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The Alumni Anthem

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

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

Long-Range Detection

denotes and represents all
who served the mission
throughout its inception and
subsequent years.
Recognized for 75 years of
Service to our country
September 16th,
1947-2022.



***** IMPORTANT ALUMNI NEWS *****

**The format of this issue of the POST-MONITOR (PoMo) is slightly different,
to bring attention to an urgent matter.**

By Ed Lindsay, President, AFTAC Alumni Association

Here's what's changing: Rising costs of mailing and shipping are necessitating another increase in printed copies of the PoMo.

Starting in **FY-2024** with the first PoMo issue (December 2024), those of us who want to continue to receive printed & mailed issues must pay a **\$20 per-year fee** to cover the cost of the paper copy of the PoMo. This fee is in addition to the annual dues. Lifetime members will pay the \$20 fee annually, if they wish to receive a paper copy of the PoMo; annual dues-paying members will pay the \$20 paper copy fee in addition to annual dues, for a total of \$30 per year.

NOTE: To be clear, the electronic PoMo is free for all Members. Annual members who wish to receive an electronic copy of the PoMo will continue to pay only \$10 per year (their regular Annual dues). Bottom line: There is no increase in cost if you receive an electronic copy of the PoMo. Checks for the printed PoMo will be mailed to **AFTAC Alumni Association, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 254892, Patrick SFB, Florida, 32925-4892.**

Here's what's not changing: The PoMo will continue to be a vibrant, interesting document that brings us all together and will be published digitally and is available in print for those who would prefer a hard copy. Editions per year will also remain the same. Lifetime and Annual Dues will remain the same price.

If you have any questions about this increase, feel free to contact Ed Lindsay at piston_horse@hotmail.com or call 321-507-7103.

Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 SEPTEMBER 2023

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFTAC/AA) FUNDRAISER

Our Association is still in the process of raising funds to maintain and expand the AFTAC Memorial Park. Here's a way you can still help AND enjoy a good steak dinner, or any other menu offer.

(**Upcoming Events** continued on pgs 2 & 3)

Texas Roadhouse Restaurant has agreed to provide a fund-raising night, offering a 10% donation of the amount for all dinners purchased on the event afternoon/evening.

Location: Texas Roadhouse, 941 E. Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL.

Date: Tuesday, September 5th, 2023

Times: 3pm to 9pm

Requirements: The flyer and meal receipt MUST be submitted after dinner. How to obtain the flyer:

The flyer can also be found on the AFTACAA Website at www.aftacaa.us or aftacaa.us whichever works best on your browser. A sample of the flyer is available on page 25 of this PoMo.

No flyers will be available at the restaurant, so please don't forget to bring yours. Gather your spouse, children, significant other, and friends, and join us for a night of comradery and in the process, support our Memorial Park. Let's make a big showing.

- Your AFTAC Alumni Association together with the AFTAC Memorial Park Committee

(see Page 25 of PoMo for sample of Flyer)

6 SEPTEMBER 2023

RETREAT CEREMONY AT THE AFTAC FLAGPOLE ON 6 SEPTEMBER

Alumni near and far...AFTAC has extended an invitation for the Alumni members to join the 9/11 Retreat Ceremony at AFTAC on Wednesday, 6 September

Current Schedule:

1620 – Comments from Col Finlayson

1630 – Retreat

22 SEPTEMBER 2023, 1130 - 1300

AFTAC Alumni Association Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections of Officers and Teleconference

Putter's Lounge, Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick SFB FL

(Note: Please arrive at 1100 if you desire to order food/beverages)

For Teleconference connectivity, please email Ed Lindsay, AFTACAA President, at piston_horse@hotmail.com

29 SEPTEMBER 2023

Friday, 29 September 2023 AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Annual Fall Golf-n'Get-Together XXXIX

Venue: Manatee Cove Golf Course, PSFB. **Check-in:** 1130

Shotgun Start: 1300. (**Format:** 4-Person Scramble).

Cost: \$45 (**Alumni Members**); \$50 (**Non-Alumni Members**).

Teams with **no affiliation with AFTAC** or **not a Tourney donor** are **\$60/player**

Fee includes: Golf, Cart, Range Balls, & BBQ from Tides Club served for Dinner

Open to: AD Military, Retirees, Civilians, and Contractors

Mulligan's pkgs will be on sale: \$5 for 1 mulligan, Red Bomb, & Nolan

Team Mulligan ball: available for \$10

POCs: Mr. Ed Lindsay -- piston_horse@hotmail.com -- 321-507-7193 (Unlisted)

Mr. Bruce Snelgrove -- robert.snelgrove@us.af.mil -- 321-494-6166 (Unlisted)

ASSOCIATION INFORMATION - Deceased, (D)

Honor Roll: Alumni Of The Year (AOY) Recipients (28)

Mike Young/2022-Lou Seiler/2021-Ed Lindsay/2020-Bryce Dunn/2019-Pete Gilbert/2018-John Kemna/2017-Carol Snyder/2016-Frank Calenda/2015-Sean Ryan/2014-Lonnie Gibbons/2013-Gene & Dee Melchior/2012-Dale Klug/2011-Jack Smith (D)/2010-Jack Jackson (D)/2009-Bob Wiley/2008-Bill Schmied (D)/2007-Deborah Carson/2006-Mike Black/2005-Joe Goldian(D)/2004-Pat Snyder/2003-Joe Johnson(D)/2002-Jim Payne (D)/2001-Ben Vlassick (D)/2000-John & Christel (D) Horsch/1999-Frank Hall/1998-Judy Milam-Henderson/1997-Carl Gailey (D)/1996-Clark Creery (D)/1995

AFTAC/Long Range Detection (LRD) Alumni Honorarium

Several ongoing projects represent and honor Center people and history. Three, 'Hall of Heritage' (data/artifacts), the '20-Year Wall of Service' (alumni who served the Center for 20+ years and have Mailed in their photos/bios) and the Wall of Honor, are housed at AFTAC Headquarters. Another is an AFTAC display at the Grand Encampment, WY, Museum.

Association History A group of retired/active duty AFTACers, by invitation from then CC, Col **Clapper**, met at Patrick AFB, FL, on March 12, 1985, and formed the **AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)** (chartered, 1986); from 2001-2014, we were renamed 'Long Range Detection' (LRD).

--The Association provides a forum for those wishing to maintain a relationship with the Center and its people, active-duty and retired. Membership is open to all who serve/served our mission in any organization associated with LRD (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, 1035th TOG, and AFTAC), and any field detachment. Of note, there are several Sages who recall an earlier effort to form an association in 1978.

There is this Association and two Chapters

1. Florida 'AFTAC Alumni Association': (application at the bottom of each page at aftacaa.us) -Dues, \$10/FY (dues due 15 September each year)/\$75 for life. Most monthly meetings are on Monday or Friday at a local restaurant or a location on Patrick SFB. See Calendar of Events at aftacaa.us or sign up for eALLerts (see below) with Ed Lindsay at piston_horse@hotmail.com, for information on teleconference connection and location of meeting. Mailing address is: **P.O. Box 254892, Patrick SFB, FL 32925-4892**. The Association has several communications resources, this triannual newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (namesake of prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a multi-page Website, see banner on page 1, with assn/Alumni news and photos, we provide a 'Breaking News' service at the website and thru instant notification, what we term, 'eALLerts.'

"PERENNIALS" Deceased, (D) (5+ years board service) Clark Creery (D)-Newsletter, 85/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage/Mbrshp, 01-10; Frank Hall, Pres/Vice 89-98/01; Judy Milam-Henderson, Sec 89-06, Pres 04; Eunice Harris (D), Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch (D), Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey (D), Treas 91-99; Swede Swansen, Pub 93-06; John & Christel (D) Horsch, Newsletter since 96; Pat Snyder, 'Insider/Sage Shop' 96-2010, VP 04, Sec 05; Mike Black, Webmaster 96-15; Jim Payne (D), Mbrshp 99-04; Joe Goldian (D), Treas, 03-17; Randy Vlassick, Mbrshp 04-09; Sean Ryan, Sec, 06-15, Treas 17-current; Steve Revels, Sage Shop, 10-16; Pete Gilbert, Webmaster, 15-23; Mike Steskal (D), Mbrshp, 16-22; Carol Snyder, 'Insider,' 10-20; Ed Lindsay, Pres, 15-20 & 22-current, Sec, 21-22, Golf, 15-current, Sage Shop, 20-current Web Chair, 21-23.

2. Colorado Chapter: Formed Nov 1986, \$5/year, they publish a newsletter, 'Echoes', have several meetings and social events a year. See website at <http://www.aftacco.org> for additional information and email contacts.

3. California Chapter: Formed 1999, \$10/year/\$75 lifetime.

For more, email, TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org-mail, Alumni Assn, PO Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. The Chapter meets several times a year, publishes a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and has a website, <http://www.aftacwcc.org/>

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING



FROM THE HORSCHES MOUTH

-- JOHN HORSCH

Another great issue for you from our Board Members and Sage Sharers. If you have a 'Sage-Story,' let us have it also, we have members who don't use Facebook. If you just want to drop a line about your doings, we'd like that too ... I enjoy being reminded by the great people I worked with and for.

The alumni often work very closely with the AFTAC Boosters Club. As such, I've been bugging them for up-to-date info. We heard from them recently and I'd like to feature them here, and in later issues under the Active-Duty Home. Here we go.

Boosters Club Leadership:

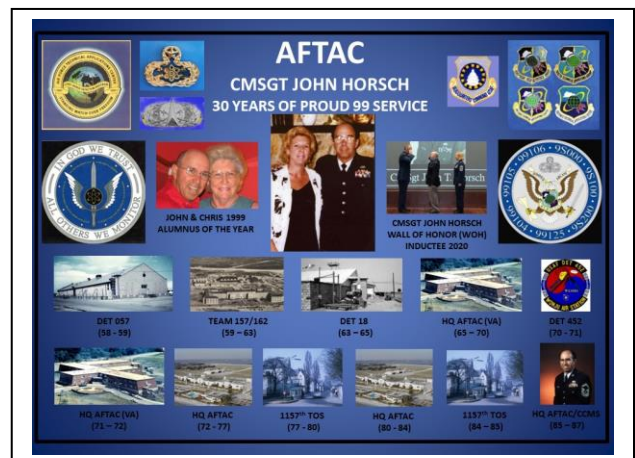
President: TSgt Cole, Latoya (TSgt Cole, I want to take a moment to interrupt myself and thank you so much for these updates)

Vice President: SSgt Davis, Dillan

Treasurer: MSgt Olsen, David

Secretary: SrA Dillon, Taylor

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Sage Communicators-Post-Monitor Editor John Horsch, **Formatting** Judy Henderson; **Information/Proofing:** Judy Henderson, Susan A Romano/GG12/AFTAC PA; **Executive Review:** Frank Hall; **'Rovin' Cameras/Reporters:** Judy Henderson, Bob Wiley, Lou Seiler, & Michelle Ryan; **Printing/Mailing:** Ed Lindsay, Sean Ryan; **Website Chairman/Media:** Ed Lindsay; **Webmaster:** Al Moy



UPCOMING EVENTS

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27 OCTOBER

AFTAC FALL FESTIVAL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The AFTAC Boosters Club reports they are currently on track to have the **Fall Festival/Softball Tournament on Friday, 27 October, at the Viera Regional Park Softball Fields**, and they would love to have Alumni Members participate. The Alumni has helped, since the Toilet Bowl (softball Competition) was brought to AFTAC HQ in 2009, by serving adult beverages. Typically, the Booster Club or some entity from AFTAC would purchase the kegs and we would pour and tell AFTAC stories.

