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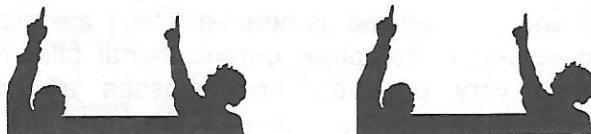
**SAGE SPOTLIGHT*********SMSGT (RET.) STEVE COOK*******

We Spotlight Steve this quarter as a new board member - and our Year 2000-01 Treasurer. Steve's service to his country began on 21 Sep 76 and to AFTAC in November 1976 (technical school). Steve's AF assignments include two tours at Det 460, one to Det 452 and service to many directorates within HQ AFTAC.

His AFTAC duties included time as a detachment shift operator, B field operations (the old DOSB), Hydroacoustic and EMP Operations Center Manager, IG Team member, Seismic Requirements Manager (XPX), Seismic and Hydroacoustic Operations Center Manager (TOS), a short stint in TX on the Crew Blue program, Detachment Station Superintendent, and culminated as the 9S Career Field Manager...a couple of times he even filled in for Joe Mauro as the HQ First Sergeant so Joe could take an extended vacation to Saudi Arabia to 'First-Shirt' an overseas location.

When asked why he decided to become the Association Treasurer, Steve replied, 'because he felt the need to stay connected to a great group of people.'

Thanks Steve, for your service to the country, the US Air Force, AFTAC and now the Alumni Association. Your service is truly appreciated.

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

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

**AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GOLF N'GETOGETHER, 2001.06.08
COCOA BEACH COURSE**

SUBMITTED BY SAM SORICE AND JOE GOLDIAN, MAJOR ARRANGERS
Story on page 4, left column

**AFTAC ALUMNI NATIONAL REUNION
DENVER CO, 2001.06.14 - 17
See You There!!!**

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

**COMMAND AWARD CEREMONY
PAFB NCO CLUB, 2001.04.04**

SUBMITTED BY THE EDITORS, PHOTO BY BOB WILEY

On this evening SMSgt (Ret) 'Ben' Vlassick was honored during the 'AFTAC Annual Awards Banquet'. He was selected by his alumni peers as

'Alumnus Of The Year, 2000' and was recognized for his deeds during an elegant ceremony that also honored numerous active-duty personnel.

AFTAC CC, Col
HortonMSgt Randall
VlassickAIA CCMS
Hatcher

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Association Honor Roll

Alumni Of The Year Recipients

Ben Vlassick 2000—John Horsch 1999
 Frank Hall 1998—Judy Milam 1997
 Carl Gailey 1996—Clark Creery- 1995

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in March 1985 and chartered later the next year. It was created to provide a forum for those who wish to maintain an ongoing connection with the organization and its people, both active-duty and retired. Membership is open to current and former 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.

Florida chapter

Membership dues, \$10 per year (based on FY, 1 Oct.-30 Sep.), payable in Oct., or \$75 for a life. You're encouraged to attend scheduled monthly meetings beginning at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC headquarters building (#989) at Patrick AFB., FL. For information, meetings or membership, contact **Jim Payne**, (321)777-4731/paynejb@juno.com, **Carl Gailey**, (321)777-0569/gaileyc@juno.com, **Judy Milam**, (321)254-8878/jem2415@worldnet.att.net, or **Pat Snyder**, (321)494-6867/patricia.snyder@aftac.pafb.af.mil. Dues, membership applications, and queries/information should be mailed to:

**AFTAC Alumni Asc., PO Box 254892
 Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892**

The chapter provides a quarterly (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec) newsletter, "Post-Monitor" (staff data below), (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, "Monitor") & a Webpage, "<http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>", with association & alumni information, "Post-Monitor" issues and photos - WebMasters are **Dave Johnson** and **Mike Black**

Florida Chapter Board "PERENNIALS"-Alumni serving for five+ years. Frank Hall, President/Vice, 89-98/01, Judy Milam, Secretary 89-00, Eunice Harris, Hospitality, 89-00; Mary Welch, Membership, 91-99; Carl Gailey - Treasurer 91-99, Swede Swansen, publicity, since 93

Colorado chapter

Membership dues are \$5 per year, payable in February; chapter publishes a newsletter, "Echoes," and meets several times a year-for information, **Bill Schmied**, (303) 367-0625

West Coast (California) chapter

Formed in 1999, dues are \$5 per year, \$50 for lifetime; for information-Joe Johnson, (916)783-8676, 'TOD.Alumni@bigfoot'-mailing address:AFTAC Alumni Assoc., West Coast Chapter, 161 Southcreek Circle, Folsom CA, 95630-1510.

They plan to hold meetings and socials, host a webpage and publish a periodic newsletter.

AFTAC Alumni Honorarium

There are several permanent and ongoing projects representing and honoring our people and it's history. Two of these, the "Hall of Heritage" (with information and artifacts) and the Photos/Biographies of Alumni who served the command for 20 plus years, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Encampment Wyoming Museum.

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"A TEAM" ...of Horschies'

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



Hi ... as you read this we are either deep in the planning stages for going to the Denver reunion or on our way there. This 'June' issue was completed several weeks early as so many alumni involved in its publication were scheduled to 'head west' in June. Hopefully you will find the quality not affected ... quantity perhaps—which we will catch up on in the next issue—but not quality.

We look forward to seeing old work compatriots and friends at the reunion, and hope a bunch of you can make the trek also. If you see us there, tell us 'Howdy' and let us know how we can make the PoMo better for you, and give us an article.

We hope you enjoy seeing the 50th Anniversary logo on the cover ... we have decided to add that in an attempt to remind all of us of the mission's rich history and of all those who served over the years, whatever the title.

Regarding this issue, one of our feature article series, 'Commander's reCall', is reaching a terminal point. We've caught up with past commanders to the point we've asked the more recent CC's, Col. **Beatty** (1998-2000) and Col. **Dettmer** (2000-2001) for their inputs. We trust they will 'find time' to squeeze us in. Both were very supportive of the alumni association, often 'popping in' on our meetings, and always remembering to include us in the appropriate affairs (awards, picnics, etc.).

We are sorry to report that we do not have an 'I Remember' or 'Where Are Ya!' feature and hope some of you will consider taking the time to write something. We do have stories, both alumni and active-duty, covering awards and people.

And last, but not least, you hold in your hand a possible 'collector's item.' This is planned to be the last issue with the 'AFTAC Alumni Association' banner-head. We thought it best you read of the changes 'From The Top' (see the 'Chapter News' section) rather than be hit by it at the start of the newsletter. Our Vice, **Frank Hall**, in collaboration with our President, **Sam Sorice**, brings you a lot of news of changes the board has been grappling with.

The alumni association name-change can be a plus and even viewed as needed. There are many who served under other organizational titles—the change very positively encompasses all who served our mission, no matter the title.

MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to
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Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn@juno.com
 Letters may be edited for clarity and space; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

Cyberspace, email, Jaketogo, 2001/3/11, pic from at least a year ago. Every so often, just the right combination of conditions and events occur to create an unbelievable event-in this case an F-18 passing through the sound barrier. Not only were the water vapor, density and temperature conditions just right, but there just happened to be a camera in the vicinity to capture the moment. The F-18 is actually in transonic flight, with normal shock waves emanating from behind the canopy and across the wings and fuselage. The condition will last for only an instant, and once supersonic flow exists completely around the aircraft, sharp-angled sonic cones replace the normal shock waves. It's beautiful ... wish you could see it in color ...



Anaheim, CA **2001/3/20**

A two story house and steps got to be too much for me at age 81—so I'm now in a new single level apartment with 2 master suites. Fortunately, I'm only 2.5 miles from JoAnne and Ken.

Regards to all my AFTAC friends.

Louise Walker you bet, and know you will enjoy the new home
Biloxi, MS **2001/3/22**

Don't know how I dropped out of the loop, but it happened. Would like to renew my membership

and I hope I don't repeat my prior mistake.

Sorry to say that we will not be able to make the Denver reunion as our eldest granddaughter is graduating from High School the same weekend. Since she lives in Fairfax VA the distance is too great to make both events. This is our 6th year in Biloxi and we enjoy it more each day.

Congratulations on a great Web-Page — the photo section is great.

Robert M. Kridle, AFTAC '60-'70, O'seas > Hq > O'seas > Hq > retirement we'll miss you but understand and thanks for enjoying the fruits of the webmasters and our labors

Cyberspace

2001.3.23

(extracted from an email sent to Bob Fitzgerald and the PoMo)

I'm also having memory problems (like OZ I am 70 years old) which might explain why I don't really remember you (Bob Fitzgerald). However, I will send my original email to John & Chris Horsch for publication in the newsletter (please see 'Alumni to Remember' section).

Like you, I am retired also. I retired 3 years ago from the Ford Motor Company research lab. When I was assigned to the 1155th I took over the electron microprobe which had been flown in from France, The old Cameca system. Well, I carried that work into civilian life and spent 27 years at Ford working with electron microprobes, x-ray diffractometers, and x-ray fluorescent spectrometers. I also had the privilege of automating one of the first probes. I had a very satisfying and productive civilian life all because of the 1155th and of course, the OZ.

Frank Kunz thank you Frank, for the information and the memories of 'the OZ' - please see 'Alumni to Remember' section

Cyberspace

2001.3.24

I plan to send my money soon to become a "lifer" with AFTAC Alumni. We have been super busy since I became Pres. of our mobile home park's Resident Assoc. We have 2200 plus units (biggest in FL), and you can imagine the hectic pace that presents one. Anyhow, we have friends near Denver, and if possible we will try to make the June reunion.

Frank & Nedra Szachta Frank and Nedra also sent us a 'BS' item you will see in the next issue. Thank you guys so much for that and bringing us up to date ... where is the park? We might like to see the 'biggest in FL' ...

Cyberspace

2001.4.23

To: Al (**Stucki**), have some good news for you. Reference your note in the PO-MO (Dec issue), about being assigned to the 1009th and award of Pres Unit Citation—and you asked if anyone out there had any info on it? One of our "still outstanding" members, Richard E. **Burry** in Lee's Summit, MO came thru and forwarded a copy of

the General Orders and a copy of the citation to our chapter. I will get it out to you in tomorrow's mail. I'm glad you asked about it in the PoMo and someone was able to help. That is just another confirmation of the caring people (then and now) in AFTAC. Cheers ...

Jim Payne, Alumni Asc. Membership Chair

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COMIN' UP

Golf n'Getogether from page 1

Did you enjoy the last tournament that we held in November '00? Well, if you did we have another one that should be better than the last one. We will play on the Friday, June 8th 2001, at the Cocoa Beach Country Club Golf Course, swinging out at 1300 (1 p.m.). We will be playing a scramble or select shot, as many golfers know it. Recommend that you sign up as a team, but if you cannot find enough players please call in and sign up as single golfers. We will certainly find a team for you to play with.

We are looking at holding it to 144 players and it will be first come, first selected to play. The cost will be \$30.00 for AFTAC Alumni members and \$35.00 for everyone else. This price includes green fees, cart, barbecue and non-alcoholic beverages throughout the day (and evening).

If anyone would like to attend just for the camaraderie, food and awarding of prizes, the cost will be \$9.00 per person. Prizes will be awarded immediately after golf and during a catered barbecue dinner at the Cocoa Beach Country Club.

For details and signup call:
Nancy Frey at 779-6046

PAT SNYDER AT 494-6867

GONE OFF

Command award ceremony from page 1

The banquet began with the posting of the colors and then the MIA/POW remembrance. This was followed by a great meal and then we listened to the keynote speaker, AIA Command CMSgt Hatcher, speak of the importance of individuals and their contributions. The awards ceremony followed and a list of active-duty recognitions are provided in the active-duty section on page 8.

The Alumni selection, SMSgt (Ret) Ben Vlassick, President and 'all-around' of the Colorado Chapter of the Association, could not be there but was ably represented by his son, MSgt (not Ret) Randy Vlassick - one of AFTAC's 'father – son' combinations. Ben was honored because of the quality and quantity of his service to AFTAC and to its alumni. As you read in our 'Salute' last issue, he continues a long honorable record of service that began in 1954 and is recently represented by his duties in the Colorado Chapter and their taking on the 2001 National Reunion. Ben will also be recognized at his event by the AFTAC Commander and his peers.

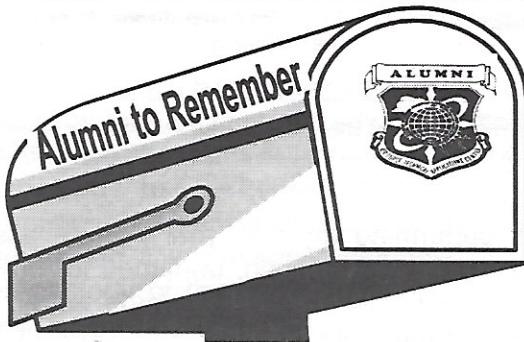
Thank you Ben, for being an active-duty AFTA-Cer and an 'active-duty alumni.' We'll see you in Colorado in just a few days ...

COMMAND SPRING PICNIC

SUBMITTED BY YOUR EDITORS

The command annual picnic was held on May 5th at the usual spot, the Wickham Park Pavilion. There were several hundred active-duty and a few Sages. Beer-tenders (the traditional alumni picnic duty) included Bob Wiley, Howard Dibble, Tony DeMarco, Chris and John Horsch, John Caban, Sam Sorice, Edna Calenda and Frank Hall. Others seen around the grounds (pardon us if we missed somebody) included Carl and Mayme Gailey, Jerry and Terry LaBarre, Dave and PJ O'Brien, Chuck McBrearty, Terry and Patti Hammond, Judy and Mike Milam, and Eileen Best - Bob, Terry, Howard and Tony could not find any courageous active-duty horse'shoers so they just had to take turns beating each other.

