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Your Association - "Serving Sages Since March 1985"

2008 DECEMBER



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



**Robert 'Bob' Wiley**  
**Alumni Of The Year, 2008!!**

Selection announced,  
per tradition, at SnowBall XI



Bob is presented the traditional AOY 'T' by the  
Florida Alumni Assn President, Lloyd French..

Bob was also recognized at the 'Center Annual Awards Banquet' in February, and will be again at the May 'WorldWide Reunion.' He has been a member of the association since his retirement in 1985. Over the years he has been a mainstay contributing articles and photographs of the alumni activities for the Post-Monitor and was association President, FY2007/08. During this time, he completed action for an LRD 50th Anniversary Commemorative coin to 'fly in space.' This coin will be presented to the Center for display in the 'Hall of Heritage,' and the few remaining coins in this series will be presented to deserving alumni. Bob also took the lead in encouraging additional participation in association management and increasing membership. He is Chair of the 2009 WorldWide Reunion Committee.

## ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

### "HAILING OUR FUTURE ... HONORING OUR PAST" WORLDWIDE REUNION, MAY 1-3, 2009

BOB WILEY, COORDINATOR

The Florida Chapter hosts this edition of the biannual WorldWide Reunion. This year we will highlight the conjunction of two important events-'New Beginnings' and '50-Years of AFTAC.' 'Radisson Resort at the Port' is the location and May 1-3 are the dates.

Some of you may know that designs are being drawn up for a new AFTAC building here at Patrick. And, AFTAC, as that named entity, is also planning to celebrate its "official" 50<sup>th</sup> birthday July 2009.

We 'Long-Range Detection' Alumni members (pg 3)

### CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC, MAY 2, 2009

EDITORS

This annual event will be held in conjunction with 'WorldWide Reunion, 2009' (see above article and 'Booster Club' article in active-duty section).

### ASSN 19TH ANNUAL SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER

EDITORS

Plans are under way for late May/early Jun timeframe. Keep up-to-date at the assn website; register your email address to auto-receive the latest information.

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## ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

### CENTER ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

PAT SNYDER, PIC AND NOTES-DATeline, 02.26, TIDES ALL-RANK CLUB, PAFB, FL  
On a bright starry night outside the club, there were also many 'Stars' inside for this annual event. Active, and Sages, were there for recognition for their deeds.

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**ASSOCIATION INFORMATION****Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year Recipients****Robert 'Bob' Wiley 2008**

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 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 AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

**There are three chapters.**

**1. Florida** (application on back page)-**Dues, \$10/FY** (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/**\$75 for life**. Monthly meetings at 1700 on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Contacts: Randy **Vlassick**, RVLASSICK@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**; the 'Need to Know Now' section contains current event and 'Sages to remember' information.

**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.

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

**3. West Coast (California)**-Formed in 1999, **\$10 year/\$75 lifetime**; for information-email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org or AFTAC Alumni Assc, West Coast, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. They meet several times a year, publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have 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 HORSCHES'**

'58-'87

**EDITORIALLY SPEAKING**

**NOTICE:** You receive this issue several weeks early, hopefully in time to be reminded of the reunion and register by the deadline, April 17th.

Plans are in their final stages and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in early May. As we go to press with this issue, the deadline date of April 17th draws nigh but you may still have time to 'get onboard.' Information and registration forms are in this issue. These are also available at the alumni assn websites (see 'Chapter' section on left for URLs). As we prepare to celebrate another reunion, it is most helpful to review an earlier issue of the Post-Monitor. In the 2005.08 (September) issue we wrote extensively of the alumni association over the years. This issue is available at the assn website, 'newsletters.'

We received an email on January 31st that clarified something we 'quoted' in the December issue we felt should be printed in the editorial area. Sage, James **Closs** wrote:" In the latest PoMo, page 4, 3rd full Para in left column, there is a reference to "Gulf War 1." It is properly known as Desert Shield & Desert Storm, and is totally distinct from the current operations entitled Operation Iraqi Freedom (not "Gulf War 2").

Being a veteran of Desert Storm, I'm proud of the distinction. The distinction also exists in the eyes of Congress who declared each action as independent wars, with resultant award of distinct medals. I've been on a campaign to keep these two distinct conflicts separated, and I feel we have an incumbent responsibility to maintain the proper titles since we are a military affiliated/veterans group. Just my two cents worth. Thanks."

We wrote back thanking Jim and that we could not agree more and would certainly print this clarification. He served AFTAC for many years and at many places; we thank him for this service.

Right after St. Valentine's day we asked Mike **Black**, the Assn WebMaster, to send out at eALLert ... he did so and informed us there are now **800 Sages** signed up for this service, and no bounces!! Thanks to those of you who have registered your email address at the website, and, for keeping the addresses up-to-date.

In early March, Dale **Klug**, Editor of the CA newsletter, 'Fallout', sent us an outstanding 'Personal Affairs Workbook' developed by the Military Organization, MOAA. We are concerned copyrights keep us from sharing this too widely but one can find such workbooks by searching the internet with the term, 'retired military personal affairs workbook.' After reviewing what Dale sent, I highly recommend all Sages, who have not done so, do so. It will make you think, and plan, as you probably have not done to this point. Dale's letter, with an offer, is in the 'Mail-Call' section.

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believe we have already passed this milestone, but we are combining the two events in selecting the theme for this reunion,

### ***Hailing our Future....Honoring our Past.***

Due to conflicts which deter active duty participation in the golf tournament on Friday, the day we had scheduled it, it is being delayed until a later date. However, we have been invited to join them at the AFTAC Spring Picnic on Saturday after the Open House at the Headquarters building. You now have a free afternoon to visit with friends or go out on one of the afternoon gambling ship cruises. There are two cruise lines available ([www.suncruzas.com/port-canaveral.asp](http://www.suncruzas.com/port-canaveral.asp) or [www.lasvegascruiselines.com](http://www.lasvegascruiselines.com)).

When you arrive at the Radisson Resort at the Port, there will be a registration desk for you to pick up your material and a hospitality room where you can socialize. **Our organized activities will start with the Friday evening Ice Breaker at 6 pm.**

**For golfers arriving early on Friday, or before,** there is an 'AFCEA (Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association) Scholarship Fundraiser' Tournament. While the alumni assn is not affiliated with this event, it is open to those who are interested. See details at "<http://www.canaveral-afcea.org>."

The **Saturday Open House** starts at AFTAC at 9 am and should be complete by 11 am. One of our own, Dr. Dave **O'Brien**, Chief Scientist, has agreed to give us an orientation briefing after which we will split into groups for short tours.

The **Saturday AFTAC Picnic** begins at 11 am at Wickham Park. We are invited to have lunch with them and stay for the afternoon activities. We are trying to get the active duty to put together some horse-shoe teams to give the alumni some competition.

Our **banquet** is **Saturday** evening, 6 pm, again at the Radisson. We are most pleased to announce the guest speaker is General (Retired) **Clapper**. He will be our 'Keynote' speaker, and preside over several special activities. General Clapper knows the command, and the alumni association, in a most unique way-he was AFTAC Commander from June 1984 to May 1985. In that position, he initiated major changes to the command and it was one of his famous 'handwritten notes' that first proposed the 'Alumni Association' as it is today!

Dinner will feature a combination plate of chicken breast stuffed with mushrooms and cheese and grilled filet mignon. Dessert will be chocolate mousse.

**Registration Forms** were provided in the last issue, and are still available at all Assn Chapter Websites. An important clarification, and change, occurred after the forms were provided in the last issue:

There were questions about the registration fee of \$15 per person if only attending the 'Ice Breaker' on

Friday, 1 May, and/or the 'Pay There' events (Picnic, 2 May - Breakfast, 3 May) and the 'Open House.'

The board listened and responded ... if one only wants to attend the 'Ice Breaker,' the reduced registration fee is only \$5.00 per person. This will cover administrative costs associated with attendance at that event (registering, name tags, etc) -- not programs and other material that will be handed out to those paying the \$15 fee.

There was never any intent to charge a registration fee for the 'Pay There' events or the 'Open House' but we do need names and a head count for these events.

We hope this reduction in price, and clarification for several of the events, will make the reunion even more attractive and increase attendance.

Make room reservations directly with the Radisson at 888-201-1718 ([www.radisson.com/hotels/flcocoa](http://www.radisson.com/hotels/flcocoa)) no later than 1 April 2009; specify "LRD Reunion." Rates are \$109 double or \$149 king suite (plus 11% tax) and are good for three days before and after our reunion. All rooms were remodeled this year and are in outstanding condition. Registration forms with all information and a check should be sent to arrive at the PO Box NLT than 17 April 2009.

Any additions, or changes, will be passed on via emails (eALLerts) and posted on the alumni assn website ([www.aftacalumni.org](http://www.aftacalumni.org), 'Need To Know Now,' link). Please have your information at the LRDA website up-to-date as that will be used to contact you. We also intend to provide information, and the registration form, at the website. Internet posted items will either be available at the 'Home Page' or at the 'Need To Know Now' link.

To properly place the 'AFTAC 50th' in perspective, we asked Jim **Moyers**, AFTAC Historian, if he would put together an article concerning this event. Thank you, Al (as he prefers), for the following enlightening and informative rendering, it is one for the 'Sages Ages.' We ran this in the last issue, and repeat it due to the proximity of the reunion.

### **AFTAC's 50th Anniversary**

JIM MOYERS, AFTAC HISTORIAN

On July 7, 2009, the organization that is today designated Headquarters Air Force Technical Applications Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary. While the long range detection function AFTAC carries on is more than 60 years old, tracing its roots to 1947, the process under which official Air Force organizational lineage is computed does not recognize 1947 as the beginning of today's AFTAC. In fact, it was not until the 1990s that the keepers of Air Force lineage recognized July 7, 1959, as the beginning of AFTAC, having insisted for many years that the organization's lineage began in 1960.