8 DECEMBER 2023

AFTAC WINTER SOCIAL

Friday, 8 December 2023, the AFTAC Winter Social will be held at: Time: TBD. Locale: Cocoa Beach Country Club, Cocoa Beach, FL (More Details to follow, once planned and organized). POC: Capt Patrick Flynn, 321-494-0659. Watch the AFTAC Alumni Association Website for further information (aftacaa.us).

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SPOTLIGHT

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Prior to assuming his current position, Chief Lloyd was responsible for ensuring the development of Applied Scientific Applications personnel and the systems they employ for global nuclear treaty operations. As the senior advisor to the Systems Development Director and other senior leaders, Chief Lloyd formulated strategies for effective utilization of the Center's \$390M budget and its highly technical workforce.



EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

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Sergeant At Arms: TSgt Griffin, Jevin
Strategic Planning: SrA Smith, Michael
Advisor: Capt Krutop, Richard, Jr.
Enlisted Outreach: A1C Grado, Andrew.

AFTAC Booster Club meetings are generally conducted on the 1st Thursday of each month; however, we adjust accordingly due to holidays, goal days, & mission requirements as necessary: Thursday, 7 September/1400; Thursday, 5 October/1400; Thursday, 2 November/1400; Thursday 7 December/1400; Thursday, 4 January/1400; Thursday, 1 February/1400. **The ABC's of the ABC (AFTAC Booster Club)!** The ABC Supports, Plans, Facilitates, & Funds Center level Events. We also guide AFTAC units in planning & funding squadron events upon request. We serve as default Booster Club for Units (typically smaller ones) that do not have a Booster Club. Our membership is open to any AFTAC alumni. We can provide support & mentorship to any AFTAC Unit whether they have an active Booster Club or not.

4 PILLARS OF ABC:

1. Mentorship: Teaching Airmen how to run an organization & facilitate/plan/spearhead/lead
2. Fitness: Creating events that will encourage physical & mental wellness
3. Professional Development: Facilitating classes designed to educate & build "A"irmen
4. Community Outreach: Volunteering for community outreach opportunities on/off base.

The Alumni Assn looks forward to sharing and being as involved as we can.

John



FROM THE TOP – MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ:

By Ed Lindsay

Summer rolls along and so does your AFTAC Alumni Association. These last 4 months have been overall pretty quiet here, but we have some great events coming up this fall. Our fellow Americans have recently had to deal with some dire times with a disastrous fire on the island of Maui and a Tropical Storm in the southwest. I pray that this is the extent of bad news for the foreseeable future.

We had our Spring Golf n'GetTogether back on 12 May. It was a very well attended event, with 108 players and about 12 Alumni Volunteers making for a wonderful day. Read all about it later in this Post Monitor.

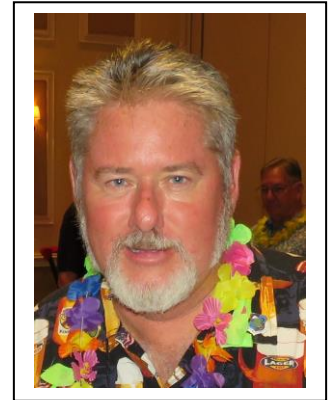
After many years and much gnashing of teeth, the AFTAC Memorial was finally erected and an amazing dedication ceremony was held on 4 August. Lou Seiler and his amazing team used a lot of creative modifications to provide AFTAC with a truly, appropriate edifice to our AFTAC Brothers and Sisters who lost their lives while serving at AFTAC. It is not a finished product, as it will need to be maintained, and there is a Lithium Ion sculpture that still needs to be funded, acquired, and placed on the central pedestal of the Memorial. We have links to photos on our website at aftacaa.us and some additional info in the PoMo. It was a somber ceremony and there were tours to the Heritage Hall provided afterwards. You can still purchase bricks to be added to the walkway to assist in continued funding of the memorial. Links for the ordering of bricks are on the website. An order will be made at the end of this month and not sure when the next order will be made.

There are many events coming up in the next few months, the soonest one will be joining the AFTAC team on 6 September for a Retreat ceremony recognizing the anniversary of 9/11. Soon after that, AFTAC will have their monthly First Friday event at 1400 on 8 September and your Alumni will be teaming up with HQ AFTAC for the event. On 22 September we will have our Annual General Membership meeting, where we elect our Board for the 2023/24 term. After that meeting, the Alumni of the Year (AOY) recipients will convene to select the 2023 AOY. On 29 September, we will hold our Fall Golf n'GetTogether.

October will see us joining AFTAC for a few events. They will be having a Fall picnic and will again have their Toilet Bowl (Softball Tourney). In November or December, we are planning to have a get together at a local American Legion. Details to be released later. In November, AFTAC will be having a Veteran's Day event of carrying a flag on a 24-hour run in honor of all Veterans and one of our own Alumni. AFTAC is also considering resurrecting the Iron Man (100-mile run) competition.

We appreciate your support and we are continuing to get new members to join our ranks. Thank you again to all our volunteers. For those of you who have elected to receive the printed Post Monitor by mail, we will need to raise the price of that service. Details are at the beginning of this issue. We hope you enjoy this issue of your Post Monitor, put together by Judy Henderson, John Horsch, and others.

Be well all and continue to be the Monitoring Masses,
Mr. Ed



Board Members (elected positions)

President-**Ed Lindsay**--Vice **Rick Manley**--Secretary **Doug Colbary**---Treasurer **Sean Ryan**

Appointed –

Activities-CCMS - CMSgt Jerome Wright, (Vacant) - Hall of Heritage, Membership/Master Data Base-**Pete Gilbert**, Post-Monitor Editor - **John Horsch**, Post Monitor Formatting & Information - **Judy Henderson**, Alumni of the Year Coordinator - **Sean Ryan**, Publicity/Social Functions - **Sean Ryan**, AOY Committee Chair, Sage Shop - **Ed Lindsay**, Webmaster - **Al Moy**, Website Chairman - **Ed Lindsay**, 20-Year Wall Coordinator - **Tony De Marco**.



AFTAC MEMORIAL HONORS THOSE WHO DIED IN AFTAC SERVICE

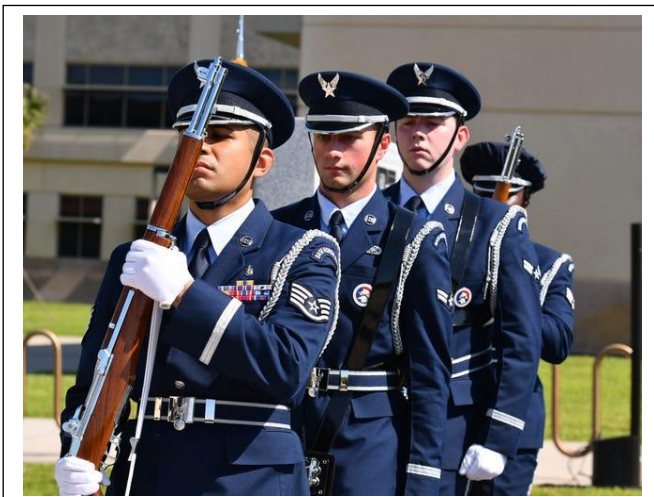
FLORIDA TODAY

photos by MALCOLM DENEMARK/FLORIDA TODAY

A memorial was dedicated at the AFTAC building on Patrick Space Force Base Friday morning for all those who lost their life in active duty while in service to AFTAC.



AFTAC Commander, Col. James Finlayson



After placing the wreath, Chief Master Sgt. Jerome Wright, Col. James A. Finlayson and Maj. (ret) Lou Seiler salute as Taps was played."

The AFTAC Memorial

By Lou Seiler, President AFTAC Memorial Corporation

The AFTAC Memorial is finally here. AFTAC hosted a groundbreaking on February 24, 2023, and slab construction began the next day, followed by granite components installed on May 17, and the brick walkway the following week. On Friday August 4, a formal dedication, to include a wreath laying at the memorial, was held in front of the AFTAC building. Many alumni attended and the whole ceremony was available via Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

It was for many, including myself, a very moving and touching event. The AFTACMC Board would like to thank all the alumni and friends of AFTAC that donated the funds and effort that made the memorial a reality.



Lou Seiler

photo by MALCOLM DENEMARK/FLORIDA TODAY

We continue to raise funds to have a Lithium-ion sculpture to mount on the center pedestal and to provide for the long-term maintenance of the memorial. This includes the funds necessary to add names to the wall should that become necessary over time. We continue to take brick donations and will periodically be adding these to the brick walkway leading to the memorial.

FROM Ed Lindsay, President, AFTACAA

Hot off the desk of Lou Seiler, the President of the AFTAC Memorial Corporation Chairman:

The AFTAC Memorial Corporation is preparing the second order for bricks to be placed in the walkway to the AFTAC Memorial. If you have been thinking of or planning to place an order for a Brick, now is the time to do so to have that brick included in the second order.

To be included in this second order, the order must be received by the AFTACMC not later than 31 August 2023. Orders received after this date will be held until the next order.


Print a copy of the order form at the AFTACAA Website – aftacaa.us

See additional pictures of the Memorial on page 22.



AFTAC

MEMORIAL CORPORATION



The Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) Memorial is a project managed by the AFTAC Memorial Corporation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The mission of the organization is to design, construct and maintain a memorial on the AFTAC HQ campus located at Patrick AFB, FL. This memorial will be dedicated to all those who lost their lives in service of the AFTAC mission since its inception in 1947, and will provide a solemn location to honor and remember these patriots.