We would like to have seen more of you there and hope you will consider it for next year ... it's a good time and the 'more the merrier.'

**Personals . . .**

Wherein alumni let us know of events in their lives they want to share. Please send us births (children, grandchildren), weddings, retirements (military or otherwise), and other events.

Beginnings ... Transitions

'New' Alumni

Recent/Near Military Retirements

MSgt Murphy, Ben (LS), MSgt Kelly, James (TM), Col Trask, David (TC), SMSgt Bryson, Steve (DO), Lt Col Crisler, William (TA), MSgt Linton, David (CC), SMSgt Mason, Edward (TM), TSgt Osterloh, Teresa (DO), MSgt McCoy, Donald (XP), MSgt Mitchell, Jeffrey (XP), MSgt Harvey, David (LS), SMSgt Lange, Larry (DO), SMSgt Strum, David (TA), Eileen Best (LS)

... best of luck in your futures , and think of your Alumni Association as being a part of it ...

Hopes of Health for...

Wherein Alumni share hopes for themselves or others...

No Names Provided

TAPS**In Memory of Those We
Knew But Are Now Gone**

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, 1862

**Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lakes, from the hills,
From the sky.**

**All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh,**

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

In Memory Of

Wherein Alumni share names of those gone but never forgotten..

**Richard E. Osburn
Ronnie Holbrook**

**Mike Ahles
James Robert Duval
Rest in Eternal Peace**

Richard E. Osburn

FRANK GOODREAU, EMAIL, 2001.03.20

Richard E. Osburn died Mar 17, 2001, at age 70. Known by most as Chief Oz, he spent most of his 30 years of military service in the lab at the 1155th. After retiring from the Air Force, Oz taught physics and math for 15 years at Mira Loma High School in Sacramento. A Memorial Service was held on March 22, 2001, at 4121 E. Haack Ct. (Sherwood Home), Elk Grove, CA. An email address for those wishing to express their condolences is aosburn@firstam.com (his son Anthony's address).

In Memoriam, 'The OZ'

Frank Kunz Remembers

(from an email sent to Bob Fitzgerald and the PoMo)

I was never as smart as the OZ and he helped several other "dummies" and me through many math and physics courses while at the University of Southern Mississippi. I really needed his help, because I only completed the 9th grade in high school and subsequently completed the GED for my high school diploma. I was only 15 when I joined the US Army Air Force, so I really did not have the background in math and physics.

So, with the help of OZ and many other fine people, I have had a very good life and to this day, I scratch my head and wonder how the heck I made it through college and work in research.

Thanks once again for your very thoughtful email. I'm taking the liberty of sending this email to Anthony and Chris also. Have a wonderful day and stay healthy. With many regards.

SON, ANTHONY, REPLIES

Thank you. It is nice to hear these kinds of stories of my father in his youth before I was born.

Ronnie Holbrook

NOAH HOLBROOK, EMAIL, 2001.04.17

Ronnie Holbrook, wife of SMSgt Noah B Holbrook (ret) went to be with the Lord on 12 March 2001. Ronnie and Noah were with AFTAC for 19.6 years. Retired at Patrick I July 73.

Mike Ahles

Doug "Sharkey" Neeley Remembers

While at Det 301 (1966-1968) as a "Z" troop, I had a great friend in an "H" troop named Mike Ahles. We were part of a very good fast-pitch softball team that Det 301 put together. We skateboarded down hills in front of Russian and Red China's embassies and may have liberated Christ-

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◆ AFTAC Alumni Association, Florida Chapter ◆

mas trees from Ataturk's forest beside the Detachment (can't remember). Mike cross-trained in '68 serviced SR-71 Blackbirds at Beale AFB. He married Francine Judish in 1968. I have learned he had a heart attack in March.

James Robert Duval

SUBMITTED BY RICH (NICK) CHARLES, 2001.5.7,DOUG.NEELEY@NOKIA.COM

Age 65, born January 21 1936 in Sharon, Pa and passed away April 30 2001 at his home in Sacramento. Mr. Duvall retired from the US Air Force in 1976 after 26 years of service. He retired from McClellan AFB as a Supervising Production Controller in 1998. He is survived by his devoted wife of 23 years, Andree; loving children Michael Duvall and Catherine (Volin) Marianovich and grandchildren Nichole and Nadia Marianovich.

COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is AFTAC, a desire to record the impressions of this "from the top" and the notion we are entering a new millenium, we asked previous AFTAC commanders (for whom we had addresses) to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We received positive responses from almost every commander to include Gen's Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Lear, Bingham and Shaffer and Col's Meisenheimer, Wigington, Beatty and Dettmer. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances with us. We feature replies (one an issue) in the chronological order of their time of command - reCalls in previous issues, Gen (Ret) Silliman, Gen (Ret) Gordon, Col (Ret) Meisenheimer, Gen's (Ret) Clapper, O'Lear and Bingham, Gen Shaffer and Col (Ret) Wigington ...

We have respectfully requested inputs from AFTAC's two most recent Commanders, Col's Beatty and Dettmer. We feel confident they will reply as they find the opportunity in their busy active-duty lives.

We look forward to being able to pass on their 'Commander's reCall' ...

I Remember...

AFTAC History by those who were there

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS We solicit your unclassified remembrances of highlights in your AFTAC career (events, people, etc.). Forward these memories to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

No Input Received

A BS (Barely Substantiated) Tale!

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS We solicit unclassified humorous tales about AFTAC events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be Barely Substantiated (BS). Forward your BS to us at

'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

As promised in the last issue, this quarter we are lucky enough to have a BS to tell. A brave, long-time AFTACer steps up ... thank you

Bob Chadwick

SENT IN 2001.02.25

I was performing my one year remote assignment at an O'seas location, unnamed for obvious reasons but pleasant beyond words, when one considers that the other choice John **Whited** gave me was Thule, Greenland. The time is late 1971, on a weekend.

Our story opens with me awakened by the phone in my room ringing. Bleary eyed and foul mouthed from the after effects of our Friday after-work thanks offering to the gods for getting us all another week closer to DEROS, I answered.. "Huuhhh...."

"Bob? This is Capt **Booton**" (That's Harley D, for the purists)

"Huuhhh, Sir....."

"Hey.. I understand your wife and kids are in Australia while you're here, right??"

Now, those are words that got my attention. Yeah, when I took this assignment one of the reasons was that it'd be a perfect chance to send them back to her parents' place and spend the year among relatives. They were there, an hour or so outside Sydney. BUT.. Why in blazes is my Commander asking me that question over the phone first thing on a Saturday AM?? Cripes. An accident. Something bad is happening. Oh, Well. Believe me, this snapped the old brain out of the coma.