In the spring of 1959, an Air Staff study, that at least in part had its impetus in Vice Chief of Staff of the Air



Force General Curtis E. **LeMay's** direction to look at decentralizing Air Staff functions, concluded that the best way to move forward organizationally with the long range detection function was essentially to start fresh—create a new organization. On July 2, 1959, Air Force Headquarters Command issued General Order 39 organizing the 1035th United States Air Force Field Activities Group effective July 7, 1959.

At the same time the 1035th was activated, the named activity the Air Force Technical Applications Center was formed. In essence, a single group staffed two entities. AFTAC was the name of the extension of the Air Staff charged with formulating policy, providing guidance, and the like for the long range detection function. The 1035th USAF Field Activities Group was the operational unit. While distinct in their roles, the AFTAC staff and the 1035th "headquarters" staff [although General Order 39 failed to designate the 1035th as a headquarters organization] were the same individuals. Hence, Major General Jermain P. **Rodenhauser**, first commander of the 1035th was dual-hatted as chief of AFTAC.

This duality of Air Staff extension and operating command continued through several changes in status of the command. Effective May 1, 1960, the organization was designated Headquarters, 1035th USAF Field Activities Group. On June 26, 1972, the command became known as Headquarters, 1035th Technical Operations Group. The 1035th moved its headquarters in August 1972 from the national capitol region to Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. Following the inactivation of the Air Force Headquarters Command, the 1035th was attached to Air Force Systems Command on July 1, 1976.

The attachment to Air Force Systems Command prompted in 1979 another study of the 1035th and its alignment within the Air Force. After much debate, Chief of Staff of the Air Force General Lew **Allen, Jr.**, concluded the 1035th should be a Direct Reporting Unit to Headquarters United States Air Force. Thus, the 1035th was redesignated Headquarters Air Force Technical Applications Center on October 1, 1980, and in so doing became a single entity.

AFTAC has continued to undergo changes in status since 1980, including in February 1991 becoming a Field Operating Agency of the United States Air Force and, most recently, on April 1, 2008, changing to a subordinate unit of the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Agency. Throughout these numerous changes the official organizational lineage begun in 1959 remains intact and on July 7, 2009, AFTAC will reach its golden anniversary—50 years of invaluable service to the Air Force and the United States of America.



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There was a roomful of supporters to cheer those being honored. Several Alumni Assn members were present to include CC, Col **Onaga**, CCS, CMSgt **Nederhoed**, Pat **Snyder**, 'Intrepid Alumni Insider' and IG, and Judy **Milam**, Alumni Assn Secretary.



During the ceremonies, Sage Bob **Wiley, Alumni Of the Year, 2008**, was called forward to accept tribute and treasure. Here we see Col Onaga presenting the 'AFTAC Award' to Bob. His selection

had been announced previously at SnowBall XI (see page one for details).

### MORE 'BOB'-CENTER AWARDS BANQUET

THANKS TO JUDY MILAM, DIGIPIC 'ROVIN' CAMERA'



L>R unk pre-Sage/CC-Col Onaga, Bob, CCS-John Nederhoed



Bob shows off his treasure! Congratulations again, thanks for all your hard work in earning this honor.

**"HAILING OUR FUTURE ... HONORING OUR PAST"**

**WORLDWIDE REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION (1 MAY-3 MAY 2009)  
P.O. BOX 254892 PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA 32925-0892

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED **WITH PAYMENT**  
TO ADDRESS ABOVE **NLT 17 APRIL 2009**

**PLEASE PRINT**

NAME: LAST, FIRST, MI \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	COST	# ATTENDING/AMOUNT OF MONEY
REGISTRATION FEE	\$15.00 or \$5.00 PER PERSON ( <b>Note 1</b> )	_____/_____
ICE BREAKER (FRI, 1 MAY 09)	\$25.00 PER PERSON	_____/_____
OPEN HOUSE (SAT, 2 MAY 09) ( <b>Note 2</b> )		_____/No Cost
AFTAC PICNIC (SAT, 2 MAY 09) (PAY there, \$5-8 PER PERSON) ( <b>Note 2</b> )		_____/Pay There
BANQUET (SAT, 2 MAY 09)	\$35.00 PER PERSON	_____/_____
(combination plate – grilled filet mignon+chicken breast stuffed with mushrooms & cheese)		
BREAKFAST (SUN, 3 MAY 09) (PAY there) ( <b>Note 2</b> )		

**Note 1:** If one only attends the 'Ice Breaker,' the reduced registration fee is \$5.00 per person. This will cover administrative costs associated with attendance at that event (registering, name tags, etc) -- not programs and other material that will be handed out to those paying the \$15 fee.

**Note 2:** There is no registration fee for these events but name and count is necessary.

TOTAL AMOUNT SENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**  
LRD ALUMNI ASSOC AND MAIL TO:  
PO BOX 254892  
PATRICK AFB FL 32925-0892

**NO REFUNDS MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS/CHANGES AFTER 24 APRIL 2009**

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## 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

Lester J Jackson  
Billy Mullinax  
Jack Allison  
Richard Amon  
James Lucas  
Vincent A. Bauman  
Edward Martin  
Lawrence Jones

## Rest In Eternal Peace

### Lester J Jackson

GEORGE KRAUSE-EMAIL 2008.12.29 RESPONDING TO DECEMBER 'MAIL-CALL' ADDRESS POMO QUERY

Major Lester J. Jackson (Jake) moved to Arkansas several years ago and has since passed away. You may hear from Lt. Col. Clentis **Bailey** as I know he kept up with The Major. I trained under Jake at Ft. Sill and was selected by him to set-up the original Team 421 outside of Alice Springs. The Loot (2nd Clentis Bailey) was vice commander. Jake went to work for TI and was associated with the LASA project in Montana. I was working for Teledyne-Geotech but not on the LASA project.

### Billy R. Mullinax

EMAIL-KEN BREITWIESER>BOB FITZGERALD, 2009.02.01

June 27, 1931 - Jan. 27, 2009

A U.S. Air Force veteran who proudly served his country for 29 years. Born on June 27, 1931 in Gadsden, AL, and left us on Tuesday January 27, 2009, in Sacramento, CA at age 77. Bill loved football and coached at many levels, from Pop Warner to semi-professional. Bill was also an avid golfer who enjoyed playing a round or two with his friends when his health allowed. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Jane Mullinax, and his three sons, David, Richard, and William. Bill is also survived by his three beautiful grandchildren who always made him smile, Kayla, Alex, and Tracy. The family held a private service.

### Jack Allison

DALE KLUG-EMAIL, 2009.02.14

LtCol JACK ALLISON, USAF Retired, WCC President passed away on 2009.01.24. Jack's remains, per his wishes, were sent directly to California State University, San Francisco, for research. When his remains are released at some unknown future date, which could be a long time from now, Jack's wife, Rosalie, and family plan to have them interred in the Sacramento Veteran's National Cemetery in Dixon, CA.

BOB FITZGERALD, WCC WEBMASTER, ADDS

In addition to being the current WCC President, Jack has also been the WCC Chairman of The Board of Directors (1999-2001). Jack was also a vital part of a number of our past AFTAC World-Wide Reunion committees, including as a Co-Chairman for the very first AFTAC Reunion held here in Sacramento in Jun 1983 and the last one held here in May 2005.

CLARK WILBERG-EMAIL, 02.14, WROTE:

Like many of us, I have some fond memories of LtCol Allison. My first association with him was during basic training at Lackland AFB. I was advised by my TI that "I"...had an appointment with a LtCol Allison. Don't be late, and report back and tell me what it is about!"

What a personable gentleman he was as he asked me about my background, my aspirations in the Air Force, and other general questions regarding what made me tick--a one-on-one personality assessment. He closed the interview by asking me if I had any interest in flying. I thought to myself--what an opportunity that would be! Little did I realize that his question would lead to a reality for me for the next 26 years.

I never had the occasion to meet him in his official capacity while I was a student at SPINSTR, although I was certainly aware of his position and responsibilities. I later had the occasion to get better acquainted with him when we were both stationed at Tech Ops Div (1155th TOS at the time). I always respected and admired him. God bless his family.

### AMON, Richard William, MSgt, USAF, Retired

FROM 2009.01 CA NEWSLETTER, FALLOUT

Richard Amon, of Antelope, CA, died on October 18, 2008, at age 67. Born in San Bernardino, CA, on July 2, 1941. Survived by his wife JoAnne and by children Stephanie Pettitt and Christopher Amon; grandchildren, Shane Rodrick, Mason Rodrick, and Jordyn Pettitt; also survived by special friend Connie Teller. Retiring from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years as a Master Sergeant, he then worked in Civil Service at McClellan AFB for another 17 years. The funeral was held at Sacramento Valley National cemetery. CA editor's Note: Richard was a member of 1155 Tech Ops Squadron for many years and a former member of AFTAC West Coast Alumni Association.

### James S. Lucas

DALE KLUG-EMAIL, 2009.02.13

James S Lucas, MSgt, USAF, Retired, North Highlands CA, born November 7, 1926, passed away on January 24, 2009, at age 82, in Minerva, Ohio. Jim had been having heart problems for some time and in





late September suffered a stroke and fell while out walking. His daughter, Sabra Lucas, arrived on 1 October and Jim decided to sell his home and move to Ohio to be with her. The home sold very quickly and on 9 November they drove back to Ohio. On Jan 24, 2009, he had a massive coronary and passed away.

Jim worked for many years at 1155th Tech Ops Squadron, McClellan Central Laboratory before his retirement in August 1978. He was preceded in death by his wife, Annie. He was interred, 2 Feb 2009, at Mount Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, CA. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Sabra Lucas, 501 North Market St, Minerva OH, 44657.