The Memorial consists of a path leading to a sculpture, a memorial monolith and a bench. The path, comprised of bricks inlaid with the names and messages from contributors, heads west, passing our nation's Flag and chasing the sun, for the sun never sets on the AFTAC mission, leading to the memorial monolith. Across the top of the monolith is inscribed: "This memorial is dedicated to all those who have given their lives in support of the Long Range Detection mission, and the Air Force Technical Applications Center. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten."

Below this will be inscribed the names of those who have passed while supporting the mission. The monument imbues the solemn dignity by which all AFTAC members, past and present, honor their sacrifices.

The AFTAC Memorial Corporation is a Florida not for profit, 501(3)c corporation. It is not part of the Department of Defense or any of its components and has no governmental status.

Colonel Frank Hall
Hq PACTOA
Jul 1982 - Jul 1985

Michael Steskal
Dedicated to those
who have passed
in service to the
AFTAC mission
since 1947

☐ \$150 - 4x8 Brick
3 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)

*Replicas may only be ordered with purchase of full-size brick.

☐ \$300 - 8x8 Brick
6 lines of text, 20 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation)

*Replicas may only be ordered with purchase of full-size brick.

Your Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail form and payment to:

AFTAC Memorial Corporation
2822 Englewood Dr.
Melbourne, FL 32940

Please make checks payable to:

AFTAC Memorial Corporation

On Line donations: <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/aftacmc>

Orders may be placed on-line with payment via Pay-Pal at the link <https://donate.brickmarkers.com/AFTACMC> or using the attached order form and mailed with a check to the address on the form.

GOLF N' GET TOGETHER SPRING 2023

**Held 12 May
As told by Ed Lindsay**

This gathering was full of challenges and fun. There were 27 teams signed up to join in the fun...that is 108 players, the most we have had for as long as I can remember. Unbeknownst to me, the Golf Course Tournament Director had gone to the emergency room the day before the tournament. Needless to say, there was a lot of scrambling when I arrived at Manatee Cove Golf Course.

We had a great support team show up to help make the day run smoothly. First off...we had the team of Frank Calenda, Frank Hall, Danny Holte, Rick Manley, Red Lindsay and Dennis Kauffmann show up early, stuff the goody bags, and got things rolling. I appreciate Frank Hall taking me to rescue Red to smuggle our photographer & Sage Shop goods on Base.



Colonel Finlayson addresses the golfers before their start



Super Squad – Frank Calenda, Rick Manley, Cynthia Shroll, Jan Lambert, Jon VanNoord, & Doug Colbary

The registration process is the bread and butter of getting the players registered and separating them from their money, to help pay for our prizes and other stuff. With 108 players, this one was gonna be huuge. The registration table led by Frank Calenda and anchored by Jon VanNoord, slayed it. With Rick, CAS, and Jan filling out the team...it was a solid squad. They provided some great ideas, made effective modifications, and got the job done.

Big shout out to John Loftis who took care of business with the Sage Shop items (we definitely need to get more coins). He was meticulous in his record keeping and sold quite a few items.

The photo crew of Judy Milam-Henderson, Bob Wiley, Rick Manley, and Red were out doing their thing.

We were scheduled to start at 1pm. At that time there were still 5 groups out on the course. This posed a problem, as with 27 teams we would need the entire course. With some wily manipulations, we let the groups slated to start on the front nine, start their round. We sent the back side crew out about 10 minutes later. As we started to get the tourney a rolling, it was a beautiful day and things were going smoothly. That is, until my group reached our second par 3 hole. We realized that there was no way to mark who was closest to the hole for the Closest to the Pin (CTTP) competitions. Then we realized that the Long drive signs had also not been placed out. At that point, I resolved to just play on and figure it out in the end.



Alumni Elite - Brian Hoybach, Andy McLaughlin, Rob "Mac" McLaughlin, Tom Buist



The KEGMAN Krew – Neil Aaronson, Susie Glasgow, Steve Rice, Michael Kelsey



A joust erupts on Hole 6 – Not sure who the victor was?...my money is on the FlagStick carrier

There was a lot of fun out on the course. Shouts of joy and cries of frustration could be heard. The pace of play was pretty good for that size of field and the late start. So, everyone finished at a reasonable time and we could start with the
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eating and award presentations. I had to break the news to the masses that many of the teams did not get to vie for some of the CTPP or long drive holes. I held a vote and it was determined that those awards would not be given for this tourney. That was a hard pill to swallow and will definitely not happen again. The award winners for the days event were:

1st Place - Bob Ruscitti, Joe Porta, Steve Ellenbrook, Joe Thibideau

2nd Place - Mark Lambert, Brad Neihart, Ric Matus, Bruce Snelgrove

3rd Place - Steve Martin, Wes Martin, Rich Pollack, Xander Valencia

Most Honest team (high Score) - Kegman team- Lisa Shoemaker, Derrick Langley, Mike Joseph, Trevor Patrick



1st Place – Bob Ruscitti, Joe Porta, Steve Ellenbrook, Joe Thibideau



2nd Place – Mark Lambert, Brad Neihart, Ric Matus, Bruce Snelgrove



3rd Place – The Martins, Rich Pollack, and Xander Valencia



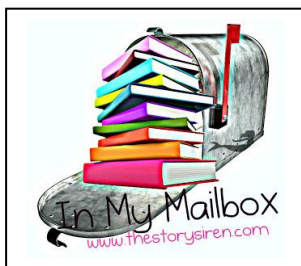
Mark & Jan Lambert



Gathering to eat before the awards are handed out – Ric Matus, Bruce Snelgrove, Jan Lambert, Mike Joseph

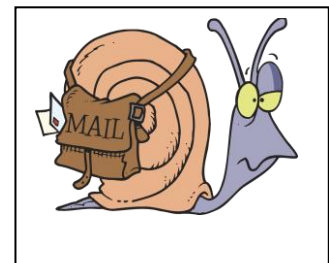
**SEE ADDITIONAL
PICTURES ON
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Enjoy the Photos and hopefully many of you can join us for our **Fall Golf n'GetTogether on 29 September** (see details on page 2). Registration is open and we hope to see many of you there.



MAIL CALL

Any requests for action should be sent to
AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)
P.O. Box 254892
Patrick Space Force Base, FL 32925-4892



PLUS – FACEBOOK ALERTS and OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

NEW PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE, FLORIDA, IS GETTING A NEW GATE

Submitted by Sean Ryan

Patrick SFB is in the process of building a new gate to replace the current East Gate off Highway A1A and Jupiter Street. This new main gate will take over as the 24/7 gate and will offer a host of features including a Visitor's Center, ID check station with a guard house and canopy, and a dedicated Vehicle Inspection Building, for improved safety and efficiency.

Upon the projection completion of the Main Gate in April 2024, the current East Gate will be closed and demolished. We look forward to sharing more updates as we continue this exciting transformation.



AFTAC ALWAYS HAD MY BACK

By Marv Owen, Cs/Ds Area Technician, 1969-2014

Loved the story by my friend Mike Clark. It brought back so many memories, some long suppressed. I was right there and at the same time though we did not know each other then. Our experiences to a point were almost identical (I was in flight #670, Mike). Mike made it sound easy but for some it was a bit difficult and just a slightly bit different.

I was from Smalltown NC with little accomplishment other than first prize chickens at the county fair and jobs at local gas stations. I guess I was smart but not worldly. I'd never heard the "f-word" used extensively and didn't know it was the only word in the English language that could be used as a noun, pronoun, verb, adverb, adjective, etc. I was totally overwhelmed by basic training but did manage to make it to day-5 of week-1. That afternoon, we retired to the barracks and I headed for the shower, leaving my fatigues hanging on the bunk bed post. I was summoned from the shower only to be greeted by three NCOs standing around my bunk. One had my wallet and another asked if my TI had briefed us on security. Nothing more. They returned my wallet and left. The next morning, I was standing dorm guard when my TI arrived. Fifteen minutes passed and I heard the screech of my name to get my (butt) up to his office. I charged in with a "Sir, you called me, sir." That started a 15-minute ordeal on how to properly enter his office which is another story I'll not attempt to cover here. He scolded me for the wallet incident and presented me with an unsatisfactory (the infamous "U") for my first week. Two "U's" and you're set back; and the legend was that set back once is to be set back again and again and never to get out of basic. We actually saw a couple of airmen from a more advanced flight transit our flight on the way back to a greener flight. I had just picked up my first "U" and had five more opportunities to get my second and from a TI who had my number. I was looking at a career in basic training.

Enter AFTAC. On day-2 of week-2, I was ordered to a job interview. I was extremely depressed. As Mike described, the rep, in my case, Major Jack Tucker, showed me pics of austere sites, talked about remote tours, and possible hardships away from civilization. Wanting to drop off the face of the earth at that moment, I jumped at everything he offered. He showed me a chart of class lengths and alpha designators and I picked "Z". He then exhibited the personal concern I learned to so appreciate later in my career and he asked if I was having problems. Do ya think! I told him of the wallet incident and my security violation and the "U." I remember his laugh and expression "Security violation?! Airman Owen, that is not a security violation and you have nothing to worry about with us or your career with us. We have your back and we'll see you at Lowry." He gave me a document for my TI which indicated my class date and need to report to school on time (or else the wrath of the entire DoD would smite you, your family, and all your loved ones). Later that day: "Owen, get your (butt) up here now!" To which, and to my credit, I did properly report to his office. "What did this Major want with a dumb___ like you?" "Sir, he gave me a class date and a job, sir." "What kind of job, you dumb----?" "Sir, I'm going to be a 'Z', sir." A look of incredulity, then: "A 'z'? You're a f-----g 'z' alright, a f-----g zero. Get out of here." And from that point forward, even though I kept stepping off on the wrong foot, not reporting properly for pay, screwing up my to-the-rear-march, marching alongside the flight rather than within it, and falling into the water, my TI knew he was dealing with a much greater power and never awarded that second "U." And I knew I owed my existence to one organization and I would dedicate myself to paying it back.