"Yes, Captain. What's going on? Trouble there? Are they OK? What in tarnation is this about?"

"Nothing to do with your family, as far as I know they're OK. I can't talk over the phone but we need to meet. Can you be in the hotel restaurant in 15 minutes?"

"Sure. See you there."

Mystified, I got dressed and went down and ingested a couple cups of strong coffee as I waited. He arrived in short order and set forth his plight, assuring me that my wife and kids were OK and not involved in this except peripherally.

It was like this. As we all know, Sydney was a big R & R stop for the guys during the Vietnam War. Lots of GI's went there. It was a great place to go; one of the few places in the world where an American GI could go and not get snarled at or cheated. Naturally, there were a few who were not inclined to return at the end of their 2 weeks. The

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Army had a small cop outfit at the R&R center to deal with these people.

Turns out one kid had managed to go AWOL, get caught, and then escape custody and jump a ship headed to the Islands. When the ship's crew found the stowaway, he was ejected into the custody of the American Consulate on our island. The Consulate needed a way to escort him back to Sydney to the custody of the R&R cops. So, they called Capt B.

Capt Booton told the Consul he was sure he could get a volunteer for this one. Knowing my family was already in Australia, he reckoned I'd be a good first choice. Perceptive man. Figured that one right out. So ... He made the offer.

"How about you escort this guy down there and after you deliver him go to your family and just stay there a week or two? Sound good?"

"Yeah, sir, except I got no leave left."

I didn't bother to mention that I was wondering about my physical safety on this one... I could just imagine a Green Beret type about the size and temperament of Mike Tyson handcuffed to me on a plane to Sydney...

"Don't sweat that. Come back when you're ready. You're on courier duty if anyone asks, and the chances of that are slim"

"OK. I'll take it. What's next?" With unexpressed but great trepidation. (Those of you who've worked with me -there's a bunch, I was in the outfit from 1962 till 1983 – might remember that I ain't the prisoner escorting type)

"They're bringing him over Sunday afternoon. You'll go out on the Pan Am at 9 that night. The R&R cops will be there at the plane when you arrive. You'll be first off the plane, and the airport cops are alerted too, so there'll be no problems. Aircrew will also be briefed. It should be a piece of cake"

It was, in fact. The deserter was a little kid from New York City, about 19, weedy little snark, no problem at all. I told him that if he gave me no grief on the trip, I'd write him a note stating that, for what it'd be worth. He behaved; I wrote the note. Really uneventful trip, except I had to pass up the complementary beers. Broke my heart.

We arrived at Sydney. Sure enough, when we got off, there was an obvious American cop waiting at the gangplank for us. Bermudas, loud shirt, crew cut and the ugliest, loudest sports coat I'd seen on a human being till I retired and landed in Florida. Two Australian Navy Shore Patrolmen backed him up. Those guys were impressive.

Looked like trees. BIG dudes. Serious as heart attacks, too.

As I was shaking our CID guy's hand and swapping ID's and papers, I noticed that my prisoner had gotten a bit shaky and was a shade green around the gills and somewhat nervous. Glancing at the SP's I also noted some recognition pass between them and the prisoner, and I could swear I saw a fleeting smile pass between the two SP's.

After the SP's took custody of our lad, the CID guy and I took a cab to my hotel. I commented on the emotional by-play at the airport. "It almost looked to me like the prisoner and the SP's knew each other, Bill..."

Yeah. You're right on that one. Remember how he had escaped custody once already? Well, seems that the guys he got away from were those two, and they each lost a stripe for it. When they found out he was coming back, they were very anxious to be in his "Welcome Home" party"

"Oh. That's interesting. I expect our lad will be having a very uncomfortable night tonight"

"You can take that right straight to the bank"

So... Prisoner delivered, I spent a pleasant week or so in Albury visiting relatives and family, and accumulating a war story, which I herewith present for the perusal and edification of my AFTAC colleagues.

Of course everyone that has read any Clancy knows the difference between a war story and a fairy tale.. A fairy tale begins "Once upon a time"; a war story begins "No bull, this actually happened". In this case, it did. I think Tony DeMarco could verify it....

Bob Chadwick, E8 (retired 1983), Z1, I, B Systems (overseas), Hq Data Terminal Maintenance (CONUS) thanks so much Bob, and we look forward to more ...

Where are ya?!!

PREPARED FROM YOUR INPUTS. Where we attempt to get you, the alumni reader, to let us know "where ya are" and "what'cha been doin" - Forward these updates to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Updates column to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

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Duty Doings' prepared by the editors from your inputs sent in from around the AFTAC World

Command Section



AFTAC Commander, 2002.02, previously AFTAC DO and before that, CC 91st Intelligence Sq and 694th Intelligence Group, Fort Meade, MD. He has a Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering, from the University of Southern California ('79) and a Master's from Defense Intelligence College, Wash. DC ('90). He is married to the former Dr. Lendra Persaud, assigned to Ft. Belvoir, VA. They have a daughter, Denise, and a son, Brian.



Col. Roy E.
Horton

AFTAC Superintendent, 1998.11, 20+-year AFTACer, he enlisted 3/79, trained as a scientific measurements technician and is a Distinguished Graduate from all three AF NCO Leadership schools. He has been the AF Command Senior NCO of the Year twice, '91 and '93. He served at Dets 301, 415, 421, and in the HQs with DO, CC, TT, TA, LS. Chief Myers is from Doylestown, PA. His wife Heather is from Melbourne, Florida. He has two children, Douglas and Melissa.

CMSgt Kenneth
Myers



**Patrick Air Force Base
4 April 2001**



AFTAC ANNUAL SPECIALTY AWARD WINNERS

SUBMITTED BY THE EDITORS, SEE ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE, PAGE ONE
Information Professional (IP) SNCO, MSgt Jose Padilla - IP NC0, SSgt Brian Moore - IP AMN, SSgt Nikole Bush - Comm Professional (CP) Officer, Capt KelleyJ. Cardinale - CP SNCO, MSgt Charles Curtis, - CP NCO, Sgt Wayne Rook - CP AMN, SrA Brandi M. Hicks, - Intel Officer of the Year, Capt Autumn Whalen, - Intel Officer Contributor, 1lt Francisco Casanova - Enlisted Intel Contributor, SrA

Travis Rennemann - Intel SNCO of the Year, MSgt Christopher Wolfe - Intel Civilian Contributor, Ms. Paula Patterson - First Sergeant of the Year, SMSgt Dennis Gilroy - Education and Training Manager, MSgt Kimberly K. Todd - Staff Supply NCO of the Year, MSgt Stephen Decker - Logistics Plans NCO of the Year, TSgt Jose A Dieppa - Security Forces NCO of the Year, TSgt Scott Hartzell, - 95S100 NCO of the Year, SSgt Edward Pineda