Dale adds: The family did not have an obituary. I obtained most of the above information during a phone call with his daughter.

BOB FITZGERALD, WCC WEBMASTER, ADDS

Jim was our reunion Treasurer and a vital part of most of our reunion planning committees for past AFTAC World-Wide Reunions held here in Sacramento. Since I was the Reunion Registrar for most of those, Jim and I worked very closely together on them. Until he left the area in November 2008, Jim was also a member of the California State Old Time Fiddlers Association, for which he, Nick Pketz, who is a fellow 1155th TOS Alumni, and I enjoyed the monthly District #5 Jam Sessions at the Orangevale Grange Hall.

### Vincent A. Bauman

(This is) an obituary letter to the Alumni Assn for my father, Lt Col (Ret) Vincent A. Bauman. My father was very proud of his membership in AFTAC and the Association, and I know that he would want his friends and associates to know of his passing. Thanks very much, Sincerely, John V. Bauman, Colonel USAF (Retired).

It is with sad regret that I announce the passing of my father, Lt Col (Ret) Vincent A. Bauman, on December 28, 2008, at the age of 91. Dad was a very proud member of AFTAC and the Alumni Association, and spoke often of his membership and contributions to the mission of AFTAC. Vincent was drafted in early 1941 and served as an infantry officer in the Army, earning two bronze stars and a purple heart for his action in Europe in WWII. After the war, he was discharged, but joined the Air National Guard in St. Louis. His unit was recalled for the Korean conflict, and he decided to stay on active duty for a full career. He proudly wore his Combat Infantry Badge on his Air Force uniform even before it was authorized for wear. If my memory is correct, he served in AFTAC from about 1956 through 1962, and those were some of his proudest moments of service in the Air Force. He took great pride in saying that one of the projects upon which he worked remains classified even today. He retired from the Air Force in 1967 after 22 years of active duty. He was buried in his uniform with full military honors. On behalf of Dad, thanks to everyone who knew him and who contributed to this critical role of AFTAC in the defense of our great Nation.

### Edward Martin

TOM CAMERON-EMAIL, 03.02



I just got a call from my folks up in Georgia. They called to let me know that Edward Martin passed away on Sunday, March 1st. For those that don't remember...he was the Detachment 460 commander back in the mid-70s. I don't have any other information other than he was under a Doctor's care when he passed. I believe wife's name was Mary Ann.

MIKE BLACK, WEBMASTER, PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:  
[HTTP://MACONDAAILY.COM/OBITUARIES/DETAIL.ASP?ID=124](http://MACONDAAILY.COM/OBITUARIES/DETAIL.ASP?ID=124)

Colonel Edward Martin, USAF (Ret.) -WARNER ROBINS - Col. Edward Martin, 72, passed away on Sunday, March 1, 2009. Col. Martin was born on March 7, 1936 in Georgetown, Illinois, the son of Carl and Margarite Martin. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force at the age of seventeen, graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) in 1959 and went to become a pilot. In 1960, he married Mary Ann Thigpen of Chattahoochee, Florida. In 1962, they had their first child, Amanda (Mandy), and their son, Gary, joined them two years later. Ed went on to serve in the U. S. Air Force for thirty years, mainly flying B-52s; his service included a tour in Vietnam, while stationed at Robins Air Force Base. He retired in 1983, was awarded the Legion of Merit, and moved to Warner Robins. Ed worked as a realtor at Golden Key for several years; then his community commitment led him to successfully run for mayor of Warner Robins, a post in which he served two successive terms. In retirement, he was a faithful member of Christ United Methodist Church where he served on the finance committee. He was a lifetime member of the Optimist Club, a lifetime member of the American Cancer Society, a Mason and actively involved in the Order of the Daedalians.

He loved to golf, to take his grandchildren fishing and to travel; most of all, he loved taking care of his wife Mary Ann and doing whatever he could for his family. He was preceded in death by both of his parents. -His presence and love for life will forever be remembered by his loving wife, Mary Ann, Warner Robins; daughter, Mandy (Darrel) Straham, Warner Robins; his son, Gary (LiAnne) Martin, Warner Robins; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Interment was Andersonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Christ United Methodist Building Fund, 511 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA 31088. Go to [www.mcculloughfh.com](http://www.mcculloughfh.com) to sign the Online Registry for the family. McCullough Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

### Lawrence Jones

SPOUSE>CLARK CREEERY-EMAIL, 03.21

Just before we went to press, we learned from Mrs. Jones that Lawrence had passed away in February. He was a Lifetime member of the Florida Chapter and our records show an address in Longwood, FL.



# MAIL - CALL

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

**Patrick AFB, FI 32925-0892**

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

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

## EPOMO EMAIL

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**-fewinter@peoplepc.com**

NOTE: With this issue we learned another benefit of the 'electronic' method. Sending/Receiving ePoMo instantaneously is like having over 200 potential editors! Just a few minutes after sending out the newsletter (done in 4 or 5 'batches') we received info from two eSubscribers about serious errors; we immediately made corrections. Thanks, Joe (**Goldian**) and Dale (**Klug**). PS We also corrected the hard-copy even before it went to the printers. MAGIC.

## First Sage to 'Report In'

(ePoMo sent, 2008.12.09, 1123-1141 am est)

**Joe Goldian-phone @ 1143 am**

Joe called to point out an information error-we corrected and emailed a follow-up. Thanks, Joe, for catching this before it got any further!!!

**Clark Creery-email @ 1144 am**

Magnificent.....later, Clark added, "Way to go, that is one hill of a good letter. Like I said, my hat is off to you guys coming up with all you do. Folks just do not realize how much it takes. Thanks, Clark, it really helps that guys like you are supporting us.

**Curt Anderholm-email @ 1154 am**

Good morning, thanks, got it so easy. You are welcome!

**Glenn Kennedy-email @1201PM**

The Waaayyyy coolest item in this issue (all due respect to next years get together) is the news about rendering the hand salute - how very long in arriving and much appreciated. Thanks for this input, Glenn. Chris and I really debate what info to include in the mail section because we get so much ... this item rode to the top and your reply reinforces.

**Frank Calenda-email**

**2008.12.10**

Just got through the latest issue. Great job, as usual. Frank, thank (gotta take your rhymes where you can get them!!).

**Tom Eddleman-email**

**12.10**

Just finished the ePoMo and as usual you guys did an excellent. There were too many obits of friends in this latest publication but hopefully this is not a trend. When reading these obits, one starts remembering past assignments and enjoyable times had with these friends and comrades. It's nice to remember the work and the fun times. Thanks for you efforts in processing the Post Monitor which is enjoyed by so many AFTAC Alumni. Tom, thank you for the compliment, and the sentiments.

**Cliff York-email**

**12.20**

Editor Note: Later in MC you will read about an elnvite we sent out late in the year. We received many replies from many Sages ... we put Cliff's here for the information it contains ... thanks, Cliff.

I have been an ePoMo recipient for a long time (Charter Member, 1 of 14!), and truly enjoy it. I find it much easier to look up past articles, photos, information, etc. with them in a folder on my hard drive than would be the case if filed in a hard copy folder. I also enjoy the ability to email or print selected articles.

If funds are getting tight, I (and I'm sure a lot of other life time members) would be very happy to chip in to ensure the continuation of the Post Monitor in both soft and hard copy format. All the efforts that go into the publication and distribution of The Monitor are truly appreciated!

As I sit in my home here in Idaho enjoying the ePoMo and watching a gentle snow turn everything white for Christmas, I realized that I have taken it for granted. I would truly miss the Post Monitor should it ever go away, so if funds are needed (now or in the future) to keep it coming, please let me know. Thank you for your compliments, and the thoughtfulness of a donation; others have also expressed that sentiment. It means a lot to us for these offers but that measure is not needed at this time)

This will be our first Christmas in our new home, and we are excited. Darlene's mom and dad are spending the holidays with us, and we will have other friends over for Christmas dinner. We wish all of you and yours a Happy, Healthy, and Safe Christmas, and a Beautiful New Year.

**Jack Tucker-email**

**12.20**

Just finished reading the latest ePoMo from cover to cover. Another great job! Enjoyed hearing from Ralph **Simonton**. Yes Ralph, Jack **Allison** was the Det 57 Commander and screened and picked a lot of AFTAC personnel. I worked for Lt Col Allison and then Capt Harley **Booton** at Det 57 in the late 60's and although I was a Supply Officer, I made several trips to Lackland to pick the best for AFTAC. Merry Christmas and the best for 2009. Thanks for the email and information.

**Cathy and Ed Walden-email**

**2009.01.11**

Thanks for the info about the electronic newsletter -- we pulled it up and the pictures looked great!

The newsletter said that we could get a Florida directory from you. Could you forward it to us when you get a chance? We like to try to keep up with our "old" friends. Thanks for all your contributions to the PoMo - we really enjoy it. We've added you to our eSubscriber listing. The electronic copy really is the way to go if you don't mind reading off the



screen or printing it. And, as we've said, it really helps the assn, money-wise. As far as I know, you are the first requestors of a membership directory since we went electronic copy only

#### MAIL

**Failed Address(es):** none reported

**Bob Chadwick-email**

**2008.12.15**

(Note: Bob replied to a query about his membership in this humorous and supportive reply)

I exist in relationship to the association, in the same capacity as I exist in many other aspects of life, as an interested observer and lurker. My position as the President of the Palm Bay Chapter of the American Hermits Association precludes my joining any other organizations, although my long-standing Masonic affiliations have been grandfathered in. As I grow older I find that my limited supply of social grace, couthness and gentility decreases linearly; I must be careful how I spend it. As it is, I barely have enough for Pat and my kids. I think somehow Pat has become a sort of honorary member by virtue of my past experience in the outfit and her ongoing preparation of the PM mailings. Yes, and we do appreciate all that she, and Kate, do; now, for yourself, no fair peeking at the issues before they are mailed!!!

