one of the first to join).

Jack is on the VVB Reunion Committee for the Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall. He brought Stand Down for homeless veterans to Brevard County. He also worked as a County Service Officer and was a National Service Officer for the American Legion.

Jack is the proud father of two girls and two granddaughters. Unfortunately his wife of three years passed away in November of 2009. He is proud to have served his country and enjoys volunteering wherever needed and enjoys retirement to the fullest.
JACK GAVE US THIS INFO IN HANDWRITTEN FORM ... TOM EDELMAN DECODED THIS WRITING AND FORMATTED AS A WORD DOCUMENT.

CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, FEB 4, TIDES

SEAN RYAN, ARTICLE-PICTURE, BASE PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN CONNELL

Jack was also recognized at this event honoring active-duty members, military and civilian, and a Sage 'Alumni Of the Year.' Here we see Jack accepting the Center Trophy from Col **Onaga**, AFTAC CC, and CMSgt **Nederhoed**, AFTAC CCS (who, by the way, are alumni association members as well!).

162 people, including several sages, were there to cheer for those honored. MSgt John **Sutton** was OPR but due to a TDY, 1Lt Eric **Blattner** stepped in & did a lot as well. There was a standing ovation when Jack's name was announced! Lt Blattner received the Gen's Coin for his outstanding performance of the Anthem, as did Jack for his selection as Alumni of the Year.



SAGE SPOTLIGHT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS



SEAN RYAN



FL CHAPTER SECRETARY



SEAN STEPPED UP THIS PAST SEPTEMBER TO OFFER HIS SERVICES AS THE CHAPTER SECRETARY FOR THE FY2010 BOARD. AS USUAL, WE LIKE TO SPOTLIGHT THESE 'NEW' BOARD MEMBERS SO YOU WILL KNOW THEM A LITTLE BETTER. WE TAKE THE UNUSUAL STEP THIS ISSUE OF HAVING BOTH A 'SALUTE' AND A 'SPOTLIGHT.' WE ASKED SEAN FOR A PIC AND SOME WORDS, SEE PICTURE AT LEFT, WORDS FOLLOW (BY THE WAY SEAN, NICE PICTURE!!):

MSgt Sean P. "Radar" Ryan, retired, (retirement picture at left) 2008.11, as 'Section Chief, Information Management, Directorate of Operations' and

'Office Manager' to the 'Director of Operations,' AFTAC.

During his career, Sean's assignments included positions with Tactical Air Command, Military Airlift Command, Pacific Air Forces Command, Strategic Air Command, Defense Intelligence Agency and Air Staff, Air Intelligence Agency, Air Combat Command, United States Central Command, and the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Command.

Sean was born in Northampton, United Kingdom on 5 August. He attended various schools throughout the world as an USAF dependant. He enlisted in the USAF in Phoenix, Arizona in July 1982 and was called to active duty in November 1982. In 1984, he married his bride of 25 years, Michelle Yvonne Ruzowski.

Sean came to AFTAC HQ's in June 1998 as NCOIC, Directorate Information Management, Directorate of Operations (where he was STEP promoted to Technical Sergeant). Along the way, he served a tour in FL, Okinawa, Nebraska, Washington DC, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Baghdad.

Sean has completed numerous training/college courses and job requirements and is a perennial volunteer to lead numerous drives, and is active in the local/base community. He is a regular supporter/sender of/to the Adopt-a-Soldier/Platoon CARE package program.

His hobbies include boating, wave running, water skiing, photography, camping and the great outdoors. Presently pursuing a career in the airline industry as a Flight Attendant and working on other job opportunities in the interim. Sean advises he "does not want "unemployed" on his resume (retirement is good, but that can only last SO long). Sean is a Lifetime member of the LRD Alumni Assn.

WELCOME ABOARD, SEAN ... YOU HAD A SPECTACULAR AF/AFTAC CAREER AND WE CAN CERTAINLY USE YOUR TALENTS AS YOU CONTINUE TO SERVE.

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP, from pg 1**20TH ANNUAL ASSN SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER**

drawing of door prizes.

Active-duty military, retirees, civilians, and contractors are welcome to participate. Enter by calling:

CMSgt Dave Melton at 321-494-3242

MSgt Kevin Alig at 321-494-4333 or email, damelto@aol.com.

Food-Smokin' Joe's Barbeque around 1730. Chicken, pulled-pork, baked beans, potato salad, mac-salad, coleslaw, green beans, sautéed mushrooms, bread, and ice tea or lemonade.

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

Prizes-There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, Men's long drive, Women's long drive and 2 closest to the pin contests and door prize drawings.

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

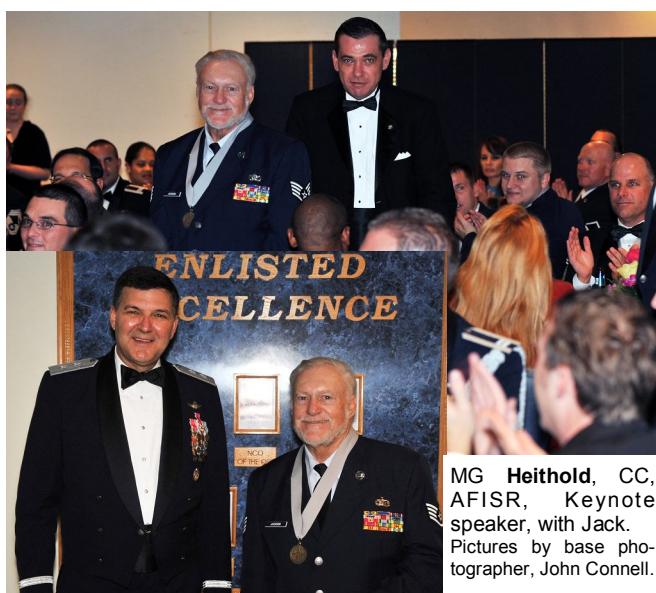


Sagey Sez, 'See Ya' on the course! Or, at the very least, in the 'Smokin' Joe' chow line!

—And it was great seeing so many of you at the AOY events and SnowBall 'SnowBallin.' >>>>

SCENE SAGES-CENTER AWARD BANQUET

Sean Ryan, our 'Spotlighter' this issue, leads the applause for Jack Jackson, the Florida Chapter's Alumni of the Year, 2009.



MG Heithold, CC, AFISR, Keynote speaker, with Jack. Pictures by base photographer, John Connell.

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF, from pg 1**ALUMNI SNOWBALL XII 30 JANUARY, TIDES CLUB**

DEBORAH CARSON, 'MAJOR ARRANGER'

WE WERE GONNA THROW A SNOWBALL
... AND WE DID (Literally)!

This may have been the best "Snowball" ever.

But first, a little history. Since 1999, it has been customary for the Alumni Association to arrange a 'Themed Ball' at the beginning of each year. This is done for several reasons; to include an event that does not involve playing a sport and can be held at a time that our alumni snowbirds are in town. We also believe it is a grand way to introduce the elected and appointed board members, recognize alumni and alumni accomplishments, hold a mini-reunion, and wish old friends a great beginning to a new year. In keeping with past years, a highlight was the announcement of our Alumni of The Year. This person was also honored at the Center's Annual Award Banquet on February 4th (see article). This was SnowBall's 12th year and each year we'd like see attendance grow each year; we were swamped last year with a great bunch in attendance. It is a tradition that the AFTAC Commander and Vice, Chief Scientist, AFTAC Superintendent, directors and other active-duty personnel are invited.

SnowBall always has a Theme. In the past, themes have been Hawaii, Germany, Florida, Wyoming, Thailand, Australia, and Korea--honoring locations where AFTAC had or has a presence. This year we honored our newest Detachment, Detachment 1, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, the home of our WC-135 fly boys AKA "Wings." Home of Major Jason Riera who was our guest speaker. He delivered an exceptional presentation that gave us a glimpse of a "Day at the Det." What a day! The members at the Det are dedicated to carrying out the air sampling mission for nuclear treaty monitoring--way cool! There was an awesome slide show of Det photos, the plane, and activities of the Det members. Thank you Det 1 for all you do to support the mission.

The Club was hopping that evening. In addition to the Alumni Snowball, the Civ/Mil Banquet was downstairs. That meant that we shared attendance. The Chief Scientist, Dr. David O'Brien, represented the command section; however, the Commander, Col Lisa Ann Onaga, was in the house and socialized with the Alumni before (and after) her presence was expected below. The Vice Commander, Col Jenkins, the Director of Staff, many of the directors and their superintendents spent quality time socializing with the Alumni. The Ocean Lounge was rockin' with both active duty and alumni having the best time. The best I've ever seen.

A poignant moment came when we announced the Alumni of the Year. Jack Jackson had no idea he was the "person of the evening" as the Alumni Of The Year, 2009! When announced he dedicated his award

to his late wife, Florence. There wasn't a dry eye in the Ocean Lounge.