Though it didn't get a lot better in fundies, I was in a nurturing group of truly exceptional individuals. My class had electrical engineers, techs who worked for companies like GE, radio engineers, and me who always thought of electricity as the devil's creation to be respected but never examined. My first day of fundies, I was asked to measure the wall outlet with a PSM-6--couldn't do it but my instructor took the time to show me how. More than once, during end of block exams, the instructor would pass by, look at my answers, and hint that I should look at number 6 again, so I changed my answer. He would then reappear, and suggest I look at number 6 again and so, I would change it again. And so, it went. They had

my back. When we returned from fundies break and readied for the big secret mission brief, I was again totally overwhelmed, my emotions were racing. The briefer was talking but my mind was in overdrive. Then the briefer mentioned "derbis" and our various missions included going after "derbis." That struck me. In my mind, I was going after those "derbises" whatever they were and I was going to be the best at fulfilling the "derbis" mission--whatever a "derbis" was. Then the briefer caught himself and said "Have I been saying 'derbis'? I meant 'debris'" excuse me, it's debris, not derbis". So much for my shooting "derbises" on the fly. Then I saw my system, the Z2. It was the most impressive thing ever fielded, arguably the most sophisticated, and right off the bridge of the starship Enterprise. Operating it was like a game show and I excelled but couldn't overcome my fundies performance and lowest ranking among my seven classmates. When the assignments came down, the instructor said he knew where the number one was going and where Owen was going. Only the middle guys would fight it out. He was right and I headed home on my way to Turkey. While on leave I got a call to sit tight, my assignment was cancelled, and told to proceed to Det 125, Edwards AFB. My married classmates who didn't want remotes all would up with remotes and the only guy who wanted to drop off the face of the planet wound up in Southern California--go figure. On top of that, Det 125 was home to a Z1, with Z2 coming six months later. (By the way, I eventually made it to Turkey on a multi-directorate fact-finding tour 23 years later.) I jumped out of Det 125 and made my way to ground-based air sampling. I guess spending my teen years working at a gas station gave me a natural affinity for this machinery. So, I turned my back on the most advanced system ever deployed and opted for the most basic system and a career devoted to the GFU. Along the way, I encountered the most wonderful people, both up and down the chain.

In the Pacific theater, I could do no wrong, my PACTOA Commander Col Frank Hall always had my back. Later at HQ and when getting comfortable with MSgt, AFTAC/LG Col Hall said you better worry, you're wasting those general's endorsements I've been pushing so get your butt in gear and get promoted or else--I did. When faced with a medical discharge for cardiac problems at year 19, AFTAC/DP Col Richard Moline visited me at Wilford Hall and said not to worry, we have your back. When finally facing my end of enlisted days without a clue what to do next, AFTAC/TM Chuck McBrearty said not to worry, we have your back and created my civilian position. McB continued to provide top cover for many years afterwards. Honorable mention goes to those many supervisors who looked at me in frustration and said they didn't know, and sometimes didn't want to know, what I was doing but we have your back. A special thanks to those special NCOs who worked the mission, who simply sensed what I wanted, and always had my back. Thank-you, all. It's a philosophy and respect I tried to express to anyone who entered my little world. My father worked for the county garage and always said that he had found a home and would never leave. I felt the same about AFTAC and my need to pay it back for teaching me and for rescuing me from Lackland purgatory. On the last day of my 45th year with AFTAC, I realized my debt had been paid. So, I quit.

OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE

Submitted by Sean Ryan

Team Offutt officially welcomed its second WC-135R Constant Phoenix aircraft. Tail number 64-14831 joins tail 64-14836 as the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth's second WC-135R platform. The WC's are operated and maintained by the 45th Reconnaissance Squadron in support of the 21st Surveillance Squadron, Detachment 1 global atmospheric collection mission.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE ANNOUNCES PREFERRED LOCATIONS FOR STARCOM HQ, THREE DELTAS

By SAF/PA Staff Writer
Published 21 May 2023

ARLINGTON, VA (AFNS) -- The Department of the Air Force selected Patrick Space Force Base, Florida, as the preferred location to host the Space Training and Readiness Command Headquarters, along with Space Delta 10. Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, is the preferred location for Space Delta 11, and Schriever Space Force Base, Colorado, is the preferred location for Space Delta 12.

STARCOM, one of three U.S. Space Force field commands, is responsible for the deliberate development, education, and training of space professionals in addition to the development of space warfighting doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures, and the operational test and evaluation of Space Force systems.

See the entire article at <https://www.starcom.spaceforce.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/3412209/departments-of-the-air-force-announces-preferred-locations-for-starcom-hq-three/>



OBITUARIES

RICHARD (RICH) BOHN

Died 12 April 2023



Taken from Facebook postings on AFTAC Facebook Websites by Mitchell Bohn, shared by Sean Ryan, and George Cronin. An Obituary was found at <https://www.floridatoday.com/obituaries/bft087751> with very little information but links of possible interest.

Sharing with permission and respect, (from and by), Rich Bohn's Brother, **Mitchell Bohn**. May he RIP. **Van Roberts** posted the following on the 'AFTAC Airborne Operations' Facebook Site and consented to AFTACAA Resources to pass along. Thank you, Van

"As some may know, my brother, Richard Bohn, MSgt, SEO106, Ret, was found dead at his home on Patrick SFB, April 12, 2023. The following day, our parents and I flew out to try to finalize his life. A

daunting task as you might imagine if you've ever been to his pad at all. We were sad, had questions, had no direction, and had little if no clear path forward on how to deal with it all.

"Over the following days, we met [Kevin Callan](#), [Jordan Lloyd](#), [Ed Lindsay](#), [Teresa Vayda](#), and several other AFTAC alumni, friends, and neighbors. They got the ball rolling for us and have kept it rolling ever since. I and my family can never repay them, the rest of Richard's friends, and the other AFTAC bubbas that showed up to help us piece it all together and pack it all away.

"My brother loved AFTAC, its people, and its community. The years he served with you all were the proudest of his life. I got a sense of that when, on the day of our departure, saying goodbye to Kevin on the front porch of the AFTAC building. My father, between grief and gratitude, said that he'd lost a son, but gained several new sons and daughters. I'm a lowly Navy guy, and through my years in the Navy, I'd never experienced that vast feeling of connectivity in any organization I've been in. Then, while I was in tears at the loss of my brother and the belief that this parting would be the end of it all, I was told "you are one of us."

"Thank you AFTAC. Thank you all for giving my brother his warp and weft within the fabric that binds your community together. Thank you for your kindness, your patience, and your understanding during the absolute worst time of my family's life. I've lost my brother, but like my father, I too have gained dozens more brothers and sisters.

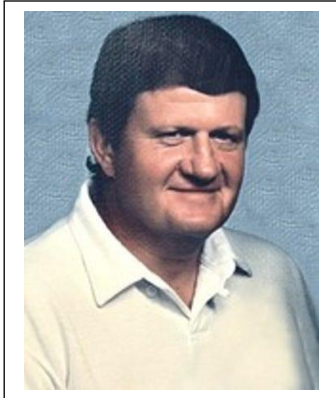
"As it's said in the Navy on departing, Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Respectfully, Mitchell "

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Throughout his Air Force career, Rich served in multiple capacities for the Center: 9S100/Special Equipment Operator (SEO), Watch Officer, Det 460 Section Chief, Det 415 Detachment Chief, and technician at McClellan Lab's Tech Ops Division. His most memorable job, according to his father, retired MSgt Jerry Bohn, was as an AFTAC Airborne SEO.

MSgt Bohn is survived by his parents, Mary and Jerry; brother, Mitchell (a US Navy vet); sister-in-law, Leslie, and sister, Susan.



ROBERT E. "BOB" CALDWELL

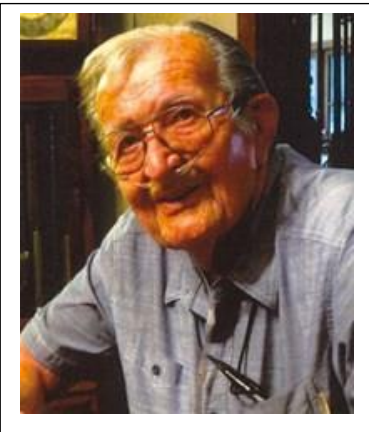
23 February 1946 – 5 November 2022

Notified by Chuck Conrad

Robert E. Caldwell, of Harborcreek Twp., Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at his residence, following an extended illness. Bob was born in Erie, Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1964 from former Lawrence Park High School and attended both Mount Alto and Penn State Behrend colleges. He was employed by the General Electric Co. for a short period of time before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Bob went on to spend the next 21 years in a distinguished military career that took him and his wife, Millie, across the country and to overseas bases in Iran and the Philippines. Bob retired with an honorable discharge in 1987 and was awarded the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon.

Within days of his retirement from the Air Force, Bob began a second career as an operations manager with the Federal Emergency Management Administration. His service with FEMA would later come to include duties within the then newly created Department of Homeland Security. While employed by the federal government, Bob and Millie had resided in Denver, CO, and later Winchester, VA, where he would retire after 20 years of devoted service. Having moved back and made Harborcreek Twp. Home

Survivors include his beloved wife of 55 years, Mildred L. "Millie" (Weismiller) Caldwell.



GLEN ALLEN FEAKES

15 August 1931 – 19 July 2023

Notified by Joncee Feakes and Maureen Hampson, who reported that Glen was a charter member of the CO Alumni chapter.

Glen Allen Feakes, grew up in the Fennimore, Wisconsin, and was a 1949 graduate of Fennimore High School. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Air Force and was assigned to various locations in the United States and abroad during and after the Korean war. In 1957, he was stationed at the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) in Encampment, Wyoming. There he met his future wife, Joncee Arlene Newsom; they married on 22 February 1958. The two of them were stationed in multiple overseas locations

including Alice Springs, Australia, and twice in Toledo, Spain, which resulted in numerous memories and long-term friendships. He retired from the military as a Master Sergeant in 1971 and used his military benefits to pursue higher education at the University of Colorado at Denver, receiving bachelor's degrees in Electrical Engineering and International Business in 1974. This training led him to a second career in civilian contracting work with the Department of Defense, Defense Contracts Administration Services Office (DCASO).

Throughout his retirement, Glen was an active member of the AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado. He loved his family, the mountains, fishing and hunting, patio gardening, opening presents on Christmas morning, traveling, and exploring locations around the world. He is survived by his wife, Joncee, their son, Randell, and his wife, Diann, their daughter, Debra, and her husband, Alejandro, and their grandchildren.

Full Obituary available at <https://www.newcomerdenver.com/Obituary/266519/Glen-Feakes/Denver-CO>



BRENT JOHNSON

Died 6 July 2023

Maureen Hampson wrote on FB, AFTAC DP Site, about the passing of one of our Sages, Brent Johnson, BJ. "I just heard from Gail Johnson that BJ (Brent Johnson) passed away on 6 July. He fought a hard fight and now is pain-free. May he rest in peace."



ROBERT EUGENE ("BOB") JUSTMAN

23 January 1944 – 30 June 2006

Contacted by **Tony DeMarco** emailing, "An old friend and neighbor of mine from my Depot days contacted me recently and asked if I could check and see if a fellow 99125's Obit was already on our Site. Robert Justman was an old 99125, SEO 012, and served over 20 years in AFTAC supporting the LRD Mission. While I did find Robert's name in the Data Base there was no Obit for him in our Obit Archives."