I must also say that its interesting to review history looking at what's on the website etc. Some of the (well, it looked that way back then) most unlikely people went on to occupy pretty high places as their careers (and themselves) matured. As a bit of trivia in that area, Rich **Pivarnik**, a 2-striper I had at 421 in 77/78, a couple years back came to work for Harris as a System Engineer (he's been an SE other places since retiring; guess he decided to try Harris). He's now Chief SE for Harris's part in the IFICS ballistic Missile defense system. I KNEW the kid would amount to something.

Its also interesting to note the number of second generation AFTACers. Must have been a good place if guys recommended it to their kids. I enjoyed my 23 years in the outfit, had a good time most of the time and even the bad times were instructive. Met a lot of good folks, a few of whom I still see around (like at Harris). And as I recall things I will continue to add to the Barely Substantiated Tales. Always appreciate that!

My best to all who remember me, and glimmers of me will, I'm sure, show up in unlikely places as time goes on. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Now, lets see ... do we know if you are a member or not?!

#### Mail: Tricare For Life

IN LATE FEBRUARY WE RECEIVED A SERIES OF EMAIL CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT. SEVERAL ARE PROVIDED BELOW FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

**Jerry LaBarre-email**

**2009.02.27**

Jerry sent a 'heads-up' concerning possible changes (essentially, co-pays). As usual, we made every effort to corroborate and found the same information at many military sites. **Clark Creery** replied with this link, 'http://www.chetedwards.com/node/380,' citing legislature that would head off the aforementioned action. Lastly, Mike Gingrich, sent the following definitive email containing a letter that had been sent to an inquiring friend. Subsequently, we received this same letter from several other Sages.

**Mike Gingrich**

**03.02**

I think folks are getting their shorts all knotted up for no reason. This is part of the annual Kabuki dance at CBO.

The national websites of MOAA and AFA have addressed it effectively, but one of the best explanations came just recently from Senator Lieberman.

#### Tricare Correspondence From Senator Lieberman

(Letter dated, Feb 19, 2009) Thank you for contacting me regarding rumored cuts in benefit programs for military retirees, including TRICARE for Life. Currently, a wealth of false and misleading information is being distributed on this matter; and I welcome the opportunity to explain the source of the confusion.

I am aware of several chain emails, online discussion boards, blogs, and even articles in well-intentioned veterans' publications that imply that President Obama and Congress plan on eliminating TRICARE for Life. The insinuations put forth by these sources are false. The source of these stories is a report issued by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), entitled Budget Options Volume 1: Health Care, released in December 2008.

Before jumping to conclusions about the report itself, however, it is important to know exactly what the CBO is. CBO is a nonpartisan federal agency, tasked with providing Congress with cost estimates for the many legislative proposals considered each year. It also periodically offers Congress suggestions for adjusting federal spending. CBO is an information gathering body for Members of Congress. Its recommendations about the budget are completely non binding; and its officers do not draft actual policy, legislation, or law.

The Budget Options report in question offers a total of 115 options for reducing (or, in some cases, increasing) federal spending on health care, only three of which relate to TRICARE. These options are merely suggestions, not policy statements or actual legislation. Reports such as this one are routine, and very few options or recommendations made by CBO are typically acted upon. President Obama has not indicated support for the three recommendations in this report related to TRICARE, nor has any Member of Congress, to the best of my knowledge. Any suggestion that the Administration is affiliated with this report ignores the fact that it was drafted by the CBO - which, again, is an advisory body of the legislative branch, not the executive branch.

You may also be interested to know that both the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) have issued statements condemning the aforementioned rumors that are being perpetuated through chain emails.

I hope that you have found this letter informative, and I encourage you to share this information with members of your community who are concerned about issues relating to military retirees. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, please be assured of my continued commitment to protecting the various interests of all those who have fought tirelessly to protect our cherished freedoms.

Thank you again for sharing your views and concerns with me. I hope you will continue to visit my website at <http://lieberman.senate.gov> for updated news about my work on behalf of Connecticut and the nation. Please contact me if you have any additional questions or comments about our work in Congress. Sincerely, Joseph I.

Lieberman, UNITED STATES SENATOR

**Cliff York-email**

**03.02**

(Cliff mentions the TFL info) On a brighter note, I was reading my latest issue of Scientific American (March 2009) and discovered an article on Detecting Nuclear Tests on page 70. It gives a good explanation of how nuclear test are detected, size that can be detected, etc., and on page 76 says: "One network of particular note among all the foregoing networks is the monitoring system the U.S. still maintains specifically for detecting nuclear explosions. The Atomic Energy Detection System (AEDS) is operated by the Air Force Technical Application Center (AFTAC) out of Patrick Air Force Base in Florida and includes an extensive global network of seismometers". Thanks, Cliff. We checked and SA has an outstanding website.

**Dale Klug-email**

**03.10**

Attached is an 11-page 'Personal Affairs Workbook' we distribute as part of our customer service at the McClellan Retiree Activities Office where I volunteer. We have quite a few surviving spouses who come in to see us for help and, if their retired military spouse had completed a workbook like this, they would have avoided a lot of stress at a very trying time.

I also have an extensive 56-page workbook that costs me about \$8.00 to put together in a binder, or \$5 without. I can send a copy of the shorter 11-page version free via email, or the longer version via USPS, at the listed costs, for those who would like one. Email, 'klugdale@juno.com.' Thanks so much, Dale, for the idea, and the offer. Readers, recall we mentioned this in our editorial and mentioned the worth of the idea, and methods for locating.

**Mike Cork-email**

**03.12**

I got this in a Military.com newsletter and signed-up. There are no "needs" within 100 miles of my zip code, for now, but, I wanted you' all to know about this site, especially if you know anybody that needs help-get them signed up, <http://www.military.com/news/article/vets-find-safety-net-online.html?ESRC=airforce-a.nl>.

**MBRSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL/CHANGE**

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE OR LAST PAGE OF THE POST-MONITOR

**'Serial Sages'** (New Lifetime Members): Harry Joseph-

**'Sustaining Sages'** (Annual Mbrs, new and renewals):

None Reported

**Address Changes:**

None Reported

**SPECIAL EPOMO PROJECT**

YOUR EDITORS

On 2008.12.20 we sent a 'Blind Carbon' email invitation to email addresses (eddresses) from the current 'Florida Membership' listing which our current 'Membership Chair' Randy Vlassick, maintains. We invited members to 'try' the electronic version of the Post-Monitor (ePoMo) available as a 'Link' and/or pdf attachment. We received a lot of kickbacks from invalid addresses and also mucho positive support.

First the kickbacks-we have numbered them for reference. Please look thru these and **make corrections at the assn website**, if necessary; database maintainers will be 'auto-notified' when you make the correction. If your address is correct at the website, please drop us an email so we can

notify Randy to make the change on his listing:

1 bsnelgro@bellsouth.net; 2 corbiser@intrepid.net; 3 campeggio@starpower.net; 4 bmmiller@netdoor.com; 5 bluehawk7@centurytel.net; 6 bear48@earthlink.net; 7 arthur.cartwright@ieee.org; 8 apavik@flash.net; 9 etg14969@aol.com; 10 CAJones9@aol.com; 11 bobtomlin@aol.com; 12 billschmied@aol.com; 13 cbrotherton1@cl.rr.com; 14 wzbahm@att.net; 15 wendyndave@dejazzd.com; 16 vab17@sbcglobal.net; 17 usaf292@cox.net; 18 tworose@worldpath.net; 19 tsul@bellsouth.net; 20 TRDDM@aol.com; 21 stanfords@adelphia.net; 22 wren13@pikeonline.net; 23 RCBlack01@Comcast.net; 24 paislleys@mchsi.com; 25 paulyann@cox.com; 26 rabe@cfl.rr.com; 27 warren.miller@schriever.af.mil; 28 john.reinders@dia.mil; 29 keri.robinson@pnl.gov; 30 sandied@apci.net; 31 RRipley1595@msn.com; 32 richard-duval@usa.net; 33 monahan@monmouth.com; 34 lang.guenther@freenet.de; 35 mark.tiedemann@sbcglobal.net; 36 lalbani@comcast.net; 37 njshore2@earthlink.net; 38 lavern407@cs.com; 39 jfbradford@directway.com; 40 ken.prevatt@co.41 robeson.nc.us; 42 joanjay@mindsync.com; 43 jeanandgene@erols.com; 44 jncounce@att.net; 45 grwfl@ewol.com; 46 grindrs@msinets.com; 47 Entry Removed; 48 jandcdavidsons@earthlink.net; 49 garytemplar@comcast.net; 49a gsevens@juno.com; 50 hogan30@roadrunner.com; 51 l.and.m@cox.net; 52 konild@msn.com; 53 jdmcmurtry@aol.com; 54 jaste-foneck@aol.com; 55 flcronanf@aol.com; 56 haning@ns.net; 57 Fred\_Cisco@gbronline.com; 58 cebat@infi.n; 59 craig.bendorf@patrick.af.mil

Next, the positives: Al and Kathy **Moy** signed up and wondered why they had not done it before!! Also Frank **McGuire**, Jerry **Collins**, Frank **Morsics**, Ray **Baney**, Howard **Larninan**, Carl **Bannister**, Rene **Uzee** and Curt and Eunice **Harris** took the eLeap! Dennis **Gilroy** (AFTAC's former 'Diamond' told us he had been an eSubscriber and somehow 'fell off' our listing) Thanks to all of you for your response and Excellent choice. David (Dave) **Ladd** wrote: "Yes, I'll have to relent and go with the 21st century way of doing things...it's time. It's just that I can't read it laying in bed or in the powder room :)...I'll just have to print them out now in order to do that. No problem and thanks for all the wonderful news and stories. I know it's truly a labor of love and I'm sure there are many of us who aren't the vocal ones that would join me in saying THANK YOU for all your hard work and dedication - and we know it takes a Team! Thanks again. Merry Christmas to you and your family. Thanks, and you betcha, Dave. Our audience always makes us eager to be preparing the next newsletter. Later Dave wrote another email offering a donation; we replied this was very thoughtful but should not be necessary!!"