To keep the evening rolling, we had the props. There were authentic air sampling filter papers, Chief (Ret) **French** (our Alumni Prez), and myself, were in full flight suit, there was a donated flight suit, helmet, and duffle bag on display. AFTAC loaned us a model replica of the current sampling plane. And we had an airplane construction and flying contest. Using a well designed paper airplane with tail number 667 (provided by SMSgt Matt **Brown**, Superintendent, Det 1), instructions were displayed on the screen so everyone had a limited amount of time to view, then all were encouraged to create an exact copy and then successfully fly "Da Plane." Alumni from AQ, Mr. Bob **Morton**, an Engineer, was our winner flyer of the evening—successfully flying his plane farther than anyone else using the specific instructions (verified by our Price Water House expert in-sky). He was appropriately awarded our first place prize ... that is, he got to keep "Da Plane!"

Finally, as for the SnowBall theme, well. Let's just say the snow was balling. I can say I saw snowballs flying. Starting from the beginning, our alumni know how to have fun. Dee **Melchior** and her husband Gene, planned appropriately for the theme. Airplanes, cattle, flora and fauna, and, of course, Styrofoam Snowballs, were all represented. Table decorations were very fitting and the door prizes grand. Good job! Thanks also go to Pat **Synder**, Eileen **Best**, and Judy **Milam** for their contributions in making the evening tremendous.

The menu was exceptional as usual. The Omaha beef was so fresh, you would have thought it was still on the hoof ... the Club did their usual outstanding presentation and dessert was delicious.

We had a great time! A few pictures follow. Sorry if you missed the festivities. Mark your calendars now for the end of January 2011 to attend the next fabulous/exceptional Snowball. You won't regret it. Be surprised by the theme.

MORE 'SCENE SAGES'

BOB WILEY, 1ST 2-PIC, JUDY MILAM, THE REMAINDER



Picture 1 (bottom left) Lloyd French, Chapter President, presents the 'Space Coin' plaque to Jack ... above we see Lloyd trying to get a handle on the plaque while Jack shows off his 'Traditional AOV T'



Here we have several very important people in the same place at the same time. Left is the 'Major Arranger,' Deborah Carson (she in her flight suit!!), and right is our 'Intrepid Insider,' Pat Snyder. Centered is George Henderson, Judy's husband.

Below-Two more important people, Dee (left) and Gene (right) with their out-of-town friend ... it was they who came up with the Styrofoam 'snowball's' that later filled the air. We just know this is slated to become a 'SnowBall' tradition. Please note Gene thought the Det 1 theme was more 'farm boy' than 'fly boy!'





Personals ...

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

In Memoriam

Sam Fowler
William (Bill) Taylor
Ronald Champion
Cecil Valdick
Howell D. Hollis
Harold 'Hal' Martin
Everett McGinnis
Allen J. "AJ" Johnson
Steve White
Danny W. Kelley
Gerald E. Pressley

Rest In Eternal Peace

Sam Fowler

HARVEY SHAW NOTIFIED US ON 12.14 THAT JACKIE FOWLER HAD WRITTEN HIM ABOUT SAM'S DEATH. A 'LEGACY.COM' SEARCH RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY ABSTRACT (UPDATED):

Sam Fowler, 72, retired Air Force of Macclenny (FL) died Sunday, August 16, 2009. He was born to the late Joseph Studley and Edna Bella Fowler on September 4, 1936, in Wyoming, Pennsylvania. In 1982, he retired as a United States Air Force chief master sergeant after serving his country for 27½ years.

Survivors include the love of his life and wife of 53 years, Jacqulyn Anna Fowler; children Sam Jr. of Jacksonville; Jackie (Joe) Solbach of Aldie, VA; Pam (Tom) Eckert of Rochester, NY; Ann (Mark) Riceman of Macclenny; eight grandchildren.

His children are thankful that their dad loved and cared for each of them, and faithfully served the Lord. While he is gone from this earth, his wife, children, in-laws, and grandchildren know he is with the Lord. He will live in our hearts and dear memories, and we will see him again in Heaven. His passion was sharing the love of Jesus and ensuring God's word was heard and spread throughout the world. He found wisdom and comfort in reading his Bible and in prayer. He loved to spend time with his family and friends. He was a deacon and member of Raiford Road Church.

The funeral service was held at 11:00 am August 20 at his church with pastors Johnny Raulerson and Eddie Griffis officiating. Interment and procession followed at Jacksonville

Veteran's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Northeast Florida Community Hospice Foundation 4266 Sunbeam Road Jacksonville, FL 32257 or Gideons International of Florida, Baker County Camp #0900.5, PO Box 894, Glen Saint Mary, FL 32040. Published in the Florida Times-Union on 8/18/2009

Memoriam

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

We served with Sam and Jackie, and their family, at several locations ... most closely at the 1157th (Weisbaden, Germany). Sam was an influence on our time there and a most kind and gentle soul, unless otherwise required!!! He knew how to let you know what he wanted 'when he wanted.' The world was truly better because of Sam.

William (Bill) Taylor

JERRY LABARRE-EMAIL, 01.04

We were notified by (Nancy Taylor, Spouse) in a Christmas card of his passing (2009.05). Later information: Bill died May 16, 2009 while in the hospital. He had pneumonia. Editor's note: Bill is listed at the alumni website but we could find no further info.

Ronald Champion

DONALD R. WAGNER-EMAIL, 01.06; ALSO, SEE DON'S EMAIL AT 'MAIL-CALL'

Ronald Champion of Toledo, Ohio, was an AFTAC alumni who died a few years ago. His widow lives in Toledo.

Cecil Valdick

JANET VALDICK-VERMONTILLE, MI-RECEIVED NOTE ON 01.11

Editor's Note: We were notified through postal channels 'party is deceased.' We have been unable to locate additional information.

Howell D. Hollis

BILL HUNTBURG, MSGT RET-EMAIL 01.13

I regret to pass the word of the demise of Howell D. Hollis (called Dean) on February 19, 2009. I had not spoken to Dean in over a year (shame on me). Nonetheless, as always, we sent him a CHRISTmas Card. It was not returned. We then received a CHRISTmas card from Dean's niece, Nancy, in Utah. She told us that Dean had passed away at home.

Dean and I had been buddies since serving together at SPINSTRA 1965 and 66. We both went to Det 430 in '66, and were the "Q" Maintenance Techs. After the 430 tour, we were "released" and assigned to different USAF units. Still, we kept in touch through the years, swapping CHRISTmas cards and chatting during the occasional phone calls. My wife, Roe, and I will miss him. He was a good friend.

Harold Martin

BARBARA MARTIN-EMAIL, JAN 15:

Harold Martin passed away this morning. His family deeply appreciates all of the prayers, support and condolences from all of his AFTAC friends. Thank you so much. Barbara, Dawn and Cheri. The family's address: 2846 Bayeux Ave, Melbourne FL 32935-8710, (321) 254-0741

OBITUARY-FLORIDA TODAY, 01.16

MARTIN Harold, 67, of Melbourne, died Friday, Jan

15, 2010. Arrangements by Florida Memorial Funeral Home, Rockledge.

Memoriam

JOHN HORSCH

I worked with Hal in the Space Terminal in the early 80's. Hal made the difference to my 'technical' survival in an arena (Space) that I had not dealt with before. I will always remember him for that and his 'jolly good laugh.'

Everett McGinnis

BOB WEST-EMAIL, 01.21

I heard from a former AFTAC friend T/Sgt David **Schneider** (ret), that a mutual friend and another AFTAC member passed on sometime last summer. He was M/Sgt Everett McGinnis. Thank you for notifying us Bob.

Allen J. "AJ" Johnson

MORGAN HARPER JOHNSON-TOM RILEY-DALE KLUG-EMAIL, 01.17

TOM WROTE: AJ WENT THROUGH THE CLASS AT LOWRY IN THE FALL OF '65. FROM THERE TO 5XXL AND THE 1155TH AT MCCLELLAN, AND THEN TO DET 407 SOMETIMES IN '67

We regret to inform you that Allen J. "AJ" Johnson died on Monday, 11 January 2010 of natural causes.

He was 62, a licensed pilot, Expert class HAM radio operator, a professional photographer and a senior programmer. Specially selected and trained in nuclear physics, AJ served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 through 1971 during Viet Nam stationed at Det 407. An Honors Graduate of Centennial High School, Pueblo , Colorado , AJ worked with IBM for 22 years, JPMorgan Chase Bank for 10 and, most recently, was employed as a Middleware Specialist by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. His family held a memorial with military honors in Pueblo on 23 January. He is survived by his wife, Morgan Harper Johnson, his son, Allen J. Johnson II, his brother, Ed Wheeler, and his sisters, Van Pace, Noelle Faricy, Evera Wheeler and Deidre Mihelich, together with their families. His loss is mourned by friends and colleagues and his step-daughters, Laura Edwards and Heather Hancock.

Steve White

REPORTED BY JONI HOSKINS FROM GEORGE GONZALES-01.27

Editors Note: In an email concerning contacting Sages (Mail-Call, this issue), Joni reported, '...' Steve White is deceased, though I do not know the date of death."