AIA Level Award Winners

Education and Training Manger of the Year (Unit Level), MSgt Kimberly K. Todd - Staff Supply NCO of the Year, MSgt Stephen D Decker - Outstanding Security Forces NCO of the Year, TSgt Scott Hartzell - Financial Management and Comptroller of the Year, XPB (Group Award) - Logistics Plans Award (NCO Category), TSgt Jose Dieppa - Communications Professional Award, Capt KelleyJ. Cardinale - Outstanding Intelligence Officer of the Year, Capt Autumn Whalen - Officer Intelligence Contributor of the Year, 1lt Francisco Casanova - Henry E. Erwin Outstanding Aircrew Award for SNCO, MSgt Chris Wolfe - Henry E. Erwin Outstanding Aircrew Award for NCO, SSgt Edward Pineda

Air Force Level Award

9s100 (Manager/Supervisor of the Year), MSgt Eric Patterson – 9s100 of the Year (Technical Level), SSgt Edward Pineda - Resource Manager of the Year (GS1-10 and below), MSgt Craig Cox

AFTAC ANNUAL AWARDS for 2000

Outstanding Personnel Awards

Airman of the Year, SrA Brandi M Hicks LCSC - NCO of the Year, MSgt Kimberly K Todd, CCQT - Senior NCO of the Year, MSgt Scott McMiller, DOV - Company Grade Officer of the Year, Capt KelleyJ. Cardinale, LSCS

Outstanding Civilian Personnel Awards

Junior Civilian of the Year, Ms. Stephanie Fisher, TTR - Mid-Level Civilian of the Year, Ms. Deborah H. Carson DOXS - Senior Level Civilian of the Year, Ms. Deborah L. Ward, XPB - Alumnus of the Year, Benjamin P Vlassick, Retired SMSgt

AFTAC Functional AREA AWARDS

Nominees and Selectees (in Bold)

Logistics, Information System, and Communications: Officer/Sr Civilian: Capt Fredrick W Millet, Jr Enlisted/Jr. Civilian: - MSgt Stephen D. Decker, TSgt Jose A. Dieppa, SSgt Randall W Collins, TSgt Wayne Rook, SrA Brandi M. Hicks, SrA Edward M. Prucett

Plans, Operation, and Operations Support: Officer/Sr. Civilian: Mr. Craig T. Sloan, Mr. Gregory Deitch, Maj. Mark A. Witherspoon, Capt Terry L. Evans, Capt Gregory A. Gautreau, Capt Robert L Russ, Capt Autumn C. Whalen

Enlisted/Jr Civilian: MSgt Scott McMiller, MSgt Dennis D. Wideman, TSgt Scott Hartzell, SSgt Craig S. Bouchillon, SrA Travis K. Rennemann, SrA Stanley Z. Charamut, Jr

Mission Support Award: Enlisted/Jr Civilian: MSgt Jose I. Padilla, Ms Susanne L. Cahill, SSgt Brian K. Moore

Scientific, Engineering, and Technical Applications: Officer/Sr Civilian: Capt Michael W Dolezal, Capt Marc J. Sands, Capt Amy Wolf, Lt Alton Dugas, Lt Roger W Bass, Mr. Mark S. Herte, Mr Joseph K. Schrotte, Mr Delbe D. Solari, Mr. Richard W Trihou

Enlisted/Jr Civilian: Sgt Derck J. Vosin, SSgt Evan M. Nitz, SSgt Edward C. Pineda, SSgt Jason E Skiles, SSgt Edward F Winters

Alumni Association Members congratulate all who are mentioned above and thank you for carrying on the proud tradition that is AFTAC. We look forward to the day you join our 'ranks'



AFTAC NCOs IN RIGHT PLACE AT RIGHT TIME

SMSGT. FRED HAGANS, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

You never know what lies beyond the signpost ahead – neither did Master Sgt. Greg Kidd and Technical Sgt. Ken Holcomb while cruising along Interstate 10, about 10 miles west of Tallahassee, Fla., recently.

Kidd and Holcomb, members of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla., were on their way to Eglin AFB to perform temporary duty when they spotted a sign for a rest area.

Holcomb remembers the rest area being different from the norm in that it wasn't located alongside the highway, but was set back about a mile or so off a winding road. Traveling down the road things seemed innocent enough when they suddenly saw a man standing beside the road frantically waving his arms. "We were wondering 'what's going on with him.' We had no idea what he was doing," Holcomb said.

As they drove on something caught Kidd's eye. "Just as we passed I remembered seeing a tree that looked like it had been knocked over. We were initially cautious about stopping but decided to back up and check it out," Kidd said.

To their surprise the man had witnessed an accident. A vehicle traveling ahead of him had run off the road and tumbled about 25 yards down an embankment. "He said about 10 people had driven by but no one stopped. That's probably because there was no visible signs of the accident," Holcomb said. "He'd sent his wife ahead in their car to call for help."

Kidd and Holcomb went down the embankment and found a large sports utility vehicle overturn, and a woman and two small girls standing next to the vehicle near hysteria. Trapped inside was the driver, an elderly man.

Holcomb described the woman as being in her mid-40s, with an apparent broken arm as he recalled it being "swollen about twice the normal size." He estimated the girls ages at about 7 or 8. Both had sustained scratches and abrasions to add to their fright. "The driver's legs were hanging out the door. If the car had rolled again it may have crushed his legs."

"I'd recently bought a cell phone and decided to bring it along just in case something happened," he added. Holcomb called the 911 operator and explained the situation. But trying to provide an exact location wasn't easy.

"It was difficult because we were unfamiliar with

the area," Kidd said. "Ken called 911 and I drove back to the highway to locate a mile marker or exit number as a reference point for him to relay to the operator. I was able to identify the name of the rest stop and relayed the information to Ken, who informed the 911 operator."

"We stayed with the victims until the gentleman who flagged us down said he needed to leave (his wife had returned)," Kidd continued. "At that point I stood by the road to signal the emergency response vehicles.

Moments later another motorist arrived at the scene eager to save a life. "He suggested we try and pull the driver from the vehicle," Holcomb said. "But we'd just attended Self-Aid Buddy Care and CPR classes and we knew that if there was no immediate danger not to disturb the scene, and insisted that nothing be done until the medics arrived."

Sirens were soon heard in the distance -- growing stronger, then suddenly fading. "We heard sirens all around us but they couldn't find us," Holcomb said. Kidd eventually flagged down a sheriff's deputy and escorted him down the embankment to the accident site. The deputy radioed the exact location to the other responding vehicles. A fire department response truck was the first of six emergency vehicles to arrive on-scene.

Freeing the driver from the wreckage was difficult. A cable line was attached to the overturned vehicle from one of the emergency vehicles in an attempt to lift the wrecked vehicle, but that proved futile. In the end it came down Kidd, the deputy sheriff, and four medics resorting to plain old brawn.