We also heard from several current eSubscribers thanking us and reinforcing that method of receiving, Jim **Horne**, John **Nelson**, John **McGettigan**, Geno **Wagner**, Tom **Leiter**, Jack **Tucker**, and Rick **Manley**.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

Recall the Dec NOTE concerning unauthorized beneficiary changes to the 'Retiree Act Stmt.' We received this reply: "The quoted story did occur in one instance, and was the result of a clerk error. This occurred many months ago. If the retiree concerned would have contacted us immediately, instead of broadcasting this out on the internet, we could have fixed the problem. However, it does make a good point, that everyone should thoroughly review the RAS. D.D., Policy & Legislation, Retired & Annuity Pay."

PREZ

FROM  
THE TOP

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The months past were a blur of activity for the LRD Alumni here in sunny Florida. Thanks to their energy, attention to detail, and the participation that accompanies every successful event, our ties with AFTAC and the extended AFTAC family remain solid and robust.

Speaking of participation, our next big event—the Worldwide Reunion—is just around the corner and is the impetus behind the early publication and distribution of this PoMo. You can be sure it isn't just coincidence that I touch on "participation" as a significant component of successful events. Each AFTAC Alumni—whether a paying (or paid-for-life) dues member or just a veteran of years in AFTAC—is welcome and encouraged to attend, catch up, pass on business cards and resumes, and generally partake in what promises to be a festive reconstitution of personalities! As the LRD President, I have the good fortune to meet with some of the most famous (notorious?) "movers and shakers" of AFTAC. The Worldwide Reunion offers a unique opportunity to revisit history, measure the present, and speculate on the future of an organization of epic and perpetual proportions.

What great fortune that the AFTAC Spring Picnic also falls smack-dab in the middle of events! You'll get to see your LRD Alumni at their best—doling out the suds and extending some "who\_pass" via the horse-shoe pits. It will be an opportunity to compare your memories of AFTAC events, people, and families and the togetherness they shared through the years of professional interaction. It will be an afternoon of pure enjoyment that—I guarantee—and one of the highlights of the reunion weekend.

As I close, please assist me with one last detail—thanking Bob **Wiley** and his team for the phenomenal effort put forth to bring this 2009 event to fruition. The hours of planning, adjusting, coordinating, and idea-sharing were evident in every forum Bob attended. His eye-watering attention to detail and diplomacy permeated everything—his reward will be your in-person awe and enjoyment at this priceless memory and opportunity.



## BOARD MEETINGS

## Board Members

*Elected*

President-**Lloyd French** Vice-**Addison Mitchell**  
Secretary-**Judy Milam** Treasurer-**Joe Goldian**

*Appointed*

2009 WorldWide Alumni Reunion Coordinator-**Bob Wiley**  
Activities-**CMSgt John Nederhoed** Hall of Heritage-**David Merker**  
Hospitality-**Judy Milam** Internet-**Mike Black**  
Membership-**Randy Vlassick** Newsletter-**John and Christel Horsch**  
'Off-Line' WorldWide Database-**Clark Creery**  
Publicity-**Need a Volunteer** Sage Shop-**Pat Snyder**

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**A Minute with the Minutes**

**Alumni Of The Year, 2008:** Bob **Wiley** was selected for this honor at the January meeting (see page 1).

**WorldWide Reunion, 2009:** Bob **Wiley** is our 'Major Arranger,' Pat **Snyder** Co-Chairs, see page 1 and the assn website, 'www.aftacalumni.org,' 'Need To Know Now' link for updates. Additional Volunteers are needed, consider lending your 'Sage Skills.'

**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)

**Membership:** Chair, Randy **Vlassick** reports Membership is 621, 578 lifetime.

**Post-Monitor:** Will publish early as reunion reminder.

**SnowBall:** 2009.01.31 SnowBall XI, was a success with over 70 Sages, and spouses, in attendance.

**Hall of Heritage:** Plans are underway to approve space for a 'Hall of Heritage' in the new building, if and when one is approved. The timeline of the mission will be reflected in the Hall of Heritage. Al **Moyers**, AFTAC Historian, and CMSgt Steve **Revels** are active in this project.

**Golf:** The 18th Annual Fall Golf N'Gettogether was delayed a week (10.17) due to weather. The 19th Annual Spring Golf N'Gettogether, originally planned for play during the reunion, will be rescheduled. (see pg 1).

**Publicity Chair:** We need a Sage to fill this position. Please

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CALIFORNIA NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2009.01

# DEPOT FALLOUT

Jack **Allison** (now deceased), President; Dennis **Nolan**, Vice; Ken **Denbleyker**, Chairman of the Board of Directors (COB); Orville **Pritchard**, Asst. COB; Dave **Tarquino**, Director At Large; Charlie **Penn**, Treasurer; Butch **Kemna**, Asst. Treasurer; Ken **Breitwieser**, Secretary; Bob **Baker**, Asst. Secretary, Dave **Price**, Membership; Newsletter Editor-Dale **Klug**; Webmaster/Asst Editor-Bob **Fitzgerald**-Website @ <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>.  
Membership: 157, 132 are Lifetime

## Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING

**Meetings, 1st Tuesday** quarterly at the LionsGate Restaurant at McClellan Park; confirm before coming.  
-2009.05.16-5th Annual Spring Picnic Potluck  
-2009.11.TBA-6th Annual Fall Social

## Way Back When

CA CHAPTER'S 'I REMEMBER ...' AND 'BS' ARTICLES, EXTRACTED

**Editor's (Dale Klug) Note:** *This was received from Richard Burry in response to the newsletter picture of Building T-740 on Camp Kohler:*

I hope you will continue to mail the newsletter as we have no E-mail. In June '06 one of my chemo drugs for cancer treatment took my eyesight. My wife reads the newsletter to me, where I hope to hear a name I remember. The latest newsletters from West coast and Patrick were a slam-dunk.

Building T-740 is where I worked from May '52 to Jan '55, when I ended my enlistment. Building T-740 was one of the remaining buildings of what had been Camp Kohler, a German POW Camp in WWII. T-740 was a gym, where the basketball court and open area were turned into a warehouse where rows of bins were kept with supplies to send out to teams as needed. Working in the warehouse were **Clipinger**, **Gilmet**, **Ardell**, **Shaffer** and later **Bell**, **Refermat**, **Grosklags**, and **Middleton**.

During this time probably 15 or more airmen spent 60 to 90 days training to go out to handle the supply work. The picture was taken at what we called the back of the warehouse. On the opposite end of that building were the stock records unit and 2 officer's offices. When I arrived, **Lt Col Little** and **Capt Ireland** were supply officers. Besides myself, **Smallwood**, **Sweeney**, **Yantz** & **Jim Smith** worked the records. **Georgia Wiggins** was the secretary of the supply office, who later married **John Magness**. Later, **Maj Stotz** and **Capt Godwin** would be at the office.

Down the hill from T-740 were some buildings, one of which was used as a barrack for all of us. We had 2 Jeep trucks, which we loaded into 3 times a day to go to the base for meals. At the '94 reunion we drove out to where T-740 had been and there were 200 or more houses. We toured the lab and it was hard to compare it to T-740 and S-34. At the '99 reunion everything was being closed down. Maybe at Omaha the new

guys will be the start of the new 1009th. I'm going to send the newsletter to Bell to see if he knows who is in the picture of Building 628. Keep sending the newsletter and maybe I will hear a name I remember. FI Editor's here: Richard, thanks for this article and your membership in our chapter. Your recall is superb and thanks for your time and effort in this very interesting 'Way Back When.'

***This was received from Dan Fadness, who was stationed at Det 2xx, Adak AK in 1963:***

As you probably know, once you were assigned on one of these Dets, there was no way off (leave) except family emergencies, and they checked them.

I liked to hunt and the CO before **Capt Fisher** was a 1/LT named Harry N **Weedman** who asked me if I would like to go caribou hunting on Atka. Well Duh! Of course. There were some Aleut fisherman who had wrecked their fishing boat and the Navy rescued them. They were returning them home and had planned to stay an extra two days so a lucky few could hunt. The government had stocked these as a food source for the Aleuts who would rather fish so ended up with a whole bunch of caribou on the island.

Now how did a first enlistment "good ol' Boy" like me get invited on a trip like that? It seems Lt Weedman was doing some sight seeing and had gotten down on one of the beaches and got stuck. Not stuck in sand but, if you remember, most of Adak's beaches were rocks. Anyhow, in getting out, he had dented a fender and a rocker panel on a new Govt pickup. He was trying to think of how to fix it without any higher ups hearing about it. I mentioned that I was a graduate of the GM sheet metal repair course in Omaha and if he could find a place to work, I could fix it for him. Who would have guessed??? He found a place in the navy motor pool and I went to work. He sent off to Anchorage and had the paint sent out and by the time it got there I was ready to paint. I just couldn't make Navy gray blend into Air Force blue. Anyhow, he was genuinely grateful, and when this trip came up I got to go.

We went over to Atka in a Navy fleet tug and after delivering the Aleuts home we went to the other side of the island and into a sheltered bay, and went ashore in large rubber rafts and set up camp. As I recall, there were 27 caribou killed altogether and I got one of them. We dressed them out and the next morning took them out to the ship and loaded three at a time via blocks and tackle out of the rubber boats. Some of them went to officer's families or NCOs who had hunted and had dependents and the rest went into government freezers. Nothing was wasted. The night before we broke camp, the little foxes did their best to get their share but we brought most of it home to Adak.