Robert "Bob" Justman was born in Wausau, Wisconsin. Bob joined the Air Force in 1963 and served for 23 years in AFTAC both at Yokota AB, Japan, and at McClellan AFB in Sacramento, California.

He married Lenore Anne Edgeworth on Nov. 28, 1965. When he retired from the Air Force in 1986, and he went to work for KVIE Channel 6 where he was Facility Services Manager. He became active in the Presbyterian church in the early '80s, and over the last 20 years has become deeply involved in the local and national governing bodies of the church. Bob is survived by his wife Lenore, his children Ian and his mother Norma.

Full obituary at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sacbee/name/robert-justman-obituary?id=13770657>

Published by The Sacramento Bee on Jul. 11, 2006

PHILLIP J. "PHIL" LINDSTEDT

23 January 1959 – 20 August 2023

Notified by George Mirda and Ed Lindsay

Phil Lindstedt passed away at his home in Malabar, Florida, following a long illness. Phil was born and grew up in Los Angeles, California. He had keen abilities in math and science.

At 18 years old, Phil joined the US Air Force and began a life-long relationship with AFTAC. Graduating from tech school as a 99105 Scientific Analysis Technician, his first assignment was to Det 421, Alice Springs, Australia. A crack analyst, he snagged a follow-on assignment to Det 313 Sonseca, Spain. Later assignments to Det 489 Pinedale, Wyoming and the HQ European Technical Operations Area on Lindsey Air Station, Germany. Although he finished his service career at AFTAC Headquarters at Patrick Space Force Base, Florida, he traveled extensively to Det 301 Ankara, Turkey and a myriad of masked locations. He retired from AFTAC and worked for a few short months with Command Technologies Incorporated, Satellite Beach, Florida. Soon afterwards, he began a new career as a civil servant working in the Treaty Monitoring Directorate (TT) culminating as a Senior Research Geophysicist. He earned a BS in Mathematics from Rollins College, Winter Park Florida and a Master's degree in Computer Information Systems from Webster University, St Louis, Missouri.

Phil was immensely proud of his 3 sons, Lt Commander Christopher, USCG (Christine Castro); Luis (Casey Keilman), and Michael (Ally Rayne) and 4 grandchildren. They all enjoyed hunting and fishing trips. Phil boasted many trophies of deer, wild boar and big horn sheep on his den's wall. He was an avid poker player. May he rest in peace. Arrangements are pending but will be announced with an AFTAC Alumni e-Alert or note to this group when known. A celebration of life is envisioned in lieu of funeral services.



SHARON ANN THRONEBERRY MARTINEZ

3 October 1948 - 26 April 2023

Notified by **Juan Nieto** - Sharon Martinez (wife of Joe Martinez) passed away on April 26th. Further notification from **John Horsch** - I had served with Juan and asked for additional information; he replied, ' Joe was a supply troop for the Hawaiian squadron. Worked with Mario Perusquia and Fred Loggia (spelling) ... Joe lives in Lubbock, Texas. Sharon only served 4 years. Then became an AFTAC dependent. You know, raising the family while we went TDY.' Juan also reported that some of his AFTAC coworkers were Galen Pound, Larry Rhode, Paul Bell, Cliff York, etc.

Sharon Martinez passed away at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas, surrounded by family and close friends. Sharon was born 3 October 1948, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. She attended school in Hartford, Arkansas, before graduating from John J Pershing High School in Detroit, Michigan. After graduation, Sharon enlisted in the Air Force where she served in the supply unit in Texas and Turkey. She met Joe Martinez while they both were serving at Randolph AFB. Sharon and Joe married on 7 September 1969. Sharon is survived by her husband, Joe; her son Joe Jr. and wife Christy, daughter Lisa and husband Jason, and son Joshua and partner Elizabeth; and her grandchildren.

Full obituary at <https://www.agapefuneralchapel.com/obituary/Sharon-Martinez>

CHARLES "STUART" ("Stu" – "Chuck") McCLOSKEY

6 March 1932 – 8 July 2023

Notified by **John Horsch** - Charles and I live in a Senior Community in West Melbourne. I moved here five years ago and he sometime before that. We often bumped into each other and had a few words about our times in AFTAC.

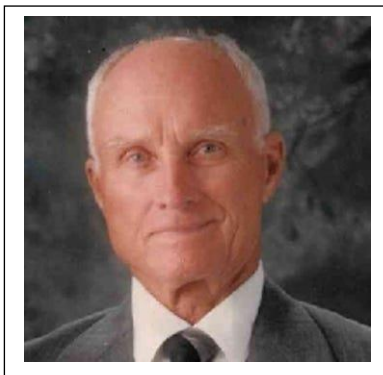
Added by **Judy Henderson** – Stuart and I worked together in the Technical Director's office (before it became the Chief Scientist's office); our primary mission was reporting on Alerts, from start to finish. It was a busy job and kept us hopping, but we always felt we were on the front lines of AFTAC's mission.

Lt. Col. (Ret) Charles Stuart McCloskey, Jr., was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was a lifelong Episcopalian. After high school graduation, Stuart went on to earn his BS in Physics from the Virginia Military Institute in 1953 and his MS in

Physics from the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School in 1962.

Upon graduating from VMI, Stuart began a long and distinguished career in the United States Air Force where he had posts in Europe; Houma, Louisiana; Jacksonville and Patrick AFB, Florida; Monterey, California; Alexandria, VA; and Oslo, Norway. During this time, he met and married Patsy Hebert. In 1972, the family moved to Satellite Beach, Florida, where Stuart worked at the AFTAC on Patrick Air Force Base. He retired from the USAF in 1979, having honorably served his country for 26 years. Stuart continued to work as a civilian contractor for 8 years at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, as a safety engineer. Stuart was predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, Patsy, in 2008. He is survived by his daughter, Karen McCloskey; son, Stuart McCloskey and his wife, Sande, and 2 grandsons.

Full obituary at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/rockledge-fl/charles-mccloskey-11366490>



WILLIAM "BRYAN" MEHARG

17 January 1925 – 27 April 2023

Notified by Wally Huffaker, 8 May 2023 FLORIDA TODAY Obituary

Col. William "Bryan" Meharg, USAF (Ret.), died peacefully at his home in Satellite Beach, Florida. Bryan was born in Lakeland, FL. He was an only child and his father died when Bryan was 8. He became an original "latchkey" child, developing an independent, inquisitive, and "slightly" rebellious nature, as well as an enduring bond with his mother. He entered the US Army Air Forces during WWII and flew 27 combat missions over Europe, serving as a

Ball Turret/Nose Gunner on a B-24 assigned to the 8th Army Air Forces. Upon his discharge, he entered college and graduated from Florida Southern in Lakeland. After graduation, Bryan began a career in the citrus business and joined the US Air Force Reserves. While attending a church dinner with his mother, he met Lolita Peel. They were married in Lakeland on November 20, 1948. He was recalled to active duty at the outbreak of the Korean War and then decided on an Air Force career. He stayed on duty for an additional 30 years and retired in 1981 as head of logistics for AFTAC at Patrick AFB. He served his country in WWII, the Korean War, and Vietnam with great integrity and distinction.

Bryan had a lifelong love of tennis and played the amateur circuit wherever he was stationed. He was the Air Force Seniors Champion in 1979. During his retirement he continued to play tennis and traveled the amateur circuit in Florida. Bryan is survived by his daughters, Toogie (Don) McIntosh, Pam Meharg, and Lisa (Tony) Thompson; and his grandchildren. Full obituary at <https://www.theledger.com/obituaries/plkl0482970>



DONALD RAY MOSLEY

16 October 1931 – 8 March 2023

VERNA AMANDA THERESA MOSLEY

25 September 1923 – 10 February 2008



Contacted by **Gene and Dee Melchior** -- Regretfully, I must report the passing of my friend Donald Ray Mosley. In January 1966 Don and I attended the 'B' System class at Lowry AFB, Denver, CO. After graduation we were assigned to HQ 1035th FAG (Field Activities Group), Alexandria, VA. Don was assigned to 'O' system and I to the 'B' system zip room. That began a lifelong friendship spanning over 50 years. We enjoyed many visits with Don and his wife Verna in Joplin, Missouri, and here in Florida after his retirement from AFTAC. Dee and I had the opportunity to meet up with them in Verna's hometown, Staplehurst, Nebraska. During that visit Dee had her first ride in an air-conditioned combine with Verna's nephew. We have such good memories of our many times together. In 2018 Don moved back to his home state of "West by God Virginia," enjoying several years with family members who cherished him. His interment was in Seward, Nebraska, alongside his beloved Verna. May they rest in peace.

Donald "Ray" Mosley of Tazewell, Virginia, passed away at Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital. Don graduated from Gary High School in Gary, West Virginia, in 1949. He touched many lives as he traveled around the world. Donald was outgoing, and he was an active member in his church. He and his wife, Verna, enjoyed collecting coin glass while traveling throughout the United States. He was a retired Tech Sergeant with the USAF. After retirement, Donald oversaw the communications department of Missouri Southern State University while teaching there. Donald was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Verna Mosely. Verna Amanda Theresa (Duer) Mosley passed away in Joplin, Missouri.

Full Obituaries available at:

Don: <https://www.zabkaperduefuneralhome.com/obituary/donald-mosley>

Verna: <https://www.zabkaperduefuneralhome.com/guestbook/5933476>

DARLENE PRYDE PENTON

24 January 1937 – 16 February 2023

Contacted by Phil Lindstedt

Copied from Facebook group site '99105...' - post by Philip Lindstedt: "Not an official 99 but she took care of dozens of us over the years. Darlene Penton, the Pinedale VFW manager for 40? 50? Years, died on 16 February, but for some reason, public release was 1 June. I stopped reading the Pinedale Roundup paper years ago but for some reason thought about her tonight and the top 4 goggle hits were her obituaries. She was always supportive of us, the det personnel and AFTAC TDY visitors. RIP."

Full obituary at <https://pinedaleroundup.com/article/obituary-darlene-pryde-penton>





CRAIG WILLIAM PICKEL

Died 18 April 2023 at the age of 67

Notified by Sean Ryan from the AFTAC 99 Facebook Group share by
Micheal Frichette

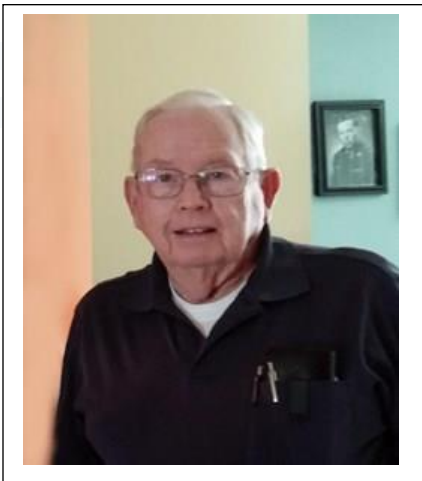
Craig William Pickel passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack. Even though a failing heart took him away from this world, his loving heart left a beacon of light for all who knew him. Craig is survived by his wife and best friend, Mikki, his children Stephen, Ashley, Taelor, Joshua, Dylan, Laura, and Cherokee and 12 grandchildren.