Danny W Kelley

RUBY KELLEY CALLED RUSS RIDENS

Deceased. Note: Danny's info at the alumni website informs us he served at 1155th, 1157th and Det 401.

Memoriam

JOHN AND CHRISTEL HORSCH

We were informed of Danny's death during the previous issue's publication cycle but held off any notice hoping we would receive additional verification and information. We have not but have received notice thru several sources and are confident to post notice.

We knew, and worked with, Danny at the 1157th. He was a true gentleman and technician, and very easy and enjoyable to work with. We last saw him several years back when he and Ruby traveled to Florida.

Gerald E. Pressley

JOHN LANIGAN-EMAIL, 02.14

The following notice appeared in the Appeal-Democrat of Yuba City, CA, on Saturday, February 13, 2010. Gerald E. Pressley 80 of Smartsville passed away February 8, 2010. I talked to Gerry's daughter, Ruth Pressley Thayer, who told me there would be a cremation without any formal services.

Gerry was a long time member of 1009th SWS, 1035th USAF FAG and AFTAC. I do not know his service history but I believe his final assignment in AFTAC was in the Q. system.

TAPS

In Memory of Those We Knew Well Now Gone But Never Forgotten

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, 1862

Day is done; gone the sun,
From the lakes, from the hills,
From the sky.
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh,

Fading light dims the sight,
And a star light the sky, gleaming bright;
From afar, drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky;
As we go, this we know:
God is' nigh.



MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to
Long Range Detection Alumni Association
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Thanks to all who write!! We publish all correspondence, unless otherwise requested, so your name, and the memories it invokes, may be recalled. Normally, we will not include personal information, e.g., address, phone number, etc, unless you ask or seemingly appropriate (e.g., follow-up).

EMAIL/MAIL

HELP ... SAGE ASSISTANCE NEEDED ... HELP

1. Electronic (ePoMo) failures (Hard-Copies mailed):

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2. USPS delivery 'uncorrected' failures:

None, we had 6 failures of 389 mailed, a 98+% success rate; USPS provided corrections. **Each failure costs** your assn **\$.50**; please keep addresses current.

Please send corrections to our Membership Chair, Clark Creery @ ccreery@cfl.rr.com or to the Assn address on Page Two.

FIRST eSAGE TO 'REPORT IN'

John (Mac) McGettigan 12.15 @ 1131

Great job. Memories that picture of the softball team (sic) brought back. That was a few years ago and nice to see the gang. Thanks for another great job. For those who knew my family, my daughter Sandra McGettigan, age 54, passed away Dec 7, 2009, after a 10 1/2 year battle with brain cancer. I know many of the alumni knew her so please pass this on. Thanks, John, for your quick reply. Sages such as yourself make our job easy. Our sympathies for your daughter's passing.

Jim (Red) Davis 12.15 @ 1350

Thanks for the PoMo John....I just received it but had to read it before my reply.....that is why I'm never number one anymore.. #2 ain't bad!!!

Was saddened to learn of so many deaths of special people who were good friends and with whom I worked with and who provided a lot of lasting memo-

ries. May they all rest in peace.....

Joseph (Joe) Johnson 12.15 @ 1515

Just finished reading the Dec 2009 PO MO. That has to be the best newsletter ever. I have an idea of the work that goes into a newsletter and thank you for your efforts. Joe, that means a lot coming from you ... thanks.

Frank Calenda 12.15 @ 1553

WOW! What a great issue! Twenty four pages of News, Crews, and Blues. Some very well written articles giving insight to histories that made this organization great. Reading these stories, can't you just see the joy they had in the jobs at hand, the love and admiration towards their fellow workers, the immense sadness at the loss of someone that was close? For what possible reasons would these memories stand the test of time, in some cases, over 50 years?

I'm sure some of our members give this PoMo a quick once over and move on to something more important, like sending email jokes. It's really their loss because every page is filled with something about someone's life, the life he or she lived serving for our time honored organization. They say that history is lost on the newer generation. Too bad.

Thanks for a dynamic publication and a special thanks for the very hard, dedicated efforts it takes to do this. Only a very few people will ever know just what it does take. Frank and Edna Calenda This means a lot coming from you guys!! You are one of our greatest contributors; Sages like you make our day, and our job the joy it is.

Clark Creery 12.18

You (guys) outdid yourselves with this Newsletter. As always, I am amazed (how) good it is. It is a tribute to the AFTAC'ers who care enough to read what you have formatted and respond when they have things to share. Thanks, Clark, and we appreciate your support.

A 'Guess Who' Answered

'Ask and you shall receive'

Clark Creery 12.18

(LAST ISSUE, CLARK QUERIED) PICTURE/QUESTION FOR THE PUB. DICK GULLETT ON THE LEFT, BILL WETTSTEIN (DECEASED) IN THE MIDDLE AND WE WANT TO KNOW WHO THE FELLOW ON THE RIGHT IS? (THIS ISSUE, CLARK WRITES) JAMES BUFORD CLENDENEN EMAILED MINUTES AFTER THE EPOMO (LINK) WAS SENT AND IDENTIFIED THE THIRD PERSON AS DOUG GILDNER-NOW MRS. WETTSTEIN IS A HAPPY CAMPER.

(and, later, Dick Preston) I might be way off base, but



the name Doug **Gildner** comes to mind when I look at that picture of Dick **Gullett** and Bill **Wettstein** and the third man. I think SSG Gildner was the third supply man at Det 3XX and SSG Bill **McCormick** was the number two guy when Dick Gullett was in charge.

I appreciate all you do for the LRD Alumni Association, and I love going to the reunions. AFTAC was the only organization I was in while serving six years in the Air Force. I subsequently retired from the Michigan Army National Guard.

(and later, Dick **Gullett**, himself a subject of this photo): Hi Clark, was reading the Dec 2009 Post-Monitor and saw the picture of me, Bill, and Doug Gildner. Not sure of the spelling of the last name. Doug was stationed with us at a detachment between 1968-1970. Enjoy reading the newsletter, Keep up the good work. Yours Truly-A Sage 'thank you, guys,' for taking the time to write.

Jon/Vi Richardson-Deer River, MN 12.24

In the Dec issue there was an item in the BS column re: Det 205 at Shemya and it mentioned John **Royer**. John and I go way back to the old Connies at Otis AFB, Cape Cod, MA. in the late 50s. John and I got stationed together again at the 1155th and when he found out I had orders for Det 205 he gave me a horrendous hard time about going to the end of the earth and freezing my buns off, all of which was true. Well I arrived at 205 in Jun 1971 and settled in for my 1 year tour. In May of 1972 I got a message saying who my replacement was and I couldn't believe my eyes but there it was in black and white, John Royer. Needless to say I was first in line to welcome old John to Shemya and what did he have to say as he got off of the C-141? DON'T SAY A DAMN WORD. Not a friendly greeting but adequate for the occasion.

I also noticed Capt **Bandy's** name mentioned and that brought back many memories of countless hours of liars dice in the smokehouse with him. Capt Bandy was a Graduate of Virginia Military Institute, (VMI) and while playing liars dice he would state, VMI doesn't lie, which of course was a lie. Capt Bandy was a great officer to work with and I enjoyed his company.

If Capt Bandy or John Royer read this I would enjoy hearing from them. E-Mail, mollyvj@paulbunyan.net From the Edge of the Wilderness.

Fred Wilkenloh-wlknlo@nc.rr.com 01.03

I served with the 1009th in Korea and in Encampment from 1957 through 1960. I have had no contact with anyone in the group in all this time and would like very much to be in touch if possible. Fred, good to hear from you and we hope others will respond to your address above.

Eugene McKay-MSgt (Ret) 01.03

Here is a photo I just located in my so-called files. It was taken sometime in 1963 I believe near the base bowling at John Hay AB. I'm not sure what the award was for that we are holding. From left to right are the following, as best as I can recollect them:

CAPT. **DEEM**-TEAM COMMANDER, SSGT JIM **SALUS**-ADMIN

(AND GREAT GUY), YOURS TRULY-TEAM NCOIC, UNKNOWN-BUT OUR SUPPLY SERGEANT, I BELIEVE TSGT. **BLAIR**-SYSTEM ? NCOIC, 1ST LT. EUGENE **ROSS**-TEAM ADJUTANT.

I can not imagine that Jim Salus is gone, I would not



have thought that Lt. Ross would remain in the Service but I am glad he did. He was a good officer although we did have the occasional disagreement. The team at John Hay was one of the best I served with, although each team was by far better than the last one I suppose. I can't remember everyone but I do remember Gene **Wagner**, Chuck **Hall**, and Jim (?) **Paterson**.

I'm sure others might like to see this stalwart crew. I'd like to hear from any of them again, especially if they remember more that I can at 80!