There were many good memories of Adak. Some of the guys were down in the dumps for being there and spent a lot of time and money in the bar. I usually took off for the hills and remember seeing the WW2 trenches cut into the hillsides along with gun emplace-

ments ever so often. The guns were gone but the pits they went in were there and ready. The Japanese has already landed on some Aleutian islands but Adak was ready for them. The weather was less than ideal but I was pretty sure I was bullet proof or at least bullet resistant and I loved it.

Dale, I have done it again...wrote a book. Maybe only a chapter, but plenty. I filled out the membership application and it will go in tomorrow. Thanks again for your help. I told my wife about some of the events you had advertised in the newsletter and she said, "Sacramento isn't that far away". Maybe I'll get to meet you one day. It would be a good thing.

#### FallOut Mail-Call

**Jane White, Chechon Children's Home, Chechon, Korea-email 2008.12.26**

Sorry this is late; we had a Happy Christmas especially with the Det. They are only eight now and it's really different to see our kids mixed in with the Det guys. Some of the older teenagers are taller than the Det guys. Attached is our Christmas letter and picture. Have a Blessed Happy and Healthy 2009. Love and Prayers. Editor's Note: Jane's Christmas letter is quite long. Anyone wanting a copy, with the picture, please email me at [FalloutEditor@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:FalloutEditor@AFTACWCC.org) and I'll send you both.

**Dan Fadness-email 2009.01.02**

I stumbled on your site, quite by accident, while looking for some military history. It appears that you may be what I was looking for. I enlisted in the Air Force in 1960 and was assigned to SAC after initial training. A call came down for personnel with certain qualifications and I was the only one in my outfit who qualified. After retraining on (then) new ionospheric research technology at the U of Maryland and equipment training at SRI at Palo Alto, I was assigned to a site outside of Roswell, NM, and shortly thereafter, transferred to Det 2xx Adak, Alaska, attached to the 1155th Tech Ops squadron at McClellan. I completed my tour of duty there and since my fiancé had a better offer than the reenlistment sergeant, I went civilian as of April 1964. 1963 was spent on Adak. This is all documented on paper and is Air Force history. Does this sound like qualifications for membership? If so, please advise. We were sworn to silence in 1963. It would be good to talk with those who had "been there and done that". Editor's Note: Dan found somebody who has "been there & done that" all right. Both alumni Al Gomes & I were in the "C" system. Al was stationed there in 1964 & I was TDY there three times

COLORADO NEWSLETTER EXTRACTS, 2009.01

## 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: ~105**

### Events Calendar

SEE WEBSITE FOR LATEST INFORMATION (URL ABOVE) CHECK BEFORE COMING

2009.06.13, 1100, Picnic, Buckley AFB

2009.09.12, 0830, General Membership Breakfast

2009.11.14, 1730, Dinner/Dance, Aurora Hills Golf Course

**September Breakfast**-went very well with 22 of the older warriors attending, along with 11 somewhat younger folks from Det 45. It was very productive with quite a few topics covered. The slide show, which was a collection of pictures from years past went over very well. The photographs produced a lot of reminiscing.

**November Dinner/Dance**-Everyone that attended had a wonderful time. War stories abounded.

### Echoes Mail-Call Extracts

**W. Patrick Burke 2008.11.15**

I hope your event goes well and I am sure missing seeing you folks. I had my knee replaced a month ago and it went very well and I'm walking 2 miles a day. Unfortunately, I became nauseous a couple of days later and don't know why. Of course, every problem has a silver lining, I came out of the hospital at 208 lbs and now I weight only 186-that's what happens when you can't eat!

**T. S. McCarty 2009.01.14**

Detachment 421 Revisited- The Detachment has changed. A new building houses an exercise room (with showers, etc.), vehicle repair bay (& tool room), and a large entertainment area with a full kitchen. Just outside of that is the barbeque area. There are only five on the staff so the housing facility that housed up to 10 when I was there is very lightly used.

The staff was great to meet and talk to. Their obvious attention to their mission was so reassuring that current staff take the same can-do attitude that I saw back when I was there. I took lots of photos both in Alice Springs and the other areas I visited. In the Alice I walked a lot with at least daily trips up ANZAC hill which overlooks the town and detachment. Mac

Recent photo of Det 421 CRS



Australian RSL Club (Aussie VFW)



# **MONITOR** *ing Active* **Duty Doing'** 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.



## **CCS WorldWide Reunion, 2009, Welcome**

Greetings all!! We have met several times thru the pages of this newsletter and I look forward to meeting many of you in person at the reunion.

I've been on the job for about a year now and I've had the opportunity to visit a few of the Detachments and I'm always amazed (and envious) of life at the Dets. I have yet to see anywhere else in the Air Force the level of responsibilities we require of our Airmen, NCO's, SNCO's, and Det Commanders. I thank each and everyone of you for the job you do and the hardships I know you and your families endure at times.

My initial view is it's a great time to be in AFTAC. I've even told some of our young Airmen I'm jealous because they are just starting in AFTAC and look at all the new technology they have to work with. They look at me strange when I try to explain using computer punch cards and going to pick up data at the mainframe window back at Tech Ops. Or how back in the day we thought we had it good when we went from 8.5 inch floppies to 5.5 inch floppy discs. When I'm told life in the dorm applies negative pressure, I do my version of uphill both ways barefoot in the snow school story. I explain how my first room in the dorms was shared by two other Airmen, one worked days, the other swings, and I worked mids plus it was a gang latrine down the hall. The point of the war stories is as an Air Force we constantly evolve to make it bet-

ter. I tell everyone they need to have a plan on how to make it better for the person following them.

AFTAC has evolved in much the same way; we constantly get better; a great past with a great future! Yes, we are doing more with less, but we are doing it much better than anyone else. The technology keeps improving and AFTACers keep finding ways to take it to the next level. Our people are the reason we are so successful at accomplishing our mission. All the high tech equipment AFTAC uses is junk without the quality of people in our organization. I believe in the saying mission first, people always. I had the opportunity in the past to work for a US Navy Captain who told me one time "Sarge, if you take care of your ship, it'll take care of you. But, if you take care of your shipmates, they'll take care of the ship and you". Sometimes taking care of people means providing candid non-positive feedback so they can make a course correction; its the way we make us better.

Another way to make AFTAC, the Air Force and the alumni, better is by getting involved. The WorldWide is a great time to do just that; how, by being there. I've been to two, one in California and one in Colorado, and both were awesome. I love hearing the war stories, the camaraderie, seeing former co-workers and the pride of being an AFTACer. (HINT: Active AF members this is a great community involvement project/the Alumni meet normally the second Monday of the month in the Outback. I'm the Activities Chair person so I am looking for volunteers).

I am privileged to be the 13th Chief in this position and often '**look to the past to plan for the future.**'

## **Det 460**

EMAIL-01.15: GAYLE JOSEPH, LATER, MIKE CORK, CLIFF YORK, HANK RAYMOND, AS HE CALLS HIMSELF, 'OLD SAGE FROM 50'S/60'S'

My son is doing research for his senior project on alternative energy uses for remote areas. He came across this article and showed it to me-I pass it on.

'<http://www.eielson.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123129693>' Thanks, ya'all. We think all our Sages and Active-Duty would enjoy reading this. See full article at link above.

SSgt **Raring** adjusts the solar pathfinder to see an accurate reading Dec. 16, 2008, at a remote operating facility in the Interior of Alaska.

A solar pathfinder shows the year-round, site-specific solar data to determine the best location and angle to setup solar panels. Currently the Det plan on constructing a solar hybrid power system at seven different locations replacing their current propane power source saving more than \$100,000 in maintenance and refueling over a five year period. He is assigned to Det. 460 at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Jonathan Snyder)





## AFTAC continues excellence as part of Air Force nuclear enterprise

MSGT PATRICK MURPHY AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS-COMplete POSTING AT [HTTP://WWW.AF.MIL/NEWS/STORY.ASP?ID=123135020](http://www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123135020); EXTRACT FOLLOWS:

2/11/2009 - PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) -- When Gen. Norton **Schwartz** was appointed the 19th chief of staff of the Air Force Aug. 12, he emphasized a renewed focus on the nuclear enterprise as one of the Air Force's top priorities.

Air Force Technical Applications Center Commander Col. Lisa Ann **Onaga**, having assumed command only five days earlier, took this to heart. As commander of the unit that maintains and operates the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System, or USAEDS, a global network of nuclear-detonation detection sensors, Colonel Onaga knew that a renewed focus on the nuclear enterprise also meant a focus on AFTAC.

"AFTAC has been successfully executing the Air Force's nuclear-detonation detection mission for nearly 50 years without any fanfare," Colonel Onaga said. "The nuclear-detonation detection mission is directly linked to our nuclear treaty-monitoring mission, and these missions are a significant part of the nation's nuclear enterprise."

"AFTAC is also on the leading edge of technological research and the evaluation of verification technologies for current and future testing of weapons of mass destruction that threaten national security," she said. "So, AFTAC's success is a win for the Air Force's nuclear enterprise."