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Craig put his whole life into faith and family. Everyone in the family knew that he was just a phone call away, literally his phone never stopped ringing. But he would have had it no other way. He loved giving advice, sharing his knowledge, and helping in any way that he could. However, if you asked for advice, you had better listen and utilize the advice he gave or he would use his famous saying, "what's my middle name"? Yes, Craigs AKA is Craig (I Told You So) Pickel.

Craig had a passionate love affair with sports, whether that was coaching, officiating, or playing sports himself. He also loved dancing so much that he was known to break out in dance like someone straight out of a flash mob. Craig had an enchanting sense of humor and was always making others laugh with his witty remarks, funny stories, or silly antics. Craig's spare time was spent feeding his addictions to shopping, garage sales, Facebook and computer games.

Obituary at <https://allveterans.com/tribute/details/318497/Craig-Pickel/obituary.html#tribute-start>



WILLIAM CURTIS ROGERS

19 January 1934 – 27 August 2021

Contacted by Bryce Dunn, CO Chapter President

William Curtis Rogers of Centennial, Colorado, died in August 2021. He was born in Maude, Texas. William joined the Air Force after high school and spent over 20 years proudly serving our country retiring as a Master Sargent. After leaving the Air Force he went on to work for Honeywell Inc. until retiring to enjoy time with his family.

He was very active in his church and enjoyed playing golf, hunting, and fishing. He had a great sense of humor and was a joy to be around. He was the glue that helped keep multiple families together as one big extended family through his love and kindness for us all.

William is survived by his wife Helen Rogers, with whom he shared 41 blessed years, in which they loved each other dearly and had good times, as well as his children, Sterling (Sue) Rogers, Glenn (Julia) Rogers, LeRae (Bill) Barley, Lenne Holmes, Paul Martinez, Todd (Deanna) Ilk, Yvette (Jevi) Verneaux, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Obituary at <https://www.newcomerdenver.com/Obituary/203509/William-Rogers/Denver-CO>

ALEXANDER SPICCI

17 July 1934 – 1 May 2023

Contacted by Dale Klug, passing along information from Alexander Spicci's wife.

CMSgt Alexander Spicci of Roseville, California, passed away. He was a retired 99125 and former First Sgt at 1155th. Obituary at <https://obituaries.tridentsociety.com/obituaries/roseville-ca/alexander-spicci-11277406>



EDDIE JACK VICKERS

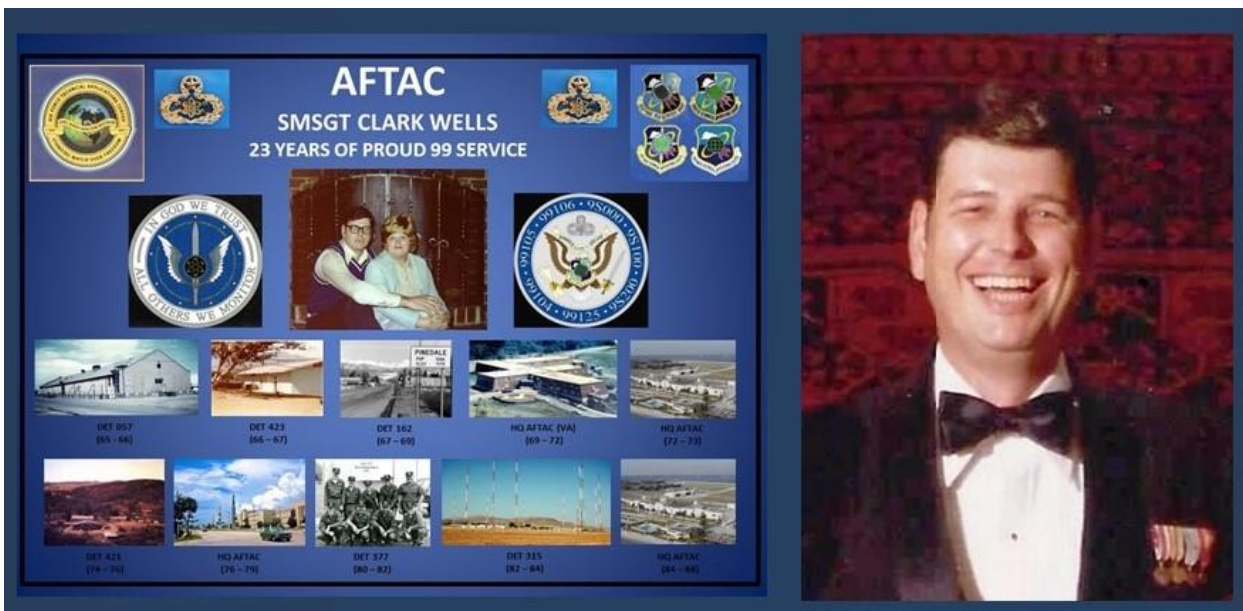
19 July 1935 – 1 August 2023

Notified by Erin Marie Vickers via Facebook post on AFTAC Alumni group

Eddie Vickers was born in Weeksbury, Kentucky, and died in Wesley Chapel, Florida. His family moved when he was a small child to Bethel, Ohio, where he would love to go down to the airfield and watch the planes fly. He learned to fly a crop-duster at age 10, and then went on to get his pilot license. At that time, he was also driving a milk truck, pumping gas at the local station, and running the projector at the family movie theater. Anyone who has ever spent time around him knows his love for music. On the weekends he would play in a dance band in Cincinnati, and he enjoyed playing the piano and singing. For his high school graduation, he was asked to perform "Ave Maria," something he was very proud of. Eddie graduated from Bethel High School in 1954 and went on to join the USAF. Sergeant Vickers was a combat crew member aboard EC-121R which had a crash landing during a heavy rainstorm on its final approach. Despite the flames engulfing the aircraft, and with complete disregard for his own safety, he successfully removed an unconscious crew member from the wreckage. Once recovered, Eddie went on to complete over one hundred missions in Southeast Asia assigned to the 553rd Reconnaissance Wing, Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base. During his tour, he recorded 1200 combat flight hours. After returning to the States, he was assigned to the Air Force Academy as a flight instructor in Colorado Springs. After twenty years of service, he was honorably discharged from the USAF.

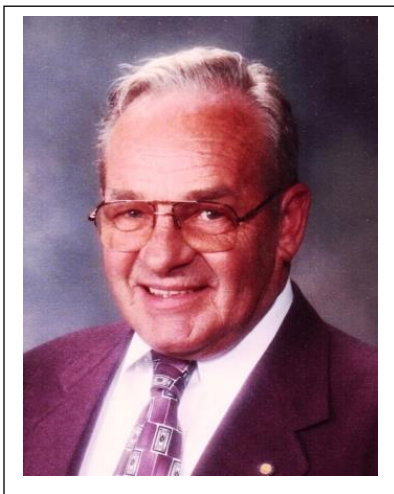
He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Erin Marie Vickers; their daughter, Melissa Vickers, and wife, Michelle Kne; son, Joshua Vickers; son, Gregory Vickers and wife, Amanda Vickers; and four beautiful grandchildren that he adored. e. Full obituary at <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/tampa-fl/eddie-vickers-11391769>

WILFORD C. (CLARK) WELLS SMSGT USAF-RETIRED



The family of Ret SMSGT Clark Wells is sad to announce the passing of their loving husband, father, and grandfather on September 20, 2019. He was surrounded by his family and friends as he passed into his eternal heavenly home.

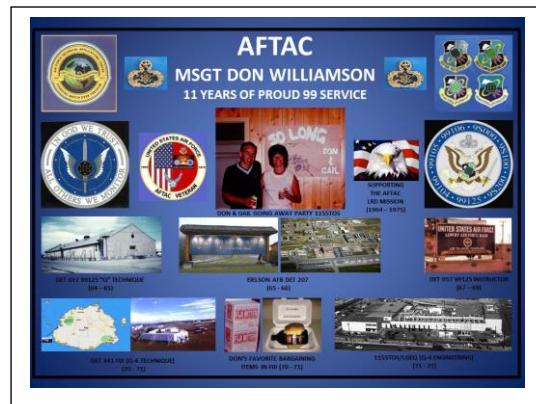
Survivors include his wife, Betty, 53 ½ years of marriage, sons Ken and Kevin, and daughter, Cherilyn, as well as 8 grandchildren.



DONALD (DON) NASH WILLIAMSON

1 December 1934 – 4 July 2023

Tony DeMarco reported that he heard from Don's son, Willi, about his Dad's death. Don was a "Q-4" 99125 and served at Det 207, Det 057 as an instructor, then down in Fiji at Det 441, and finally at the 1155/LGEQ until the Q-4 was shut down in the summer of 1975. Don then went back into the AF until his retirement.



Donald "Donnie" Nash Williamson of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, passed away in the home he grew up in, surrounded in love by his three children, Don "Willie" Williamson, Mike Williamson, and Kelley (Williamson) Molitor. Donnie was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Gail Marie (Krzykowski) Williamson.

A graduate of Lincoln High School (class of 1952), Donnie attended St. Norbert's College and UW-Stevens Point before joining the United States Air Force in 1955. He attended basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in Seneca Lake, New York. After basic, Donnie attended advanced electronics training at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. After graduating from advanced training, Donnie returned home to Wisconsin Rapids to marry his high school sweetheart, Gail. After marriage, the newlyweds traveled to their first duty station together at Otis Air Force Base on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Donnie worked on C-121E "Super Connie" Constellation aircraft. Following his tour of duty at Otis Air Force Base, Donnie was selected to join the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC), a highly selective, national-level program to monitor global nuclear treaty compliance.

After retiring from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant in 1977, following his 22-year career of service to our nation, Donnie, Gail, and the kids settled back home in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. Donnie worked for Ore-Ida Foods for the next 18 years when he retired for the second time in 1997.

Obituary available at - <https://www.ritchayfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Donald-Donnie-Williamson?obId=28340798>



A FEW MINUTES FROM THE MINUTES

This column will help you stay up-to-date on issues that are not covered in other places in the POST MONITOR

Sean Ryan is working with Chad Taguba regarding the possibility of obtaining new coins to sell in the SAGE SHOP.