Thanks for your very quick reply. I am a Life member by the way and I live in Maine. I served the last twelve years of my career with AFTAC from Denver, Korea, Vermont, Ladd AFB (Alaska), and John Hay, plus twice at Headquarters (Alexandria). I retired as a B/Q man and visited nearly all "Q or "B"" sites there were, excepting Europe, at one time or another. Its okay to publish and, if you'd like, you may give my e-mail address out. Gene, Thanks for taking the time to send the picture and write ... per your request, too2twain@myfairpoint.net

Bobby Richardson

01.05

99125L FROM 65-68 AT MCCLELLAN AFB

I very much enjoyed the Worldwide reunion in May last year. I was terminated from my job of over 40 years on APR 27, and almost backed out of going to the reunion. As it turned out, I think the 9-day road trip I took was very good for me. Besides meeting old friends (and new ones), I visited Cape Canaveral, Savannah, GA, went to state archives in Columbia, SC and Morrow, GA for my genealogy hobby, and met numerous cousins in SC for the first time who I had corresponded with for years! All that allowed me to take my unexpected retirement in stride. I hope that some of the other 17 computer programmers let go at the same time as me survived it as well. The bad economy has really taken its toll. We remember you from the reunion and enjoyed our time with you ... thanks for writing.

Donald R. Wagner

DON ALSO SENT INFO ABOUT RONALD CHAMPION ('ALUMNI TO REMEMBER')

I recently discovered the AFTAC alumni organization, did not know such a thing could exist. I am an AFTAC alum (Colorado 1960-61; California 1961-62; HQ 1962-1965). I would like to purchase a jacket or a golf shirt from the store one sees mentioned in the newsletters before I die of old age or the cancer eating me presently? Can you help me with this?

Thanks in advance for your attention to this request. John Lawrence and Bob Fernandes and Bill Bickerstaff were people I knew in AFTAC, and now I know they are no longer with us. We complied with Don's request, noted his address suffix, 'edu', guessed how he had 'found us,' and mentioned our time at the HQ's in Alexandria, VA, around the time he was there. He emailed back: Thank you so very, very much. I left HQ in May of 65...Lawrence was my boss ... a great guy. There was also a young ROTC grad named Bill Flowers who arrived about the time I left. Champion left there a few months before I did.

I did indeed find you on the internet after I was alerted to AFTAC's website and a 1995 book by a fellow airline passenger who looked at me after I described circumspectly the work I did while in service..."you were in AFTAC!...go look at their website." Wonder if this guy was a former 'Long Ranger'?

Take care, and I hope we can one day meet. P.S.: You can probably find out almost all of my post-AFTAC days from the University's web stuff about me if anyone has an interest in that sort of thing. Don, see ya at the next reunion! We took you up on looking at the university's website, <http://www.westga.edu/~honors/administration.htm> – good work!!! You have done well in your post-Sage days.

Jack Wagley**Jan**

TYPED BY TOM EDDLEMAN-QUESTION MARKS INDICATE WHERE SPECIFIC DECODING WAS NOT POSSIBLE. EDITOR'S NOTE: IN LAST ISSUE'S MAIL-CALL, JACK ASKED ABOUT JOE JOHNSON AND JOE WROTE JACK A LETTER. JACK STARTED THIS LETTER WITH INFO ABOUT JOE AND HIS CONTINUING HEALTH PROBLEMS FROM SERVING IN SE ASIA-HE ALSO WROTE:

Dear Detection, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am still (healing) as you can tell by my handwriting and I can still hardly read my own handwriting.

I hope someone can tell me what happened J and G Johnson, they stopped writing after Joe found he liked to use computers for his communications. I never have learned to do much with computers except play solitaire, my wife has managed to play pinochle when she can get up a game and if I try to get info from computer, I cannot see ??? If anyone who reads this can tell us what happened to the Johnson's, we would appreciate it. As it is I have learned to hate the INTERNAL ELECTRONIC INTERLOCATICE APPERTUS! P.S. I am still outpatient at V.A. Ann Arbor Healthcare System, 2215 Fuller Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-9649. We contacted Joe and he has written Jack. We hope all works out well for you, Jack, and you and Joe are able to make contact. We have included a mailing address so others might also contact Jack.

Dana Kelley, AFTAC '75-'82**Jan**

Your most recent edition of the Post Monitor included a tribute to the WC-135B aircraft and its contributions

01.06

to the airborne sampling collections. I am sure many of the former SEO's will remember with a great deal of pride the successes of many of those missions.

I would like to point out, however, that there were many other types of aircraft that were the predecessors (and equally successful) to the WC-135B. I believe a WB-29 aircraft was the first to make a successful collection of the Soviet atomic tests. Many subsequent collections were made by the WB-50's, WB-47E's, RB-57C/D/F's, WC-130E's and some other SAC aircraft. I believe the WB-57's made the first collections against the French tests in the South Pacific. I know that the WB-47E made the initial collection of the first Chinese test in October 1964 as I was the pilot on that mission.

I provide this information not only as a clarification to the sampling missions but also to pay tribute to those SEO's who kept us "pointed in the right direction."

My compliments to all who put together the Post - Monitor. Keep up the good work. Thank you for taking the time and effort to add this additional information. Also, we were pleased you listed your 'AFTAC Dates' with the article-this is something we encourage all our 'authors' to do.

Robert West**01.21**

I (have) heard from a former AFTAC friend T/Sgt David Schneider (retired), that a mutual friend and another AFTAC member passed on sometime last summer. He was M/Sgt Everett McGinnis. We all served together in the 1952 era when the 1009th SWS was located at 14th and Constitution in DC. There is another former AFTAC'er from the same time frame who currently lives in Pensacola FL. His name is S/Sgt Oz Nunn. Bob, thanks for this info. We have added Everett to our 'deceased' listing(s) and would appreciate any additional info on David and Oz.

Bill Strader**Letter received-01.25**

DATED 01.05, TRANSCRIBED BY TOM EDDLEMAN

I was in AFTAC from 1962-1974 in the "R", "W", "I" and other systems. I worked for both Jim Davis and Bob Jones. I was at Alexandria, Virginia from 64-71. Sorry to hear of Bob passing away.

Please send me a listing of members, if it is possible, I would like to know where some of the co-workers are. Thanks. Bill, we have put you in touch with the best 'Membership Chair' we have at this time, Clark Creery, and he will take care of you or you let us know!! We also passed on your note to Jim.

Joni Hoskins**01.27**

Hi, I served in the USAF from 1975-1985, ending my years @ 1155th Technical Operations Squadron (1155th TOS), McClellan AFB, CA, in AFTAC. I served with Ralph Grogg, Gerald Bohlander, who are listed as deceased on the alumni site.

Others in the squadron were Dominic Dimaggio, Bob & Jeanne Haslett, George & Diane Gonzales, Adrian Santiago, Dean VanNatten, and Steve White. I have heard that Steve White is also deceased, though I do not know the date of death. I was told by George Gonzales. I wish all those I mentioned were

listed on the site, but only Dominic Dimaggio seems to be. Just passing along the info I can remember. Sage readers, any responses to these names?

Thanks to all who do the work behind the scenes. Thank you for 'finding' us and writing

Frank & Edna Calenda

03.06

Edna and I attended the 2010 Snowball held at the Tides Club. AFTAC, to me, has always been an organization of dedication, honor and tremendous camaraderie. Oh there were times when I would have changed career fields but then memories of SAC would renew my thoughts of satisfaction with AFTAC. We have attended many of the Snowball venues but we'd just like to say that this one went over the top. The decorations were great, the planning was faultless, the food was outstanding, the presentations were full of fun and laughter, and maybe a few tears, and everyone participated, in one way or another, to making this a memorable night. This is the one time that we actually felt bad for those who missed this or couldn't make it. That will be our position at the Snowball tentatively scheduled for January 29, 2011. We will be out of country but our thought will be with those in attendance. I would highly suggest that anyone that reads this, and can consider attending, that they mark their calendars right now. You won't be disappointed. Frank, We agree it was one of the most fun SnowBalls ever.

Notes at our PO Box

01.31

Curt Smith'-Smitty' sent \$20 and wrote: "Sorry about being so late. Am sending next years dues in early to partially make up for it."

David Hursey sends in a Lifetime Membership request and his check for \$75.00.

Donald R. Wagner sent \$39.00 for 'Sage Shop' Items and wrote: "Dear Pat Snyder I very much appreciate your help with this and hope someday we'll meet."

MBRSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE

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

'Serial Sages'

(New Lifetime Members):

David C. Hursey, Sean Ryan, Allen D. Christensen, Stephen Cary, Eugene McKay, Marvin Weber

'Sustaining Sages'

(Annual Members, new and renewals):

Curtis Smith, Norm Edwards, Marvin Hopkins, Bill Harris, John Perry, Al Owsiany, Jay Bilyeu, Richard Gullett, Howard Dibble, N.C. Anderholm, C.E. Schuster, Guy Turner, David Stambaugh, Vern Mikkelson, Carl Gailey, Joe Goldian, Alex Disanto, Howard Foster, William Strader, Charles Wright, Wayne Reece, Jack Jackson, Al Moyers, Frederick Budelman, Tim Heenan, David Cullinane, Thomas Gehman, Mary Welch, Robert Kridle, Harvey Shaw

Jr., Wally **Huffaker**, James **Smith**, Evin **Hartman**, Ken **Oyer**, Charles **Desrosier**, William **Mett**, Carey **Dobbins**, John **Frias**, Deborah **Carson**, John **Nederhoed**, Terry **Jordan**, George **Kraus**, Jack **Tucker**

NEWS TO USE

FRANK CALENDRA

- 1.Tricare Benefits Chart-2. Impact of health reform:
- 1.<http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Medical/Costs>
- 2.MOAA: Military Officers Association of AmericaMOAA on TRICARE Impacts of National Health Reform

CHARLES TONER>JIM PAYNE

It's official, DD-214's are NOW Online:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html>

MAIL OF GENERAL INTEREST

CLARK CREERY-EMAIL, 12.09, SENT THIS NEWS ARTICLE WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ALSO FIND INTERESTING. REPORTED AT [HTTP://WWW.FOXNEWS.COM/STORY/0,2933,579804,00.HTML](http://WWW.FOXNEWS.COM/STORY/0,2933,579804,00.HTML) AND ELSEWHERE

Iran Accuses U.N. of Using Observatory on Border as Spy Station

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran accused world powers on Wednesday of trying to spy on the country with a newly built U.N. seismic monitoring station near its border to detect tremors from nuclear explosions.

Construction of the station was completed last week in neighboring Turkmenistan, a few miles from the Iranian border. It's one of 337 such stations worldwide that detect seismic activity set off by weak blasts and even shock waves from nuclear experiments.

Abolfazl Zohrehvand, an adviser to Iran's nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, said the international treaty that allows for setting up such observatories is an "espionage treaty." "With the disclosure of the identity of such stations, it is clear the activity of one of them (in Turkmenistan) is to monitor Iran," Zohrehvand told state IRNA news agency. Zohrehvand said the U.N. planned to set up more than one such station around Iran. The U.S. and some of its allies suspect Iran's nuclear program is a cover to develop nuclear weapons. Iran has denied the charges, saying the program is geared toward generating electricity.

A UN commission that seeks to ban all nuclear tests announced last week on its Web site that the new nuclear warning station has been set up between Turkmenistan's Karakum Desert and the Kopet mountain range. The Vienna-based Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, or CTBTO, said the station has now been fully constructed and is currently undergoing testing. Zohrehvand said the CTBTO is a "security and espionage treaty, even more dangerous" than the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty's additional protocol, which allows intrusive inspections of nuclear facilities in member states. Iran is a member of both the CTBTO and the NPT.

The United Nations has demanded Iran freeze uranium enrichment. Tehran insists it has a right to enrich uranium to produce fuel for nuclear reactors to generate electricity. Uranium enriched to low levels can be used as nuclear fuel but enriched to higher levels, can be used as material for a nuclear bomb.

Iran and the West are deadlocked over a U.N. proposal for Iran to send much of its enriched uranium abroad. The plan is aimed at drastically reducing Iran's stockpile of enriched uranium in hopes of thwarting the country's ability to potentially make a nuclear weapon. So far, Iran has balked at the offer.

Recently, Tehran announced it intends to build the 10 new sites — a statement that followed a strong rebuke from the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency.

Lloyd FROM French THE TOP

PREZ There are some great aspects of being elected president of the AFTAC Alumni. The double-edged aspect of it is the fact that the term is limited. On the one side, there is precious little time to make the organization better; on the other, there's a limit to the damage that can be done! My time is getting short; in just a few months my 2nd term will come to a close with (frankly) little to show in the way of building and sustaining our core meeting attendees...it's a fact. There were the usual opportunities taken to generate in-person attendance—the picnics, golf tournaments, the banquets—but success is still lacking.

One of the most important functions of a leader is sustaining the organization. Their positive attitude, honesty, communication skills, and personal definition of the “way ahead” for the people meld into a synergy of purpose for all. Sustaining the AFTAC Alumni presents challenges like no other because our membership is buttressed by people **leaving** AFTAC versus being composed of members transitioning into its folds. The departing people are difficult to interest in our organization—they aren't *difficult* mind you—their focus is a 1,000-yard stare into what is (many times) an uncertain future.

One visual aid I keep on my wall is, “Tips for Negotiating and Compromising with Difficult People.” The first step in the process is having a positive attitude. Sound familiar? There are other steps like shared interests, being honest, and an expert communicator. It speaks of dealing with facts—not emotions—and stresses the value of alternatives and compromise. The tools urge one who uses the technique to end on a good note—a win-win situation—and to (lastly) enjoy the process.

Transitioning people understand the concept that their network is an important factor in finding after-AFTAC employment. The network is only as robust as your involvement with it and the AFTAC Alumni is an exceptional network. Let me start my ending by saying thank you to all the AFTAC Alumni members who come to our monthly meetings at 5PM at the AFTAC building every 2nd Monday of each month. To those of you who are, for many and varied reasons, non-attending members, I honestly feel you will find a measure of camaraderie and fraternity that expands your network. I am open to alternative ways and places for us to meet as a group. Give us your ideas, give us your thoughts, and—if you can—your time.

NOTICE: Florida Membership/WorldWide (WW) Directories
WW is an expanded listing of all who serve/served and we have record of—it is 'searchable' at the website, 'www.aftacalumni.org', 'Locator' link & is also maintained 'Off-Line'-Directories available, via email, to paid-up members—Clark Creery, 'ccreery@cfl.rr.com'.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members

Elected

President-Lloyd French	Vice-Addison Mitchell
Secretary-Sean Ryan	Treasurer-Joe Goldian

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt John Nederhoed	Hall of Heritage-Vacant
Hospitality-Judy Milam	Internet-Mike Black
Membership/Off-Line Database-Clark Creery	
Newsletter-John and Christel Horsch	
Publicity- Need a Volunteer	Sage Shop-Pat Snyder

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A Minute with the Minutes

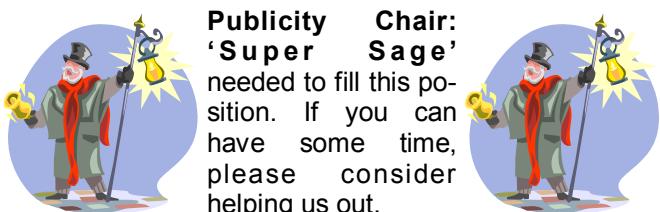
AFTAC Cares Program: This ongoing program supporting deployed active duty AFTAC members continues to receive good support from Sages. (see active duty section and alumni assn website for details) Phone cards are especially needed and welcomed.

Membership: Clark Creery reports **FL Membership** at 630 w/572 LT-256 eSubscribers, **WorldWide**, 4577-Deceased, 380. See Clark's article following.

Post-Monitor: On Schedule

Hall of Heritage: Per last report, plans are being worked to have the AFTAC Hall of Heritage approved by the AF Museum. Alumni members may be asked to help with identification of items and provide stories of their experience using the items

***Golf:** The 20th Annual Fall Golf N'Getogether will be on May 14th, at the Cocoa Beach Golf Course (see page 1). Chief **Melton**, LGM, stepped up to be the 'Major Arranger' for this event.



Publicity Chair: 'Super Sage'
needed to fill this position. If you can have some time, please consider helping us out.



More Minutes with the Membership Chair

CLARK CREEERY

I want to thank all of those who responded to my call for membership during Dec/Jan. I do not know if you all realize that as the OLD (Off-Line Database) maintainer I keep records that we have had with the association since the mid-80's. We currently list over 4500 people including deceased and those individuals reported by California and Colorado. It is a handy listing that often brings back fond memories of past actions (some not so fond, but still a part of our history).

The information is continually evolving along with technology. Data started out in two forms:

- A. info provided by both the CA and CO Chapters
- B. 3x5 cards maintained by Mary Welch

In the 90's I transferred the data cards into a Dbase IV listing. That listing was maintained by Carl **Gailey**

and Jim **Payne** for several years.

Carl owned a computer but he had no hard drive. Data was maintained on a set of 'Zip Disks' that would only hold limited data. Often the disks had to be redone to provide space on each one of them for additions. Jim then maintained the data on his machine.

Along the way, Carl and Jim asked for my assistance and eventually turned the task over to me. One of my first actions was to convert the database to "Microsoft Access 2000." In the meantime, the 'Membership Chair,' Randy **Vlassick**, maintained the Florida Chapter portion on an Excel Spreadsheet.

We both continued to share data with our 'On-Line Data' as maintained by Mike **Black** and listings provided by Randy. Later I updated our software to 'Access 2003' and added search functions and tables to provide information about the entire database.

Naturally when you have many hands and different methods of data input this brings to mind the old adage "Garbage in – Garbage out." To try to get a handle on all of this data and to protect it for your security I am in the process of encrypting the data in the new 'Access 2007.' What a change and I only hope that I can learn this new programming to cut down the possibility of errors. I maintain backup copies and provide John **Horsch** an Excel spreadsheet just in case.