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

The good work continues as AFTAC Active-Duty spouses distribute items needed by deployed AFTACer's. Mrs. Bedard recently emailed a special note of 'thanks to Sages providing telephone cards.' She also passed on the following email from package recipients:

**AFTAC Spouses (from previous AFTAC/CC)**, It was so heartwarming to have a care package waiting for me upon my return to Baghdad from R&R. Once again, the package was right on the mark with the usual snacks and wonderful coffee. You outdid yourselves with the addition of two DVDs and a phone card. The movies will provide a welcome diversion on the occasional evening that is not chock full of work and the phone card gives me such flexibility to call my family in Melbourne and elsewhere without worrying about the time. Receiving the phone card was particularly important this month as my mother had a knee replacement surgery and I've been staying in touch with her cell phone in the hospital. She has really appreciated my calls from the battlefield. I had a tremendous time with my family -- Haywon and

the boys -- and am excited that I only have 4 months left in my one-year deployment. I'm also excited about getting back and seeing my AFTAC family. Your consistent and strong support sure helps my spirits during some of the long, long days. Keep it up AFTAC Team. Thank you! Col W / Mark **Col Mark Westergren Director, MNF/C-I CM&D**

**Dear AFTAC ,Your box arrived in good shape.** The little frog that sings "let me call you sweetheart" was a huge hit! The snacks were great and those simple little personal items are highly sought after. I never thought I would be so glad to see clean white socks. We have a couple coffee aficionados here who REALLY appreciate the Starbucks coffee. You will also be happy to know that the movies you sent are being featured in our section's weekly movie night. For me, the pinnacle was the phone card. As we are on the move and transiting through various sites and air ports, the phone card is a lifeline to loved ones. In those situations with no cell phone service or email access the phone card is as good as gold. Thank you again and I look forward to seeing you all in May. .Sincerely, Dean **DEAN C. WARDELL, Maj, USAF**

## 'Do-Over' for Patrick AFB Contract

EDITORS-FLORIDA TODAY, 12.27 SEVERAL YEARS AGO, KNOWING MANY SAGES SERVED AT, OR TDYED TO, THE PATRICK AFB AREA, WE REPORTED ON THE BASE HOUSING REBUILDING CONTRACT. MANY THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THAT REPORT ... HERE WE PROVIDE THE MOST CURRENT STATUS:

Under a new public-private partnership at PAFB, Hunt Pinnacle, or HP, Communities LLC, takes control of 991 units of housing at Patrick—not only the former Pelican Coast military housing development that stalled because of financial difficulties but also the older Central Housing and North Housing communities inside the gates of the base.

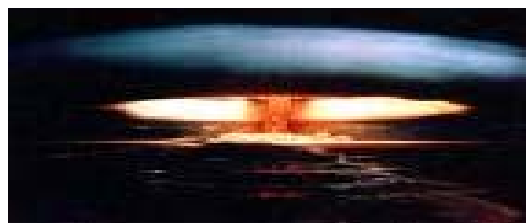
The contract also includes housing at three other bases, 3689 units all together, including Patrick, Moody Air Force Base in Georgia, Hansom Air Force Base in Massachusetts, and Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas.

The new arrangement came six years after the original \$150 million deal with American Eagle, which failed after some base housing was demolished and a portion of the new housing was built.

## Booster Club

JERRY RICE, MSGT/AFTAC TMK, BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT-OFFICERS: VICE – TSGT ROB CHRISTMAN, PUBLIC AFFAIRS – CAPT LINDSAY BLOCH, SECRETARY – SSGT ANGLIA SAGELY, TREASURER – SSGT DAFFODIL BAILEY, CLOTHING SALES – TSGT JASON GAINER, HOT DOG SALES – SSGT CASEY DAVIS, TOP NANA REPRESENTATIVE – MSGT NORMAN FISH

The annual spring Picnic will be on 2 May 2009, at the Wickham Park Main Pavilion, located next to the BCC parking. The Ironman will start around April 13th. We are currently designing a new AFTAC Booster club coin as we have run out of the previous style. We hope to have the new one before the 'WorldWide Reunion' on 1 May.



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

### THE MISSION, OVER THE YEARS

Prepared by arrangement with the Center Historian, Mr. James Moyers. Mr. Moyers (he prefers Al) has kindly agreed, as he can find the time, to prepare articles concerning mission entities ... how and when they started and what their status is at this time. Thank you, Al, and we look forward to your participation and inputs.

### A Short History of the Pinedale Detachment

AI MOYERS, AFTAC HISTORIAN

On July 7, 1959, not quite 55 years after the founding of Pinedale, Wyoming, Captain James R. Wick, the assistant director of Administrative Services for the newly organized 1035th United States Air Force Field Activities Group, issued General Order Number 23 organizing the 1035th's Team 162 at this western Wyoming ranching town. In actuality, Team 162 had become operational in December 1958 under the leadership of Captain Charles Young, Jr.; but under the rules of Air Force organization, a new order organizing the team had to be issued aligning it with the newly formed 1035th.

A site survey team looked at the area near Pinedale in 1957 and determined its location was better suited for a seismic station than the station approximately 300 road miles to the east at Pole Mountain, Wyoming, near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, at Cheyenne, Wyoming. During 1958, the Pole Mountain team relocated its facilities 18 miles southeast of Pinedale near the small community of Boulder, Wyoming.

On June 27, 1960, soon after Headquarters United States Air Force designated the 1035th a headquarters unit, Team 162 became Detachment 162. The detachment was assigned to the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron, but was attached for support to the 389th Combat Support Group at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, more than 350 highway miles to the east.

Due to a change in command structure, Detachment 162 was inactivated and Detachment 459 activated on May 1, 1973, at Pinedale with the resources in place and assigned to the 1156th Technical Operations Squadron. By this time, detachment personnel were supported by the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, 230 driving miles to the southwest. Due to the distance from the supporting base, Pinedale was officially a remote assignment for members of the detachment, which at one point in its existence numbered as many as 27.

Beginning in 1985, AFTAC planners began preparing to close the detachment due to funding cuts and a determination that technological advances had rendered the site redundant. Detachment 459 closed its doors on September 30, 1986. However, by 1988 AFTAC leadership decided that the Pinedale facilities were appropriate for establishing a new research and development detachment—the Pinedale Seismic Research Facility.

Initially assigned to the Pacific Technical Operations Area, but soon thereafter reassigned to the headquarters Operations directorate, Detachment 489 opened in September 1989 with five personnel assigned. Reportedly, Captain Michael L. Cauldwell, the detachment commander, heard the refrain "welcome back" many times on October 22, 1989, from residents of Pinedale and Boulder, Wyoming, as the newly activated Detachment 489 hosted an open house for community members. The number of detachment personnel soon grew to seven and then to eight for a period of time.

The newly organized detachment was again attached for support to Hill Air Force Base. According to the 1990 welcome letter Captain Cauldwell prepared, Pinedale, with a population of approximately 1,000 residents, had at that time one supermarket, two convenience stores, two auto parts store, two lumber yards, four hardware stores, and no fast food outlets. Presumably for some members of the detachment that was not a concern as they voluntarily extended their tours at Pinedale; however, Detachment 489 was still officially an isolated tour.

One of the highlights of the detachment had to be the day in July 1992 the Commander-in-Chief, **President George H. W. Bush**, visited. While on a fishing break from the 1992 presidential campaign, President Bush used the detachment's facilities as his communications hub and the locale for a news conference. President Bush made a point to meet every member of the detachment, have his photo made with them, and personally thank them for their service.

Detachment 489 took on another role in addition to its research and development mission during the 1990s leading to the certification of the station as part of the International Monitoring System in November 2001. With the increasing cost of maintaining this outpost and the programmed transfer of maintenance of the station to the IMS community, AFTAC leadership decided in 2005 to inactivate Detachment 489. By 2006 the planned draw down of personnel was ready; but not before members of the detachment again showed their community spirit. In January 2006 detachment personnel volunteered for the ninth straight year to help with the International Pedigree® Stage Stop Sled Dog Race as it passed through Pinedale.

In early 2007 the last member of the detachment departed. Detachment 489 inactivated effective July 1, 2007. With that, the nearly four-decade relationship between the Air Force Technical Applications Center and the community of Pinedale ended. Excellent, Al ... thank you so much for your time and effort presenting this history for a detachment that means a lot to us; this was our first assignment and where we met and wed!!



## 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 ...:'** (2008.06)
3. **'A Family Affair'** (2nd generation) (2007.09)
4. **'Sage Stars'** (Success Stories) (Unknown)
5. **'BS Tales:'** (Current)
6. **'Where In The World Is:'** Sage Locator/Updates
7. **'Tom's Trivia:'** (Interesting Facts) (2008.08)

### "BS TALES"

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit your **unclassified humorous** tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be **'Barely Substantiated' and/or 'Boldly Stated (BS).'** Forward yours' to us at 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - 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** (4), Ron **Cook** (2), Walter **Franks**, Ken **Oyer**, Bob **Chadwick**, Frank and Nedra **Szachta** (4), Chuck **Wallace**, Jon **Kempe**, George **Kraus** (2), Bud **Horrell**, Mike **Steskal**, Ray **Copeland** (4), Geno **Wagner**, Harold **Huhs**, Jack **Wagley**, Leroy **Jones**, Jack **Dorneden** (7), Clark **Creery** (3), Richard (Alkie) **Summers** (2), Les **Miller**, Jon **Richardson** Mike **Higgins**, Kenneth **Stanford**. Dick **Grim**, Bob **Chadwick**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR 'BS' INPUTS.

#### Bad Brad, Part IV

Frank **Calenda** checks in again with his great writing style and humorous memories of 'Bad Brad.' Frank first wrote about Airman Brad **Golithon** in the 2008.03 issue. This was followed by Richard **Grim** (BB II), and Frank's own BB III, in the 2008.06 issue. Here Frank continues the series with:

#### Let's see. Where did we leave off with Bad Brad?

Oh yes, he had managed to turn two Q cables into six by laying them over the railroad tracks. Up to that date, we had all managed to survive Bad Brad's expert assistance in helping around the Q shop. Not only that, he made killer coffee.

After the cable caper, Sgt Sears not so calmly asked (told) me to find a job for Brad that would keep the Q department out of the limelight. Brad was such a good, hard worker; I had to find something for him that would be the envy of everyone in the shop. The opportunity came when I was asked to set up a training room for new people coming into the systems. This room would provide a place with a "learning" atmosphere for the different systems to teach their new people. It would contain a copy of all the operations manuals, the technical manuals and other literature

associated with the particular venue that was being taught. I was given a "used" trailer to convert and a generous budget of \$27.18 to buy necessary things like curtains for the windows, desks, a sofa and various training aids.