"Five of us lifted the side of the vehicle while the other person placed chocks under it for support," Kidd said. Only then was the driver able to be pulled safely from the vehicle. The driver was air-lifted out by helicopter and the woman and two girls transported to the hospital by the medics.

With everything under control Kidd and Holcomb took what had now become a much-needed rest break before resuming their trip to Eglin.

AFTAC NCO MAKES A DIFFERENCE

SMSGT. FRED HAGANS, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It was the summer of '98. Maybe it was mere happenstance that the paths of two people leading diverse lives should cross. One was a subdued, 33-year-old military man who'd been through the hard-knocks of life. The other was a feisty, 16-year-old, bull-headed kid who believed he had all

the answers.

For SSgt. David King and Fernando Castillo, they couldn't have been more different -- yet more alike. King a member of the AFTAC and Castillo lived in the same apartment complex at the time. Like most residents of the complex, there were people they knew and people they observed. King and Castillo were observers of each other. "I used to see him working on his car all the time," said Castillo, who himself was fascinated with cars. As for King, he'd often notice Castillo from afar, and was quite familiar with the crowd he associated with -- youths renown for their trouble with the law. "Fernando lived with his mom and step-father. From what I knew of him he was very disrespectful to them. He would leave home for days at a time. He had no direction at all," King said. As fate would have it the two eventually came together through family members. "My younger brother and David's son used to hang out together. One day I went over to pick up my brother and that's when I met Dave," Castillo said. Things clicked and with both men having an interest in cars it provided a common ground for breaking the ice.

"He began to show me things about cars, like doing tune-ups, and basic maintenance," Castillo said. Once the relationship was formed, King began addressing some of the issues facing the young man. "He saw the people I was hanging out with and talked to me about them. He knew they were involved in drugs and told me that was not the way to go." King believes he was able to reach Castillo where others failed because he "talked his language," and had "walked in his shoes." "I compared his life to mine when I was a teenager. We both had similar experiences," King said. "I was rebellious growing up. I was always in fights and didn't care about anyone. I told him there would be consequences for his actions."

As the relationship blossomed, King began to show unwavering trust in Castillo. They became so close that Castillo asked if he could move in with King and his family. "I saw how close their family was and it was something I wanted," Castillo insisted. King talked it over with his wife, and Castillo's mother, and finally agreed to take the youth in. "His mom didn't like the idea at first. But she realized I was able to get through to him in a positive way so agreed to it," King said. "She offered to help out financially but I said I didn't want any money." The weeks and months that followed would be a real test for King and Castillo, with one of the greatest tests coming on the heels of a sim-

ple task. "I asked him to take my car and go across the street to a nearby store -- a task that should have taken about 10 minutes," King said. Strangely, Castillo never returned. More than an hour passed when King's neighbor informed him that his vehicle had been involved in an accident. The vehicle had somehow run off the road and ended up in a ditch. Castillo had taken a detour and gone for a joy ride. He later confessed to King that he was out "show-boating." What could have been a severing moment in their relationship brought them closer. King, admittedly angry by the incident talked to Castillo about his actions and grounded him for several days - something he did regularly as a means of getting the teen's attention. He also told him he would have to pay for the damage to the car. Castillo would show his true colors then. He had the choice of leaving the King household or accepting the consequences. "I could have left but I felt so close to the family, and Dave was like a father and mentor to me." With the help of King's wife Castillo landed a part-time job to earn enough money to pay for the damage."

King moved out of the apartment four months after meeting Castillo. Instead of moving back in with his mom and stepfather Castillo asked King if he could remain with him and his family. King and his wife agreed, as did Castillo's mom -- though reluctantly. Castillo's life continued to be transformed under the tutelage of King. He opened up a checking account after turning 17. His grades in school improved to the point to where he was able to graduate and enlist in the U.S. Air Force.

Castillo shudders at the thought of where he'd be today had he not met King, but bluntly states that as a minimum he'd be in jail. "My life had no direction," he declared. King shares the credit for turning Castillo around with his wife, Laura. She felt the same as I did, that if we could make a difference in his life then we would do whatever we could. As Airman Castillo, his job in the Air Force is in the Information Management career field -- the same as King. "That's just coincidence," stated King. "I never suggested a career field to him, nor did I ever tell him what field I was in."

Today, Castillo talks of having a successful Air Force career, getting a college degree, and someday being commissioned as an Air Force officer. There was a time when talk like that was foreign to Castillo, and anything having to do with goals and success he held in great disdain, but that was all long ago -- in the summer of '98.

Frankly

FROM THE TOP

"KERNELS OF WISDOM"

SAM SORICE - PRESIDENT

FRANK HALL - VICE PRESIDENT

Speaking

This past year has been extremely interesting for the AFTAC Alumni Association. In July, we forwarded our Constitution and by-laws through the AFTAC Commander to the 45SW/JA for their annual review and approval. After a lengthy review by the JAG, their response took us by surprise. Recent changes to AFI 34-233, which implements DODI 1000.15 stated that private organizations on DOD installations such as the AFTAC Alumni Association cannot use their letterhead, the seal, insignia or other identifying device on Air Force installations or organizations. Accordingly, the acronym AFTAC should not be used in the title of a private organization.

The association board has been wrestling with the numerous implications that the change to the regulation presented. If we continued to operate on base using the AFTAC building for our meetings, we were faced with changing the name of the association, which would solve our most urgent concern. However, other factors came into play. If we changed our name, we are faced with re-establishing non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service. The name change would also require that we revisit state tax exempt status.

If we were to move the association off-base, there would be other challenges that would have to be resolved. Where would we hold our monthly meetings and use of the Patrick Air Force Base facilities by a private organization would be questionable.

Liability insurance coverage for the Board members and for the entire organization is another area of concern that needed to be addressed. This issue has not resolved, but needs attention soon. Some of the actions we have taken are detailed below:

During the April 2001 meeting, we addressed the name change and the board approved changing the name of the association to "Long Range Detection Alumni Association." You might remember we used the long-range detection title during our 50th anniversary re-union that was held in Cocoa

Beach, Florida.

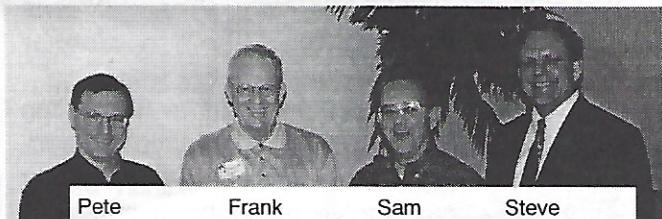
We have made contacts with the IRS and will be working the name change issue at future board meetings. We are hopeful that we can make the change without going through the entire approval procedure again with the IRS.

We are in the process of obtaining approval from the AFTAC Commander and 45SW/JA to function as a private organization on the Air Force installation.

We have contacted some insurance companies and have received liability insurance information for board members and for the entire membership. We will also be working this issue aggressively.