We have names, addresses, telephone numbers and comments in the database and you can rest assured that your information is being protected. Should you wish to have any of the information **not entered** let us know. If you would like to see the data we will provide a pdf copy upon request electronically (it would require 255 pages to print a copy and local printers would charge us an arm and a leg).

We often get queries about individuals and your information is not released without your approval. To give you an idea of the volume of the data we maintain here are current statistics:-Electronic newsletters, 259 email addresses-Snail mail, sent via USPS to 377 personnel-Florida Membership, 636-Lifetime Members, 577-The overall Worldwide Directory hovers around 4580 personnel. Stay Tuned, we are on a roll!

West Coast Chapter Officers for 2010-2011								Elected 15 Nov 2009
Asst Chmn of the Board	Chmn of the Board of Dir's	Asst Treasurer	Director At Large	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Asst Secretary	WCC President
Orv Pritchard	Ken Denbleyker	Dennis Nolan	Steve Fritts	Dave Tarquino	Bob Baker	Butch Kemna	Ken Breitwieser	Charlie Penn

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DEPOT FALLOUT

Charlie **Penn**, President; Dave **Tarquino**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); Orville **Pritchard**, Asst. COB; Steve **Fritts**, Director At Large; John 'Butch' **Kemna**, Treasurer; Dennis **Nolan**, Asst. Treasurer; Bob **Baker**, Secretary; Ken **Breitwieser**, Asst. Secretary, Dave **Price**, Membership; Newsletter Editor-Dale **Klug**, Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob **Fitzgerald**-Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>. Membership: 159/133 are Lifetime

#FL Ed NOTE: Complete Fallout's are posted at the CA website (URL above). Visit to view current and past issues, pictures, mail, and more. Herein, we extract portions of 'Fallout' recognizing that not all Sages are regular internet users: (1) Events (2) New Officers elected, see list above with article and picture below (3) It was very good news to see the CA Chapter preparing for the 2011 WorldWide, and (4) a ton of letters & 'Prez Sez,' next page.

(1) Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING **Meetings, 1st Tuesday** quarterly (06.01, 09.07, 12.07) at the LionsGate Restaurant at McClellan Park.

Potluck-05.10/15-Deadline/Date of Spring Potluck at Tempo Park, 1100 to 1500, at Citrus Heights, CA

Nov-2010 Fall Social is being planned for this month

Confirm events before coming-call ahead to our Vice President or check 'Events' page at <www.AFTACWCC.org>

(2) New West Coast Alumni Chapter Officers

DALE KLUG, EDITOR

Check out the list (above) of **New Chapter Officers** elected at our Fall Social and installed at our December 1st general membership meeting. We also had a lot of people step up and volunteer to help with our upcoming projects. **(3) 2011 Reunion Committee**

Volunteers: Charlie Penn, John Lanigan, George Thompson, Dave Price, Joe Johnson, Ken Denbleyker, Nancy Price, Eva Breitwieser, Jeanne Haslett and Peggy Rheault. **TOD Air Museum Display Project Volunteers:** Steve Fritts, Orv Pritchard and Ken Denbleyker. **Special Projects Committee Volunteers:** Charlie Penn, Tom Wentz, Al Pavik, Rosalie Allison, Butch Kemna, Steve Fritts, Gayle Johnson and Laura Horne.

(4) Mail Call

DON'T FORGET OUR MAIL CALL ADDRESS: FALLOUTEDITOR@AFTACWCC.ORG

Betty Havlik Email: 23 Oct 2009. Hi, just want to give you my e-mail address so that I will receive the Depot Fallout letter via e-mail instead of US Post Office. I do enjoy reading it but not a lot of names that I recognize anymore, as it has been 41 years since CJ retired from the 1155th. He passed away 8 years ago so don't have him to discuss the ones that I do know. Thanks for sending it to me.

Gary Hamm Email: 17 Nov 2009. I am saddened by the news of Colonel **Dettmer's** passing. I served under him at Det 202 along with Bob Fitzgerald from Nov 67 to Mar 69. Even after all these years I remember what a kind gentle person he was. To Bob and all who knew him, I extend an upraised hand to toast Col Dettmer and those magic years. Sincerely, Gary Hamm, Westminster, CO.

Jane White Email: 13 Dec 2009. Ed Note: Jane is still at the Chechon Children's Home, if you would like a copy of her very informative 2009 Christmas newsletter with pictures, just email me & I'll forward it to you.

Thanks Dale, that was very special to me. You know how I feel about the US troops away from home. Not very many at Camp Long any more, it will probably close in 2010. The Det will still be there but they will be living in Wonju. There is no officer any more, just a Det Chief and about eight men. No one really knows about these men and women now - unless you have been hugged by them. I am very thankful that God has allowed me to be a Grandmother, Mom, and older sister to many of you. All US troops are always in my prayers. Love and Prayers. Jane cchjane@yahoo.com

Ken Smith Email: 18 Sep 2009. In memory of Lt. Col. **Jack Allison**. Major Allison interviewed me for Special Weapons in March of 1965. He told me that there were more qualified people for the four slots available. I told him I could get through any Air Force school with flying colors. He believed me. I spent 9 months at Lowry, 14 months at Det 207, and 4 years at AFTAC headquarters where I met my wife of 39 years. The officers I worked for at AFTAC encouraged me to get out and go to school and helped me find a job in Santa Barbara. I got a degree in physics from UCSB and have been a research scientist for the last 32 years. Thank you Major Allison for setting the direction of my life. I am sure you did the same for many others. SSGT Kenneth S. Smith, 99125 (E) Feb 1965 - Mar 1971, Senior Scientist, Metatech Corporation, Goleta

Fred Wilkenloh, Durham, NC, Email: 3 Jan 2010. Hi - hopefully Bob Fitzgerald will read this somehow and we can establish some contact after 50+ years. My name is Fred Wilkenloh and I served with the 1009th in Korea and in Encampment from 1957 through 1960. I have had no contact with anyone in the group in all this time and would like very much to be in touch if possible. Thank you. Editor's Note: Fred was sent info on how to join ours and the Florida alumni chapters.

Dan Fadness Email: 29 Dec 2009. Here it is nearly the end of the year and I need to renew my dues. I couldn't sleep tonight and everything in God's world was running through my head. AFTAC popped up and I realize it is probably too late to meet the year end deadline. **HOWEVER**I'll get a check in the mail tomorrow, but I wanted to let you know I often think on my years assigned from the 1155th TOS and think of all the years we were told to forget we were even in it, what we did and where we were. It is refreshing to know we can remember and think. Someday, I would really like to visit one of the AFTAC "outings" and share what we all share. If I were anywhere close to the home area, I would be quite active but, I am simply too far out in left field to do much. My wife and I are considering selling the place we have and getting a smaller place. We are actually both in pretty good shape yet, but I keep getting a bigger number when my birthday comes around and I am getting pretty darn tired of moving 40 foot sections of irrigation pipe around my 5 acre pasturage. I don't ride much any more and the horses and mule are more pets than transportation. I could go on until it wouldn't be fun any more but I wanted to let someone know that the "check is in the mail". Take care and I'll touch base later. Editor's Note: Well Dan, here's a special invitation to the 2011 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion, right here in Sacramento.

John Shampnoi AFTAC 1962-1966 Email: 25 Aug 09. If you have not seen this link, take a look, <http://www.awra.us/gallery-feb09.html>
CA Editor's Note: Very interesting John, and well worth the look. Thank You! FL Editor's Note: Ditto, great read about the WB-47E.

Words From The Prez

CHARLIE PENN, PRESIDENT

With a new decade upon us our association has the formidable task of hosting the AFTAC reunion in 2011. Thanks to many volunteers it looks like the ground work of setting up this event will go smoothly. It must be noted that our lady members have really stepped up for this event and many have jumped in to help in this endeavor. Thank you ladies, and to all the volunteers for the reunion you will be getting an email later this month to establish a meeting to get this pig rolling. If you haven't volunteered and are interested, please email me at president@aftacwcc.org.

Last year was a tough year of attrition for our membership roster. My elected predecessor, **Jack Allison**, was one of the departed and I personally would like to thank **Dennis Nolan**, the elected vice president in the 2007 election, who adroitly filled the president's position for the latter part of Jack's term. It is a reminder that due to the closure of the 1155th, WFO, TOD that we no longer have a viable pool of potential new members and our roster will continue to decline. This makes the upcoming reunion more important to us here on the West Coast as a venue to reunite with our alumni brethren while the membership and participation is still available.

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2010.01

ECHOES

President, Jack **Smith**-Vice, Earl **Pierce**-Treasurer, Bill **Schmied**-Newsletter Editor, Jerry **Moxley**/Publisher, Ken **Behrens**-Webmaster, Bill **Harris**-Website @ <http://www.aftacco.org/>. Membership: 87

Events Calendar

- SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING
 -Annual Picnic More News Forthcoming
 -General Mbrship Breakfast More News Forthcoming
 -Dinner/Social 13 November 2010 Aurora Hills Golf Course, 1730 Hours, Alumni, Wives, Guests and Active Duty are invited to participate

Jerry posed the following 'Back To The Future' query in the January issue:



Any Idea Where and When these two photographs of the same place were taken? We know...