"Brad, I've got a job for you." I said to him one morning as he was making coffee. His reaction made me think of that little dog that jumps around and has a big tongue in the cartoon Garfield. I think its name is 'Odie.' No matter, needless to say Brad was eager to get at it whatever it was. "You want to send me to Hawaii for an installation, huh, huh, huh?". "I know, you want me to assemble the new Q prototype single handedly, right, right, right?" were some of the questions I faced. "No, not really Brad. I need you to convert a run-down trailer into a first class training room and I'll give you a budget of \$27.00 to do it." (I had already spent the \$0.18 on something important). Brad was visually moved and to this day I'm not sure the tears were happy ones or an expression of, "Oh no Sarge, not another Brad project". Then, as I could always expect from Brad, I saw his tongue move to the side of his cheek and his eyes get that pensive, distant look and alarm bells started going off in my head. "Brad, this is a simple task that doesn't require a lot of thinking." I told him as I saw his attention swing back to the present conversation. "OK Sarge, I'll get on it right away." he replied with his disarming smile. There go those alarm bells again. I briefed him on what was needed to be done and how long we were given to complete it. I think the head shed wanted it done in 20 minutes but I liberally gave him several weeks to do it.

Now there were many important projects going on in the Q system in those days. Not that the other systems didn't have things to do but since Q was the most important system, things kept me fairly busy. Brad would report to me every morning and tell me that great progress was being made. He said he had checked around and found items that were needed. He had gone to the base training department and they had donated 6 desks and an instructor stand to our cause. He found some old cans of paint in the paint shed out back and had completely painted the inside of the trailer. When he said paint, my mind immediately conjured pictures of what happened when our young children got into some paint cans. I'd better make an interim inspection. To my surprise, the inside of the unit turned out great. He had painted the inside with a soft mauve ceiling and a warm orangish greenish purplish blue on the walls. Sounds awful but it was really great. About 36 inches from the floor, he had painted a fluorescent international orange strip all around the room. "Why the orange strip Brad?" He just smiled and said, "I thought that might keep the students awake." Brad was very agreeable eliminating that strip. I didn't even have to ask twice. In any case, I departed with some very complementary comments and left him to his work. I had other things to do and



anyway, he was pretty competent in finding what was needed to get the job done. I think he even told me he still had that \$27.00 grant.

One day, shortly thereafter, one of the guys told me that Brad wanted me out at the training trailer. "Brad? Brad who?" I asked. No, not really. He had been on my mind periodically, say, about every 5 of my waking minutes waiting for an explosion or the commander to bear down on me with fire in his eyes. Brad was never very far from my thoughts. As I stepped into the trailer, the sight that spread before me almost made me want to go back into teaching. The desks were neatly lined up in front of a very decorative rostrum. I'm not sure to this day, but I think it even had the presidential emblem on the front. The floor was carpeted, all the A/V equipment lined neatly to the side, the lights were dimmed, books and manuals neatly stacked and sorted in book racks and soft music playing in the background. To the rear of the room, was a table with an automatic coffee maker there for the many rest breaks that would be given during classes. Brad had done a great job! I knew he had it in him.

I headed back to the operations bay trying to think of descriptive words to use when I told Sergeant Sears about Brad's accomplishments. I went in the back door and saw most all of the systems troops in the back bay standing around a speaker, which strangely enough was Sergeant Sears. "Come on over Sergeant Calenda, I want you to hear this too." he said in a fairly ominous voice. Why do those damn alarm bells keep going off in my head? What he told us was that the logistics people were preparing furniture and morale items to send to the remote dets. They had stacked much stuff on the loading dock to be containerized. Things like sofas, coffee makers, carpet and some quite expensive stereo systems. It seems as though, after inventory, quite a few items had come up missing. If anyone saw any of these missing items or has knowledge of where they are, report it immediately to him or security police. Security police had already been notified and were starting an investigation. Let's see, sofa, coffee maker, carpet? Hmmmm, and where was that soft music coming from in the training trailer. As the meeting broke up, I was the first one out the back door making a bee line to the trailer. I opened the door and Brad was making some coffee in his new coffee maker. He was smiling until he saw the look of terror on my face. Then he got the look of, "OK sarge, what have I done now?" "Brad" I asked full knowing what the answer would be, "Where did you get all this stuff?" Then his eyes lit up and he said, "You wouldn't believe it Sarge, I was driving by the logistic dock and they must have been throwing out all this good stuff because it was just stacked there. Why would they want to dispose of good stuff like this?" I think he answered his own question as he saw the look on my face hadn't changed. "Come on Brad, let's go talk to Sergeant Sears" I said as I turned out the

door shaking my head.

I won't go into detail as to what transpired after that. I don't believe the many words that were spoken are acceptable in this publication and the color of blood, both mine and Brad's would look good on these pages. I think everyone from the common workers to the United Nations had to go out and inspect the trailer. Not many other words were spoken. I will finish up by telling you all that for some reason, still unknown to me, Sergeant Sears walked up to me one morning and said, "I've been told that the training trailer will stay as it is. Logistics doesn't want the stuff back. Don't ask me any questions about why." and he walked off. Sergeant Sears was a man of few words. Brad continued to make great coffee and walked around with a continuous smile on his face. I was told that finance wanted their \$27.18 back!!

### "WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ... "

This Alumni Website provides Sages a method to locate each other. Realizing that all do not access the internet, we post those searches here also:

None at time of publication

### "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** (7); 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.**

We would like to involve readers to pursue 3-pieces of 'oral history.' One concerns attempts to initiate an alumni assn prior to the assn we have today (started in '85), another the origin of the motto, 'In God We Trust ...', and finally, the development of the 'Center Emblem' (found on every issues' last page).

Most of you may have heard something of any or all of these, but would like reasonably validated information about each. Some of what we have heard:

**-Attempts to initiate an earlier assn:** somewhere around '81 or so a group of retiree's met several times and may have had a membership listing

**-'In God We Trust ...':** first seen on a Det 452 Air-men's hat

**-Center Emblem:** As I recall, Jim (Red) **Davis** was on a committee who developed the initial rendering. Jim, when you read this, reply and fill us in!

## SAGE SCHEDULE

**-Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns**  
**-Association Board/Membership Meetings**  
*All Alumni are heartily invited to all events.*  
**BEFORE COMING, VERIFY WITH PAT SNYDER**  
**(321) 494-6867 OR patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil**

**—WindDowns scheduled for first Fridays'**  
**WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)**

**WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building**  
**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 15-minutes early**

**May**  
**1, 1530-WindDown at the Outback**  
**11, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting**

**June**  
**5, 1530-WindDown at the Outback**  
**8, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting**

**July**  
**TBD, 1530-WindDown at the Outback**  
**13, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting**

**August**  
**7, 1530-WindDown at the Outback**  
**10, 1700-Board/Membership Meeting**

**Traditional Annual Event Timeframe(s)**  
 (some tentatively scheduled [**Bold**]-others for planning only)

**January—April**  
**-2010.01.30 (Sat) SnowBall XII, Tides Club**  
**-Center Annual Awards Banquet**

**May—August**  
**-2009.05.02, Center Annual Picnic, see pg 1**  
**-May/June, Assn 19th Annual Spring Golf n'Gettogether**

**September-December**  
**-'Annual General Membership & Elections Meeting,'**  
**designated, 'Sociable September' and held at the**  
**'Tides' Club (vs the HQ's Building) to encourage atten-**  
**dance by all members and alumni**  
**-Assn 19th Annual Fall Golf n'Gettogether**  
**OCT 1, ANNUAL FY DUES DUE**  
**-Dec, AFTAC Winter Social**

**WorldWide Alumni Reunions**  
 (normally scheduled on a biannual basis and hosting rotates between the three chapters)  
**The Florida Chapter plans the next Reunion for May 1st-3rd, 2009. See details on Page one.**

## SAGE SHOP

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 No s/h charged on logo pins

### ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (2008.12)

	MED	LG	XL	XXL
<b>GOLF SHIRTS</b> , with pocket and collar, \$14				
Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	1	3	2
Jade (medium green)	3	7	3	2
Navy	2	2	0	0
Red	2	2	1	2
White	1	1	1	2
Royal Blue	1	3	0	2
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	11	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	2	1	3
Maroon	2	4	0	1
Black	2	1	1	1

### T-SHIRTS, no pocket - \$7.00

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

### SWEATSHIRTS, Ash Gray, \$15

<b>NYLON JACKET</b> , Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'	0	0	0	4
White emblem with 'Alumni'	0	0	1	0
White emblem with 'Alumnus'	0	0	1	0

HATS - \$8.00	#	MISCELLANEOUS	Cost/#
Blue/Gray	8	-50th Commemorative	
Red	4	Coin:	\$3.00/76
Blue/White	24	*NEW: 60th AF/LRD Commemorative Coin	\$4.00/194

\*Flawed: AF Date imprinted 12 Sep vs. correct date of 18th

-Logo Pin: \$3.25/233

-Alumni License Plate: \$7 Mbrs,  
 \$10 Non-Mbrs/2

**Florida Membership Directory** available at no cost via email to paid-up assn members. Email, 'chrisjohn2@gmail.com.'

**WorldWide Directory** is an expanded listing of those who serve/served, and we have record of, 'searchable' at the Florida Chapter Website, 'www.aftacalumni.org,' 'Member Locator' link. This listing is also maintained 'Off-Line' and is available, via email, to paid-up members by request. Contact Clark Creery, 'clark312@'

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**'Tom's Trivia' Answer(s)-see preceding page**  
 Read and Respond if you have information