20-Year Wall: Tony De Marco reported that 125 members are currently shown on the 20-year Wall, and he is working on others, including several members who have passed away. . If you served 20 years or more at AFTAC – military and/or civilian, contact Tony at ynotba@aol.com .

Nominations of Officers for the Next Year: Ed Lindsay appointed Jim Whidden, Frank Hall, and Judy Henderson to seek nominations for the elected positions – President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer – for the next year, taking office as of 1 October 2023. The Election of Officers will be held at the September 2023 meeting.

Future AFTACAA Reunions: We received information from a Reunion company that is promoting the Dayton, Ohio, area as a potential place for Air Force reunions. Information has been received about their proposal, but we need to take a hard look at what they offer, and the costs for a reunion planned by them.



CHAPTER NEWS

ECHOES – News from the AFTAC Alumni Colorado Chapter – www.aftacco.org

THE ANNUAL FALL 2023 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST

will be held on **30 September 2023**

at the Tin Cup Banquet Room, 50 S. Peoria St.

Breakfast Will Be Served At 0900. Cost Is \$22.00

children 12 and under free. Pay at the door — cash (Exact Change Appreciated),
Electronic Payment Paypal & Venmo Is Available, or Check Made Out To “Maureen Hampson.”

Meet & Greet The Alumni & Families & Friends.

Current And Past Military & Civilians, Their Families, & Friends

Associated With Lrd/Aftac Are Welcome.

Please Rsvp No Later Than 22 September

To: **Maureen Hampson 303-695-0477 Or Email Treasurer@Aftacco.Org**

DETACHMENT 46 TOUR & MISSION BRIEF

By Chuck Toner

Tour of Cheyenne Mountain and the Operational Laboratory of Detachment 46 (AFTAC).

The Day was wet with constant rain that leaves one feeling “down” but, our spirits were “high” in anticipation of a visit to Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado Springs, CO. The tour was scheduled for May 19, 2023 with a show time of 10 a.m. Bill Milnor, Ken Behrens, Cyndie WozniakBehrens, and Chuck Toner arrived at the Cheyenne Mountain Visitor Center to meet MSgt Anthony B. Garrow, Senior Enlisted Leader, AFTAC Det 46 our tour director and official briefer on points of interest covering Cheyenne Mountain, and the AFTAC Operational Center.

Within the Visitors Center, MSgt Garrow provided us an excellent briefing on the history of Cheyenne Mountain, using a three dimensional, scaled, diorama. He then provided us a tour of the Visitor Center, pointing out the unique features of Cheyenne Mountain a oneofakind world class structure. At this point, we were cleared and provided with a badge to enter the Cheyenne mountain complex. A brief bus ride put us in walking distance of the Detachment Operational area,

Escorted through several corridors we arrived at Detachment 46, where we were provided with a preliminary briefing before entering the lab. After introductions to the staffonduty in the lab, MSgt Garrow then proceeded with an unclassified mission briefing followed by a question/answer period. It was a very eventful day to visit such a unique setting. It would have been interesting to visit the “lake”, the power plant, and other unique features of the mountain, but time and security constraints do enter the picture. A hearty “Thank You” to MSgt Garrow for giving us a military history lesson and a brief walking adventure in Cheyenne Mountain.

4 MARCH SPRING BREAKFAST RECAP

By Bryce Dunn & Ken Behrens

We held our Spring breakfast on 4 March 2023 with 25 adults and 4 children signed up. Attendees included Major Nathaniel Anderson, Det 45 Commander & his daughter, Lt. Colonel Adam Ross, Det 46 Commander & his family, MSgt Anthony Garrow Det 46 Senior Enlisted Leader, MSgt Logan MulterWhite Det 45 Senior Enlisted Leader, Dave Albers, Ken Behrens & Cyndie WozniakBehrens, Patrick Burke, Paul Detlesen, Bryce & Sue Dunn, Jonece Feakes, Lonnie & Ginny Gibbons, Maureen Hampson, Stacia Schmeid Johnson (Bill Schmeid's daughter), Bill & Rhonda Kimbrough, Frank Lepus, Bill Milnor, Rick Phillips, Mariann Pierce, Dick Rubincam, and Chuck Toner.

The Tin Cup staff did an outstanding job of preparing a wonderful breakfast buffet that was enjoyed by all.



DEPOT FALLOUT

GROUP PHOTO FROM OUR 20 MAY 2023 SPRING BBQ & PICNIC EVENT

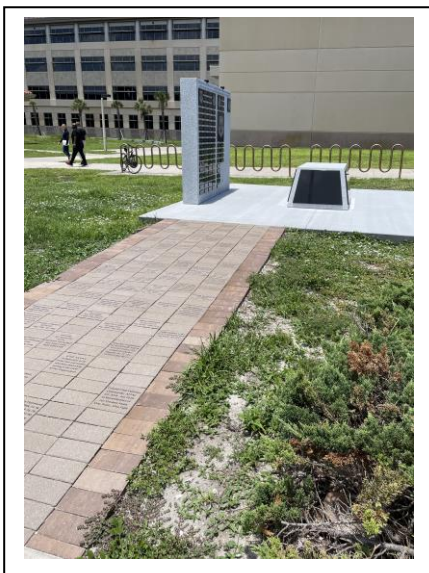


FrontRw: Danny & Roberta Beach, Betty Jo & Rod Hinkle, Ken & Eva Breitwieser, Donna Fritts.
2ndRw: Don Lemmon, Dick Anderson, Tom & Tae Ja Hickey, Cathy & Ken Denbleyker.
 Bob Fitzgerald, Charlie Penn, Butch Kemna, Bob Baker, Kathy & Allan Pentecost, John & Corinne Minor



ADDITIONAL PICTURES OF MEMORIAL

(see pages 7 & 8)



See page 8 to see how to order a brick to complete the walkway and to fund long-term maintenance



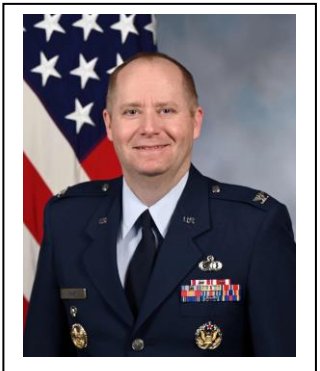
Command Section



Commander/CC. Colonel James "Cobra" Finlayson

Colonel Finlayson assumed command of the Air Force Technical Applications Center on 2 June 2022. Colonel Finlayson received his commission in 1997 from the United States Air Force Academy. Prior to assuming command of AFTAC, Colonel Finlayson was the Vice Commander of the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, serving as the principal assistant to the Wing Commander and overseeing two training groups, a mission support group, and a medical group. Additionally, Colonel Finlayson served as the Chief of Staff, J2 Directorate for Intelligence, U.S. Strategic Command, located at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Previous leadership assignments include serving as the Commander of National Air and Space Intelligence Center's Regional Threats Analysis Squadron and as the Director of Operations for U.S. Strategic Command's Joint Intelligence Operations Center.

Command Section



Vice Commander/CV. Colonel Ty E. Miller

Colonel Ty E. Miller is the Vice Commander, AFTAC, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida. Colonel Miller received his commission from the United States Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps in May 2000. Following his commissioning, he was assigned as a physicist at the Air Force Information Warfare Center performing technical warfighter support to Combatant Commands. He has held several nuclear-related positions working in both the Air Force and Joint worlds including positions at AFTAC, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the Department of Energy, and HQ Air Force.

Command Section



Command Chief. Chief Master Sergeant Jerome S. Wright

CMSgt Wright is the Command Chief of AFTAC, Patrick Space Force Base, FL. Previous assignments include serving as the senior enlisted advisor of the cadet wing at the USAF Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. He was the principle enlisted advisor to the commandant on training, education, standards and personnel matters for 4,400 cadets and 236 total force permanent party members. Additionally, as the career field manager for the Academy Military Trainer (8B200) Developmental Special Duty, he was responsible for the training, development, utilization, and readiness of 107 academy military trainers. His background includes various duties in missile and space systems

electronic maintenance, electronic systems security assessment, operations intelligence, and geospatial intelligence targeting career fields. He has deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, and Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR. Prior to serving at the USAF Academy, Chief Wright was the superintendent and chief enlisted manager of the 11th Special Operations Intelligence Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Okaloosa County, FL. CMSgt Wright's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resource Management and Organizational Development, University of Maryland, College Park, Md. (See article, below, by CMSgt Jerome Wright)



REPORTS FROM WITHIN THE H2 BUILDING

(Most of the following extracts can be read in their entirety at AFTAC Alumni Website: aftacaa.us)

39-YEAR-OLD AIRMAN WITH DOCTORATE ARRIVES AT AFTAC

Published 3 August 2023, by Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs, Patrick Space Force Base, Florida

Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, is home to Air Force Basic Military Training, and on any given day, there are more than 7,000 new recruits undergoing the 7-week program. The average age of trainees who undergo the Air Force's introduction to military service is 21. In October 2022, however, Flight 039 from Squadron 433 had a particularly unusual trainee report for BMT: a 39-year-old former college professor with a Ph.D. in Kinesiology. Trainee Ryan Miskowiec reported for duty after temporarily saying goodbye to his wife and four children who remained in Baton Rouge.

But first, let's backtrack.

Miskowiec earned his bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in Kinesiology from Louisiana State University, with concentrations in Exercise Physiology and Bioenergetics. In between his extensive studies and degree programs, he also found time to work as a graduate assistant, emergency medical technician, strength coach, personal trainer, and tutor. Immediately following his doctoral studies, he served as an assistant professor at Lewis University of Romeoville, Ill. Still, despite the demanding workload and professional career progression, he knew he wanted more out of life.



"In 2018 I made the decision to pivot to a long-held call to service," Miskowiec said. "I've always felt drawn to the military, and the Air Force in particular. It helped having several generations of men in my family who have served in some capacity as influencers. My great grandfather joined the chemical weapon service during World War I after emigrating from Poland; my grandfather was a torpedoman during World War II; and my father was a detective for the Los Angeles Police Department.

As the first generation in his family to go to college, he said his parents were thrilled that he opted to earn his college diploma, but achieving those milestones didn't shake his desire to enlist. "Before I met with my recruiter, I did my homework on the types of jobs the Air Force had to offer," he said. "I created spreadsheets with all the different position descriptions and requisites and poured over them for days. Based on all my research, I came to the conclusion that becoming a Scientific Applications Specialist (or 9S100 as AFTAC Airmen are best known) would be the best fit for me." Miskowiec said his recruiter was unfamiliar with that particular job series, and he ended up being slotted to become a Cybernetworks Analyst.