November 2009 Dinner/Social

"Paperwork Never Ends" Col Onaga, AFTAC CC & Jack Smith, CO Prez



"Command Table" (L>R) Col Onaga, Capt Muller (Det45/CC), Amanda Muller, Capt Donovan Cirino (Peterson AFB), Kimberly Graves (back to camera), Maj Graves (Det46/CC)

Mail-Call

We are writing you a quick note to compliment you and your committee, for the planning and organization of a —great AFTAC dinner party!! The party was quite delightful, the food – excellent and the fellowship – very nice. YOU DONE GOOD! Everything was well planned, Ken **Behrens**' programs were exceptional, Colonel Lisa Ann H. **Onaga**'s presentation was very informative and of course, the guest's dialog and door prizes all helped to make the evening exceptional. So, please do share with your committee members that their efforts were very much appreciated. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and enjoy the days to come. Again, thank you for a great evening. Joncee and Glen Feakes, Nov 20, 2009

10/28/09 — Membership dues in Colorado AFTAC Alumni Association enclosed for the next five years. Enjoy the Newsletter every time. You're doing a good job of keeping us informed about events. Thanks. Franklin Mann AFTAC 1955-Retired 1971 ED. - Glad you enjoy the ECHOES and thanks for your dues payment.



Florida Editor's 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@wisptel.net, on a one time basis for review and consideration of joining the Denver Chapter also.

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

Command Section



Col Lisa Ann Onaga

Commander (CC), 2008.08. AF1985/AFTAC2008.
The Col has served the AF in many capacities before coming to AFTAC. Most recently she was Director, Collection Management and Dissemination, Multi-National Forces - Iraq, Camp Victory, Iraq. Col Onaga has an MAS from Embry-Riddle and has attended the Air War College at Maxwell AFB Ala.



CMSgt John Nederhoed

Superintendent (CCS), 2008.04. AF1983/AFTAC1987.
The Chief has served AFTAC in many capacities and at many locations to include TOD, multiple detachments/positions and recently, First Sergeant and Superintendent, DO at HQ. Education: All NCO Academies (Distinguished Grad, NCO Academy) and has earned several Associate of Science Degrees.



Patrick, Cape name 'Best of 2009'

EXTRACTED-WEB SITE-PAFB PUBLICATION, 'MISSILEER' 03.05

FL POMO EDITORS NOTE: COL **ONAGA**, CC, ADVISED US OF THE AFTAC SELECTEES FOR HONOR AT THIS EVENT. WE ARE PROUD TO HIGHLIGHT THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS ... ONE OF THESE, GEORGE MIRDA, IS A SAGE AND A LIFETIME MEMBER OF OUR CHAPTER. WAY TO GO, GEORGE!



Bailey

Installation Airman of the Year

Airman 1st Class
Porter Bailey



Mirda

Installation Civilian of the Year, Category II (Supervisory)

George Mirda

Honor Guard NCO of the Year

Staff Sgt. Joshua Miller
(White Flight) AFTAC



Miller

Honor Guard Airman of the Year

Senior Airman Brian Wright
(Blue Flight) AFTAC



Wright

Picnic, continued from page one

KNOBLE JARED M, TSGT USAF AFTAC/SO

The Tides will be catering the event and the menu will consist of the following: Pulled pork w/buns, Barbecue chicken, Baked beans, Hot dogs w/buns & condiments, Loose corn, Rolls and butter, Potato salad, Lemonade, Assortment of beer.

Food will only be served from 12:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M., so ensure you show up during this time if you plan on eating. There will be several activities for the whole family to enjoy.



Details and needed items, at Alumni Assn website, 'Need To Know Now' link. POC: Gay Ann Bedard, 'birdiebedard@gmail.com.'

Updates

SUBMITTED BY CAROL SNYDER-EMAIL 03.09

We currently have 16 deployed members that we will be mailing care packages to this month (March). In particular, the **phone cards are appreciated and make a huge difference**.

AFTAC Spouse's are holding a Silent Auction at the Spring Picnic 1 May 2010. All proceeds go toward purchasing items for the care packages. We are looking for donations from businesses/individuals that we can auction off. If you know of a business willing to donate, please let Carol Snyder know the contact person's name and she will contact them on your behalf, 'Carol.Snyder@patrick.af.mil.' We already have an individual making a Quilt for us to Auction.

Thank You's

SUBMITTED BY GAY ANN BEDARD

Thank you all so much for the care package!! Everything included was very much needed/wanted. My co-workers and I shared the contents!! All of your hard work putting together each package is appreciated! It is always nice to know you are being thought of back at home! Thank you again!! V/r, SrA Jacquelyn **Molinaro**, 332 ECS/SCOK, Joint Base Balad, Iraq

I would like to say thank you for the package. My shop and I really enjoyed all of the goodies that was in the box. V/R, Travis **Meyers**, SSgt, USAF, Communications Focal Point, 447th Expeditionary Communications Sq, Sather AB, IRAQ

I just wanted to send a quick note to say thank you for the care package. I am very thankful for everything that was included, but most of all that you took the time to put it together and send it. Your group has a reputation for taking care of people while they are deployed. It's always nice to receive a package. It makes it even more special when you're not expecting it. It made my day! So, thank you again. Joshua **Richolson**, TSgt, USAF, J6/IMO, Camp Lemonier, Djibouti"

Booster Club Officers

President: MSgt **Rice**, Vice: MSgt **Sutton**, Trea: MSgt **Littleman**, Sec: SrA **Dale**, Public Affairs Rep: SSgt **Festad**, Hot Dog Sales: TSgt **Estes**, Top Banana Rep: SMSgt **McFadden**, Clothing Sales: TSgt **Christman**

SPECIAL 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 ...:"/2009.12
3. "A Family Affair"/2007.09, 2nd generation article
4. "Sage Stars"/'Post-Service' Success Stories
5. "BS Tales"/2009.12
6. "Where In The World Is"/From Website-2008.12
7. "Tom's Trivia"/This Issue

"THE WAY IT WAS ... AND THE WAY IT IS"

READERS WILL RECALL AFTAC'S HISTORIAN, MR JIM MOYERS, WROTE A FINAL ARTICLE, JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE, ABOUT THE 'ROOTS OF AERIAL SAMPLING.' IN THAT ARTICLE HE RECORDED THE OPENING OF AFTAC'S DETACHMENT 1 AT OFFUTT AFB, NE, ON 2007.11.27. POMO IS HONORED THE DET HAS TAKEN THAT ARTICLE AND POSTED SAME AT THE DETACHMENT ... WE ASKED THEM TO SEND US A NOTE, AND A PICTURE, OF THE 'POSTING.'

SMSGT MATT BROWN, SUPERINTENDENT, PROVIDED THIS IN RETURN; AS A SIDENOTE, THIS DET WAS ALSO RECOGNIZED AT THIS YEAR'S SNOWBALL AND MAJ RIERA WAS PRESENT AND SPOKE OF THE CEREMONY AND THE DETACHMENT. **SMSGT BROWN WRITES:**

Our "Heritage Room" is a work in progress, but thanks to the article, and pictures, in the 2009.12 Post-Monitor it is looking better every day. Please pass along this thank you letter and photo from myself and everyone at Det 1. Regards, Matt. We are honored by this event-every tie we Sages can bind with the Active-Duty is an honor and a pleasure

Greetings from AFTAC Detachment 1,

I want to thank you for providing the "print quality" copy of your December 2009 edition of the Post-Monitor. I requested the copy so we could frame the three pages that featured the article on the history of aerial sampling. Mr. Al Moyers, the AFTAC Historian wrote the excellent article that led up to the establishment of Det 1 back in 2007. The pages are now featured prominently in our "Heritage Room" within the Det. Thanks for all your support!

SMSgt Matthew Brown, Superintendent, Det 1

The photo features the current Det 1 Commander, Maj. Jason Riera, myself, along with several other Det members.

**SEO COIN HIGHLIGHTED**

ANTHONY, ROBERT J MSGT USAF AFTAC/DO

The most recent version of the SEO coin was produced in April 2009. The current design features elements of the past and present.

The front of the coin (left) features the past, a modi-



fied version of the SEO patch (left). The aircraft art was updated to reflect the current WC-135, "Semper Absentia" was borrowed from a previous version of the SEO coin and means "Always Gone" or "Always Absent", space for engraving an SEO #

was carried over, and the color was set against a black background to blend with the back side of the coin. The back of the coin features the present, based off of the Advanced Atmospheric Research Equipment

(this article, with additional graphics, continues on page 20)

"TOM'S TREASURE OF TANTALIZING AFTAC TRIVIA"

IN HONOR OF TOM CIAMBRONE (DECEASED)

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

Answers at bottom of the 'Sage Shop.' (next page)

HONOR ROLL: Tom Ciambrone (4 trivia), John Horsch (8); Dale Klug (5), Bob Wiley, Don Moore, Steve Herrick, Hank Raymond, Chuck Schuster, Clark Creery, Bob Long

WE LOOK FORWARD TO TRIVIA INPUTS AND REPLIES.