These are the problems that we have been dealing with the past few months. It has been turbulent times for the Board, but everyone desires to come up with the best approach to stay within the guidelines provided by the USAF. Thus far, we think that the decisions that we have made are in the best interest of the Alumni Association.

We will strive to keep the membership apprised through the PoMo newsletter of the decisions that are being made and the actions required for us to remain a viable private organization.



BOARD MEETINGS

Alumni Association Board Members

Elected

President-Sam Sorice Vice-Frank Hall

Secretary-Pete Towell Treasurer-Steve Cook

Appointed

Heritage Hall Committee

Frank Hall, Clark Creery and Larry Silhanek

Activities-Ken Myers Hospitality-Judy Milam

Internet Communications-Mike Black and Dave Johnson

Membership-Jim Payne Newsletter-John and Chris Horsch

Publicity-Swede Swansen

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

March—April, 2001

PETE TOWELL, BOARD SECRETARY

The Spring Golf Tournament will be held on 8 June at the Cocoa Beach Country Club

Ben Vlassick of the Colorado Branch was honored as the Alumni of the Year.

Directory Updates

SUBMITTED BY JIM PAYNE, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

We are generating new directories, Florida chap-

ter and Worldwide. We would like entries to be current to include email address, if applicable, home address and phone number.

The easiest way to update, if you can, is on the Webpage (<http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni>), 'click' "member locator" and update your info. This will automatically kick out an email with the new information and I will correct the database. Also, anytime any of these changes use this avenue to contact us, and make the needed changes, as it is fast and inexpensive.

Last, but not least, if you know alumni that have not registered or looked themselves up on the Webpage, encourage them to do so and update their information. While talking to them, encourage them to become an association member: we have a special for new members of \$20/3years or annual dues of \$10/Lifetime, \$75.

West Coast Chapter/California

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG, EDITOR/CHAPTER SECRETARY

NEWSLETTER, April 2001

"Name Our Newsletter" Contest Still Open

It's been suggested that we come up with a name for our newsletter. Entries are arriving every so often. The Florida chapter newsletter is the "Post Monitor" and the Colorado chapter named theirs "ECHOES."

I'm sure some former WFO, 1155th or Tech Ops Div member can come up with a creative suggestion for a newsletter name. We'll even consider entries from people who've never been stationed here. The chapter officers will decide on the name and appropriate prize for the person submitting the winning entry, so put your creative talents to work. Entries so far include "The Insider", "Alpha, Beta, Gamma Insights", "California Salute" and "California Memories". Send your entry to Joe Johnson at our address or e-mail it to: TOD.alumni@bigfoot.com. We'll announce the winner in one of our upcoming issues.

Summer Social Outing

SUBMITTED BY JOE JOHNSON

There is considerable interest in the Amtrak trip to Oakland and cruise aboard FDR's "Floating White House". Assuming 25 or more people participate, the trip will be on 9 June 2001.

PoMo Editors NOTE: We thought you'd enjoy reading about the outing even though it is too late at this time to 'sign up.'

Included in the Trip are:

1. Round-trip Amtrak tickets, Sacramento/Oakland.
2. Professional host for duration of trip.

3. A bottle of water to each passenger upon departure. (Amtrak restrictions prohibit our distribution of refreshments on board.)
4. Two-hour harbor cruise and boat tour aboard the "Potomac," FDR's beloved "Floating White House"
5. Informational historical film before sailing.
6. About a ten-hour day, station to station.

Cost will be \$84 per adult, \$77 per senior (65+). The price difference is due to Amtrak pricing. The trip will depart the Sacramento train station (4th & "I" street) at 7:55 AM. Plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to departure time. Paid parking is available and cost \$10 for all day. Scheduled return time is about 6:00 PM.

This should be an interesting & enjoyable outing. Hope to see at least 25 of you join me on this trip.

Words From The Prez'

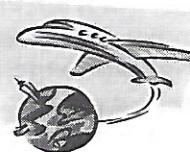
BY JOE JOHNSON

Since it is too expensive to notify each of you of every meeting, we have set up our general membership meetings for the rest of the year. The quarterly meetings for 2001 are scheduled for Tuesday evenings, 7pm, on Jun 5th, Sep 11th and Dec 4th at the McClellan Air Museum. Others will be held as needed. If you have any questions or topics you wish to bring up, call me at 916-783-8676 prior to a scheduled meeting and I'll include it on the agenda. Hope for a great turnout at the AFTAC 2001 reunion. Will you be there?

Editor's Note: Any ideas for, or newsletter articles are always welcome.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board—Jack Allison, Director & President—Joe Johnson, Director At Large & Membership—Bob Fitzgerald, Vice President—George Thompson, Treasurer—Bart Carter, Secretary & Newsletter Editor—Dale Klug



ECHOES

Colorado

SUBMITTED BY BRYCE DUNN, ECHOES EDITOR AND BEN VLASSICK, PRESIDENT

NATIONAL REUNION 2001, Denver CO

The Colorado Chapter will host the next National AFTAC Alumni reunion. Dates are 14 - 17 June 2001. Any and all personnel that have ever served with AFTAC, SWS, 1009th, WFO, worldwide detachments, etc., are invited and encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome. Questions: Contact Ben Vlassick, 303-690-1239, or, "aftacco@aol.com". Registrations closed May 15th so we hope you have 'signed up.'

(Colorado Chapter) ECHOES Mail Call

Be advised we missed the deadline but will send in registration shortly (we were in Mexico for a month) also will buy membership shortly.

Student Lowry 1960 to 61, Ankara 1962, Encampment, WY 1963, B systems. Also civilian employee with seismic division of Geotech, Garland, TX, 1968 1973. Member of original 4-man civilian team that did the R&D on the Alaskan long period army in Fairbanks.

Dwight and Bev McCarty

CO Ed: Welcome & look forward to seeing you at the reunion. Maybe you can visit the AFTAC museum in Encampment while visiting CO.

FL Ed: Welcome also, and you must have a story or two you could share with us about that R&D experience. If so, drop it to us at chris-john@juno.com

I recently PCSed into Buckley (566 IOS) after closing Det 301 (finally!). I was web surfing, visited the AFTAC WebPages and the alumni page and saw the annual AFTAC reunion is going to be here in Denver. I would really like to get involved with it and even try to get some of the younger troops involved. I'm sorry I missed the meeting/get together on the 11th at the Camana Club on base. Please let me know if I can be help out.

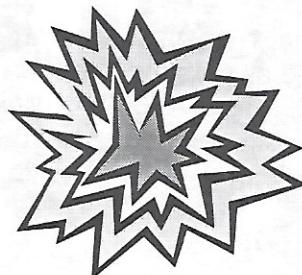
MSgt Nederhoed

This is John Whited in Bellevue, Nebraska. I was in AFTAC from 1967 though 1977 (Alexandria, Det 333 and Patrick). I believe Bill Ellingrud is still in the local area here in Nebraska. Also, my wife's ex-boss used to be in AFTAC in Colorado (Gordan Reese). He is a good friend of Lonnie Gibbons.