"As luck would have it, my BMT Training Instructor asked me to escort another trainee to meet with a reclassification officer after learning his clearance was disapproved," he explained. "Since I was known as the 'Dorm Dad,' and since this trainee was really broken up about losing the job he wanted, my T.I. thought I would be the best person to help him select a different job. While there, I thought I'd take a shot and ask about any openings that may have come up for the 9S100 career field. Turns out someone had dropped out and the reclassification officer slid me right into the slot!"

After earning top graduate honors from BMT, Miskowiec headed to Goodfellow AFB, Texas, to undergo technical training, where he also excelled academically and learned a lot about electronic principles, applied sciences, computer and network fundamentals, phenomenology, and the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance enterprise as a whole. In May 2023, the professor-turned-Airman joined the Air Force Technical Applications Center as a Geophysical Data Analyst, assigned to the 22nd Surveillance and Analysis Squadron, where he's responsible for analyzing seismic data and phenomenology in support of AFTAC's global nuclear treaty monitoring mission.

His supervisor had nothing but praise for his subordinate. "A1C Miskowiec is an extraordinary Airman who has exemplified his devotion to serving our country," said Staff Sgt. LaVonn Benjamin, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of 22nd SURS' tactics and training. "He brings his experience and great leadership qualities to the AFTAC operations center after serving as a college professor for several years." Benjamin added, "In his time as a professor, he chaired and played a key role in establishing many student body organizations and will be an extremely valuable asset to the squadron, not only as a technician, but as a mentor and team player. We look forward to continuing to watch Ryan grow into a leader in the unit."

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So where does a 39-year-old Ph.D. with a long professional track record and demonstrated leadership skills under his belt go from here? Is a commission on the horizon? "I'm not dogmatically set on commissioning versus remaining enlisted," he said. "I feel that my skills and life experience will be most exploited in leadership positions. I try not to plan too far ahead; instead, I'm all about flexibility and positioning myself to have options. But I'll certainly apply in hopes my package will be considered."



AIRMAN HAILED 'A HERO' AFTER HELPING TRAPPED MOTORIST, CHILD

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs, Patrick Space Force Base (PSFB), Florida -- Published May 4, 2023

What was supposed to be a typical drive home turned into an act of heroism for one Airman stationed at PSFB.

Senior Airman Tyler Johnson had just finished his shift as a Subsurface Operations Manager for the 22nd Surveillance Squadron at the AFTAC on 13 April 2023. As was his daily routine, he left the base and headed westbound on Pineda Causeway. While making his way home, he noticed a blue vehicle swerving in and out of traffic, so he slowed down to give the swerving driver ample room to proceed. Unfortunately, the swerving vehicle clipped another driver, causing the second vehicle to flip several times, end-over-end, finally landing upside down on the causeway guardrails. Johnson immediately pulled over, turned on his hazard lights, and dialed 9-1-1 to call for help.

"When I was able to cross the highway to get over to the flipped car, it looked bad," Johnson said. "I thought the people inside would be seriously hurt – or worse. But I heard a woman's voice coming from inside who said, 'I'm OK. I have a baby!' So, I knew I needed to somehow free them from the pinned vehicle." A second passer-by came over to help Johnson rock the vehicle enough to get the driver's door open and the woman passed the toddler through the small opening they were able to create. Johnson immediately inspected the infant to ensure he wasn't in need of immediate triage, while the second individual helped the driver crawl out from around the vehicle's exploded airbags.

When first responders arrived, one officer asked Johnson to enter the overturned vehicle to confirm that it was empty. Once all involved were out of harm's way and medics attended to the injured, law enforcement began taking statements from those on scene.

Johnson, a father of two, stopped to render aid because he said, "it was the right thing to do." The California native came to AFTAC two years ago and has worked for the nuclear treaty monitoring center since arriving on Florida's Space Coast in 2021. His commander was impressed with his decisiveness and willingness to put himself in danger.

"We are all amazed and inspired by Tyler's heroism and life-saving actions," said Col. James A. Finlayson, AFTAC commander. "I named him our 'AFTACer of the Week' but he deserves much more praise than that. I commend him for stepping up to help out those in distress, and I'm sure those involved in the wreck are also glad he was there to provide assistance."

See entire article at [Airman hailed 'a hero' after helping trapped motorist, child > Sixteenth Air Force \(Air Forces Cyber\) > Article Display](#)

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFTAC/AA) FUNDRAISER



Sample of Flyer needed for AFTACAA Fundraiser on **5 September 2023**

The flyer can be found on the AFTACAA Website at www.aftacaa.us or aftacaa.us whichever works best on your browser.



AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFTACAA)

MAIL TO:

AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA)

P.O. Box 254892

ATTN: Membership Chair

Patrick Space Force Base, FL 32925-4892

1. **LIFETIME DUES:** ** \$75.
2. **ANNUAL DUES:** ** \$10 PER YEAR -- 1 OCTOBER - 30 SEPTEMBER.
(PAYMENT DUE by 15 SEPTEMBER).

** INCLUDES ACCESS TO POST MONITOR (PoMo) ON THE WEBSITE, www.aftacaa.us, AT NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE.

3. **ADDITIONAL ANNUAL COST FOR PoMo PRINTED COPY:** **\$20 PER YEAR** - 1 OCTOBER - 30 SEPTEMBER. **(PAYMENT DUE BY: 15 SEPTEMBER).**

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HISTORY WITH AFTAC OR ANY ASSOCIATED ENTITIES (DETS, HQ, SQUADRONS, OTHER). **(UNCLAS)**

OTHER INFORMATION YOU MIGHT THINK IS RELEVANT: **(UNCLAS)**

3. **Note:** Please **do not** include anything classified, or Privacy Act Material. **Do not** send a copy of your DD Form 214.
4. **Note:** Information provided is protected and will not be divulged; however, we may publish your name, city, and state, in our on-line data, so friends can or may contact us for additional information. Right now, all they can access is "Name." For further information, users are instructed to please contact us for further assistance.

Active Duty, Retired Civilian Employees, and Civilian Contractors. ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions, please email our Membership Chair: Pete Gilbert, aftacaamembers@gmail.com



ADDITIONAL PICTURES OF THE SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Frank Calenda and Rick Manley



Jan Lambert and Jon VanNoord



Red Lindsay and Bob Wiley



John Loftis – selling items from SAGE SHOP



Rick Manley, Cynthia Shroll, and Jan Lambert



AFTAC Boosters Club – Sales Reps



*******SAGE SCHEDULE*******

MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED –

See the aftacaa.us web page for latest information.

1. First Fridays (normally sponsored by the active-duty force) are scheduled for **1st Fridays**; dates, times and places to be determined.

2. Alumni Assn Board/Membership Meetings

Currently, most of these meetings are Tele-Conference meetings. See Pages 3 for information to participate.

a. Meetings are generally on a Monday or Friday and are generally at a local restaurant. If a Monday Meeting is a **Federal Holiday**, the meeting will be the next day.

NOTE: Sites/Times will be determined at the preceding meeting and announced via eALLert and posted at the association website. Other Patrick dining venues (Tides, Golf Clubhouse, Marina, Dining Facility) and off-base sites may be considered for any meeting.

Active-Duty & Alumni are invited to all events.

Before coming, verify date/time/venue at the Website and/or with Sean Ryan at oceanblueview@yahoo.com

See page 1-3 for current list – check aftacaa.us

Calendar of Events (CoE) for latest updates

(aftacaa.us)

September 2023

5 Sep 2023 – AFTACAA Fundraiser – Pages 1-2

6 Sep 2023 – AFTAC 9/11 Retreat Ceremony

8 Sep 2023 – AFTAC First Friday

22 Sep 2023 – Membership Meeting/Election of Officers – PSFB Golf Course - [see aftacaa.us] – Teleconference

29 Sep 2023 – AFTAC Alumni Golf Tournament – see page 2 for full details and to see how to make a reservation

October 2023

Date & Place TBD – Membership Meeting

[see CoE at aftacaa.us for more info] – Teleconference

November 2023

Date & Place TBD –Membership Mtg – Teleconference [check CoE at aftacaa.us]

December 2023

8 Dec 2023 – AFTAC Winter Social

Date & Place TBD – Membership Meeting–

Nomination Board selects slate of officers

[Event Plans and Timeframes—for planning only—dates may vary]

A. January-April (months may vary)

1. SnowBall -- Projected for February/Locale TBD

2. Center Annual Awards Banquet – no plans at this time

B. May-August (months may vary)

1. Nominating Board (ex-prez+2) selects slate of officers

2. Annual Association Spring Golf N'Getogether

C. September-December (months may vary)

1. Friday in Sep, Annual Board, General Membership &

Elections Meeting; **Alumni of the Year (AOY) Selection**

Committee (prior AOYs) meet following the annual meeting.

2. **Oct or Nov**, Annual Association Fall Golf N-Getogether

3. 15 Sep, **Alumni Assn ANNUAL FY DUES Due and \$20 fee for paper copy of PoMo Due**

--AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNIONS: Normally scheduled every other year. Hosting rotates between the association and the two chapters. Last host – FL-2022.05, CO-2019.06; CA-2017.06

SAGE SHOP – OPEN FOR BUSINESS

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AFTAC Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop

P.O. Box 254892,

Patrick Space Force Base, FL, 32925-4892

SAGE CONTACT: Ed Lindsay

Piston_horse@hotmail.com

321-507-7193

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE

Embroidered DriFit Polo (*no pocket*) \$25; Available in Royal Blue, Black, Red

New DriFit Long-sleeve T-shirt (SPF 50 UV protection) \$18- Royal Blue, Navy, Red

New DriFit Short-sleeve T-shirt (SPF 50 UV protection) \$15- Royal Blue, Navy, Red

[Note: New DriFit t-shirts use a modern thermal transfer process, producing high quality images that are proven to last, and be washed/dried with your other laundry.]

COINS & PINS

AFTAC Alumni Association Pin: \$3

AFTAC Logo/ Shield Pin: \$3

60th LRD Commemorative Coin: \$5

75th ANNIVERSARY COASTERS (Black/Blue)

\$2 each or 12 for \$20

CLEARANCE ITEMS

T-SHIRTS-50/50 blend -Assorted Colors, –\$5

Golf/Polo Shirts – Screen printed logo - Assorted Colors

\$10 - 50/50 (cotton/ polyester) moisture wicking w/ pocket - or - DriFit Fabric w/ or w/o pocket

Contact Sage Shop to verify inventory prior to ordering ANY clearance Items

FUTURE ITEMS

We are currently exploring new merchandise options (Coins, Hats, Sweaters, Jackets, etc...)

SHIPPING: Add \$8.00 for shipping/handling of 1 Item &

\$2 for each additional. (***no shipping cost for Logo***

pins). A link to additional information and photos of these items is available at aftacaa.us —

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