Kenny Frigan

EDITORS-JIM HARRELSON

Recently, John Doberstein visited 'our world' coming from MI. We had a great 'get together' and during this 'recall-relive-relate-revive-rehash' fest I asked a question for which Jim provided this answer-and we all basically agreed. What was the question?

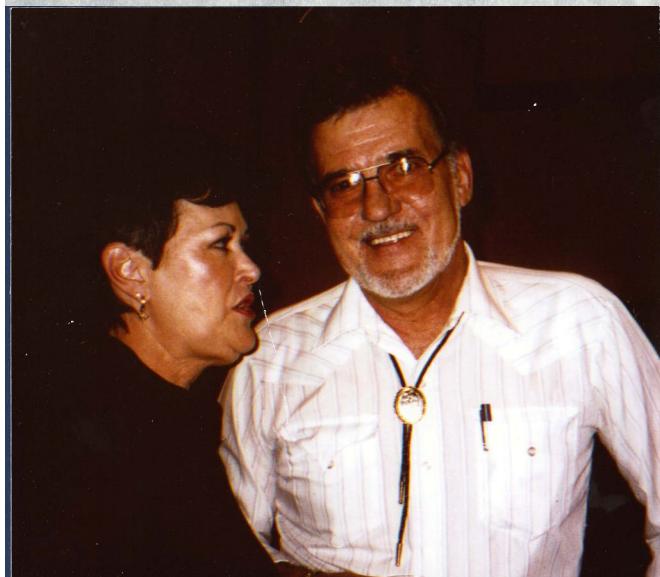
SHOWCASE: LRD ALUMNI HONORARIUM

"20-YEAR WALL OF HONOR" (page two for information) #3 & 4 of our presentation of over 50-'Rangers' currently featured on the wall) 'Hall Of Heritage' area, HQ's building. Formatting/standardization, Thomas **Highsmith**, Copied/Transferred to CD, CMSgt Steve **Revels**

SMSGT BENJAMIN P. VLASSICK

(With wife, Ginger, who served AFTAC for 23 of the 26 years)

(1954 1980)



MSGT RANDALL VLASSIC
(1979 - PRESENT)



Editor's Note: Ben-deceased,
2001.12. Randy-retired since this
was prepared ...still works in the
HQ's Building.

AUG 54	JUL 55	**	STUDENT, LOWRY AFB CO
JUL 55 - MAY 56		**	DETACHMENT 405
MAY 56	MAY 59	**	DETACHMENT 142
MAY 59	MAR 60	**	SPINSTRA, LOWRY AFB CO
MAR 60	JUN 61	**	DETACHMENT 155
JUN 61	JUN 63	**	DETACHMENT 328
JUN 63	SEP 66	**	1155 TCHOS
SEP 66	APR 69	**	DETACHMENT 333
APR 69	AUG 72	**	HQ AFTAC (VIRGINIA)
AUG 72	APR 77	**	1157 TCHOS
APR 77	JAN 79	**	SPINSTRA, LOWRY AFB CO
JAN 79	JUN 80	**	DETACHMENT 057 COMMANDER

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1981	1984	**	DETACHMENT 313
1984	1986	**	HQ/DO
1986	1994	**	DETACHMENT 313
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1995	1998	**	HQ/TTE
1998	2000	**	HQ/XP
2000	2001	**	DETACHMENT 452
2001	2002	**	HQ/DO
2002	2003	**	HQ/TTE
2003	Present	**	HQ/TTR



SAGE SCHEDULE

-Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns
 -Association Board/Membership Meetings
All Alumni are heartily invited to all events.
BEFORE COMING, VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER
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 —WindDowns scheduled for first Fridays'
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 HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd
 —Meetings scheduled for Second Mondays'
 WHEN: 1700 (5:00PM)
 WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building
 HOW: come to rear entrance
 May
 7, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
 10, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting
 June
 4, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
 14, -Board/Membership Meeting
 July
 2, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
 12, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting
 August
 6, 1530-WindDown at the Outback
 9, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting

Traditional Annual Event Timeframes
(Bold Dates may be tentative-others for planning only)

January—April
-2011.01.29, SnowBall XIII, Tides Club
 -2011.01/02 Center Annual Awards Banquet (tentative)

May—August
-2010.05.01, Center Annual Picnic, pg 1
-2010.05.14, Assn 20th Annual Spring
 Golf n'Getogether, Pg 1

September-December
 -3rd Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting,
 designated, '**Sociable September III**' and held at the
 'Tides' Club (vs. the HQ's Building) to encourage attendance
 by all members, alumni and active-duty
 -Assn 20th Annual Fall Golf n'Getogether
ANNUAL FY DUES DUE (DUE 1 OCT)
 -AFTAC Winter Social

WorldWide Alumni Reunions
 Normally scheduled on a biannual basis. Hosting rotates between the three chapters.
 Last hosted by FL-2009.05, before that, CO-2007
 And CA-2005; **CA currently planning 2011.**

'Tom's Trivia' Answer(s) (see preceding page)

Jim's recall, and the group's agreement, of, 'Who was the 'B' Ziproom 'Geotech' maintenance guy while we served at the VA HQ's in the 60's?' We are not sure of the spelling of his last name.

SAGE SHOP

Mail orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc, ATTN: Sage Shop, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. **Add \$5.00 for shipping and handling plus \$1.50 for each additional item**
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	MED	LG	XL	XXL
GOLF SHIRTS , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	0	3	2
Jade (medium green)	2	5	2	2
Navy	1	1	0	0
Red	2	1	0	2
White	1	0	0	2
Royal Blue	1	2	0	0
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	9	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	1	0	3
Maroon	2	2	0	0
Black	1	1	1	1
T-SHIRTS , no pocket - \$7.00				
Light Blue	1	2	3	3
Royal blue	2	2	2	1
Navy	1	1	2	1
Ash Gray	2	1	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	0	2	2	0
Stone Washed Green	1	0	1	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2
Jade Green	2	2	1	1
Black	4	0	0	3
SWEATSHIRTS , Ash Gray, \$15	1	0	0	0
NYLON JACKET , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'	0	0	0	3
White emblem with 'Alumni'	0	0	1	0
White emblem with 'Alumnus'	0	0	1	0
*HATS - \$8.00 # MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#				
Blue/White 23 -50th Commemorative				
Blue/Gray 5 Coin: \$3.00/58				
Red/White 3 *60th AF/LRD Commemorative				
Blue 1 Coin \$4.00/132				
*Note: Pictures Below *Flaw: AF Date imprint, 12th vs. 18th.				
-Logo Pin: \$3.25/217				

Alumni License Plate: Assn Members, \$7, Others \$10/1
SPECIAL OFFER #1-AFTAC Top-3 Coin made available by the Top-3 Association, \$7. Order per instructions above.

SPECIAL OFFER #2-AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin. Please see preceding article concerning this item. We hope to have these coins available for sale in the near future.



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ADDRESS CHANGES: Incorrectly addressed mailings cost your assn and we have several every quarter. Send corrections via email to alumnidb@aftacalumni.org or, if this is not an option, mail to the Florida Chapter address at page 2, left column.



HIGHLIGHTING: SEO Coin (continued from page 17)
(AARE) patch (graphic on left) that was created in 2007 by Dave **Jones**, SEO 158, and featured design artwork from Jason **Gainer**, SEO 154.

All of the remaining coins from our original order in April 2009 have been either sold or spoken for. Based on the responses received so far, another coin order is in the works. AFTAC Detachment 1 (see preceding article), Omaha, NE, (the home of our current cadre of SEOs and maintainers supporting the airborne mission) will be taking over ordering and selling the coins. Once the next order of coins has been received, Det 1 will forward coin availability and pricing information. Stay tuned.

In the mean time, maybe some of our Sage SEOs can offer pictures and a history of prior SEO coins. Jeff **Anthony**, SEO 157. Outstanding artwork and article. We are proud you have selected the 'Sage' publication, PoMo, to highlight your coin and, eventually, offer it for sale within our 'Sage Shop' (page 19).

- Page 1/2 Sage Recognition - Alumni Alerts-Events/Association Information - Editorial
- Page 6/8/12 Sages To Remember/Mail-Call/Chapter News
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- Page 19/20 Calendar - Sage Shop-Trivia Answer(s)/Contents, Application and Address-'Dues' Label

***Feature Articles "Headings" are listed even when "none" as a reminder/solicitation to our readers/writers**

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SNFE Sez: We solicit your unclassified organizational memories and tales - you've got a story fellow Sages would enjoy. **Send them by the 1st Monday in month of publication (April, September and December) Thanks!**

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, three years dues for \$20

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

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