Received my newsletter today and glad to see that the AFTAC national reunion will be in CO since my daughter lives in Englewood now. I retired from active duty in 1992 and work at Offutt in Civilian Personnel (29 years in military personnel and now 7 years in civilian personnel).

Hope to see you in June or the next time I am in Englewood. Would you give Bob Tomlinson my email address the next time you see him?

John Whited

**Golf n'Getogether, 2000.11.17**

Note: we apologize for reproduction—item was copied from html file
CORRECTION: Col Dettmer (pic below) recently PCSed

This continues our photo coverage of this good time arranged by our new prez, Sam Sorce. These film photos, and people identifications, are by Judy Milam - formatting by the editors, John and Chris Horsch.



<Ken Frye, Karen George, Nancy Frye, and Frank Hall—Three intrepid volunteers and one golfer. Karen and Nancy (SAC) keep comin' back to help - Frank worked a lot with the tournament arrangement.



>>Nancy, Frank, Carlil Gailey and Pat Snyder. Carl and Pat were also volunteers, as usual. Pat even wound up cooking.



(up) Three more volunteers and a golfer. Tom Andler (golfer?) tells John and Chris Horsch and Edna Calenda, how well he is going to do today.



=AFTAC's new CC, Col. Paul Dettmer was there that day being carted about by Terry Evans.



>>The Vice made it also, Col. Paul Guttman is shown being carted by Mike Kuchinos

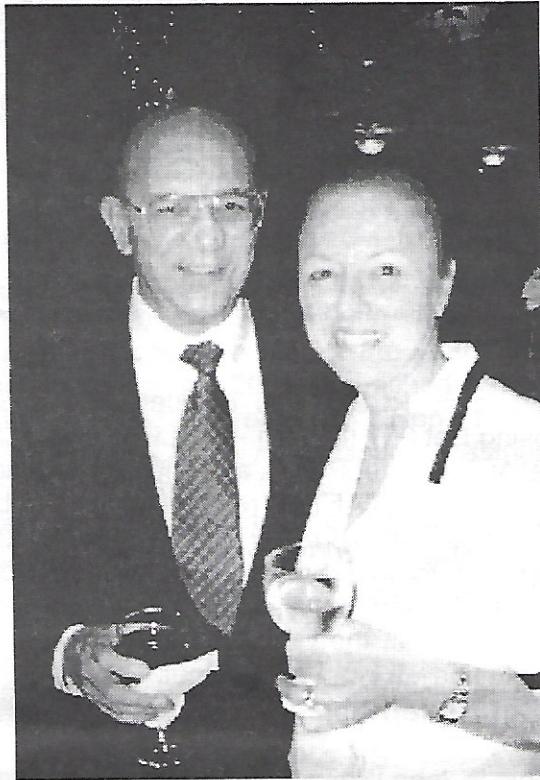


<<Bruce Snelgrove, Don Gilbert, Carol Warfield, and Tony Calenda also came that day

AFTAC AWARDS BANQUET (2001.04.04)
SMSGT (RET) BEN VLASSICK
ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR 2000



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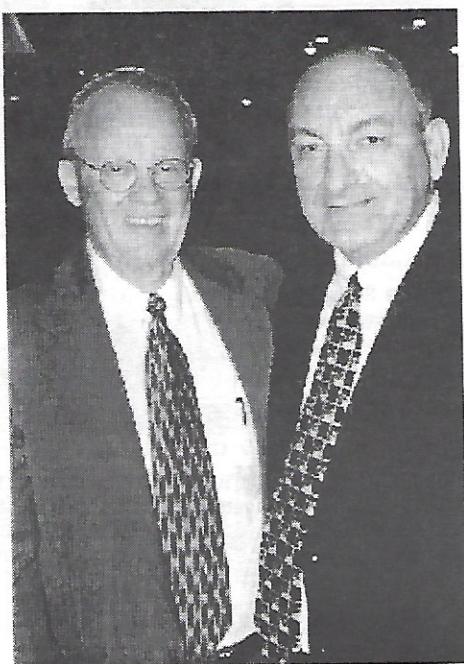


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GAILEY DENNIS GILROY HORSCH



CALENDAR

Association Board/Membership Meetings

Monthly HQ AFTAC WindDowns

Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend these events for fellowship and participation.

ALWAY VERIFY (PAT SYNDER, (321) 494-6867, BEFORE COMING

—Board/membership meetings are normally scheduled for the second Monday of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: Lobby, AFTAC HQ building

HOW: come to lobby, you will be met and escorted

—WindDowns are normally scheduled for the first Friday of each month (dates listed below): W H E N : 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building (the Outback)

HOW: come to the back of the building-find the crowd

June

1st, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
11th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

July

6th, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
9th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

August

3rd, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
13th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

September

7th, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
10th, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

Special Events

June 8th—AFTAC Alumni Association Golf N'Getogether, Cocoa Beach Course
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June 14th - 17th—National AFTAC Alumni Reunion, Denver Colorado
see article page 12

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*No shipping and handling charged on logo pins

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JACKETS - Unlined/Royal Blue - \$20	2	4	3	4

GOLF SHIRTS - with pocket - \$14

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	3	4	4	3
Jade (medium green)	3	3	5	3
Navy	3	3	5	4
Red	2	3	4	2
White	2	4	2	3
Royal Blue	3	0	5	3
Teal (dark aqua)	3	4	4	4
Maroon	3	4	3	3

T-SHIRTS - without pocket - \$7.00

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

HATS - \$6.00 - # **MISCELLANEOUS**

Green	8	50th Commem. Coins (\$3)	~185
Gray	9	Logo Pin (\$3.25)	~51
Red	8	Logo Disk (\$5.50)	~41
Royal Blue	2	Alumni License Plate, \$7-members	
Light Blue	11	/\$10-nonmembers	9
Navy	5		
Blue/Gray	32	TOD History Book, free, s/h, \$3.20	

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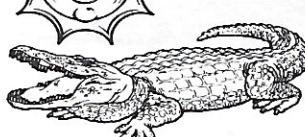
Med. Blue/with pocket/White logo, \$14

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Sagey sez "Alex, looks like the Sages have some interesting events coming up ... golf and the National Reunion ... you interested???"



Alex replies "You betcha, but I'm having trouble trying to reply. They keep running away and my email has stopped working ... what a croc, I say (pardon the expression)."

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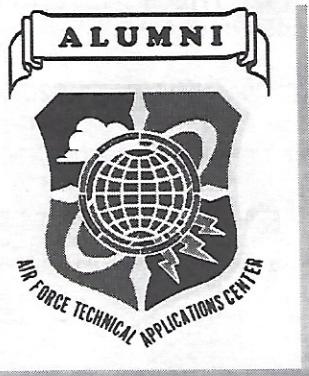


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