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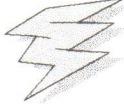
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GS, E and O
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But now we've
reached the
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Being one of
AFTAC's
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JUDY MILAM

Judy has been with the organization since 1965, and with the alumni since 1989, serving perennially as the Secretary, Golf Tournament Registrar and Publicist. Very importantly, she is an AFTAC "insider" ... i.e., she is "in the building" on a daily basis. This interface with the active-duty is critical to so many of the things the alumni does, and Judy's importance in this role cannot be over-emphasized. She does a superb job as our secretary, recording impeccable minutes, always being available to do the hundreds of things we need done and reporting in, and assisting with, articles for this newsletter. Judy often goes "above and beyond" ... a shining example of this was our 1992 alumni reunion. She volunteered to be the Chair of the Reunion Committee and, in that position, was instrumental in the outstanding success of that reunion ... only the second ever held by the Patrick Chapter of the alumni. Thank you Judy, we're sure glad you're on our team.



This Issue's Big Story:

"FROM THE BEGINNING"

submitted by Mary Welch - This article is the second in a series that will run quarterly until the **50th Anniversary Celebration of the Long Range Detection (LRD) Mission** (9/14-16 '97). The information has been extracted and sanitized from historical and archive records. While individuals may have first-hand knowledge of the specifics of an event or activity which contradicts this narrative, the official record is the basis for this series. The sheer volume of information, and the continued classified nature of the documentation, eliminate reference to much of the organization's accomplishments. The absence of unit activation/inactivation orders within the official records was the most significant problem. In some cases, we just don't know when a field unit became operational or ceased to exist. This series was not intended to provide an "official unclassified history" of the organization — that task is underway by a professional contractor. The information has been assembled for general reading only.

The 1948-1959 period proved to be very volatile for the organization. Heading into uncharted territory was not only challenging it was frequently frustrating. As dictated in the original tasking memorandum (16 September 1947), the primary goal of the organization, and the "heart of the mission" was to detect atomic bomb detonations. Since the US was the only country to possess such a device during the '40's no foundation for developing detection methods existed. The group of scientific experts assembled by AFOAT-1 had their work cut out for them.

The research and development efforts required to reach the original goal were phenomenal. Specialized equipment was required, but first the equipment had to be designed and built. Extensive testing of the equipment would be necessary to see if it would even work and provide the information the scientists needed to determine potential threats to the US or US possessions by another government or faction.

The initial USAEDS (US Atomic Energy Detection System) network of separate, specialized stations was targeted to be on-line sometime in 1950, and would replace the interim network that had been established on 1 June 1948. The interim system consisted of 24 Air Weather Service (AWS) units and 22 Northern Hemisphere stations. The USAEDS network of (page 3)

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in March 1985 and chartered later that year. It was created to provide a forum for AFTACers (both those who served and those still serving), who wish to maintain an ongoing connection with the organization and its people, both active-duty and retired.

Membership in the association is open to all current and former employees of the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC), including those stationed at AFTAC detachments.

Florida chapter

Membership dues are \$10 per year, payable in October, or \$75 for a lifetime membership. You're encouraged to attend the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. This begins at 5:30 PM on the second Monday of each month at the AFTAC headquarters building (Bldg. 989) at Patrick AFB. For verification and further information about the alumni, its meetings or membership, contact Mary Welch at 407/259-6867 (daytime) or 407/259-0629 (evenings) or Judy Milam at 407/494-3871 (daytime). Dues, membership applications, and other queries/information may be mailed to :

AFTAC Alumni Association
PO Box 254892
Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

The association publishes a quarterly (Mar., Jun., Sep., Dec.) newsletter, the "Post-Monitor," which takes its name from the AFTAC active-duty publication, the "Monitor."

Colorado chapter

Membership dues are \$5 per year, payable in February. For additional information about the chapter and its meetings contact Bill Schmied, (303)367-0625

Important Membership Reminders

— annual "dues were due" in October (please refer to your newsletter mailing label for "Dues Due" information)

—We continue to receive numerous returned mailings (newsletters, etc.) because of incorrect addresses. This costs your organization needless money plus the time involved to make corrections so delivery can be made.. Please let us know if your address is changing so we can make sure the "alumni follows you."



The Alumni Board
and Staff wish you:
Happy
Holidays!!

Your Newsletter Staff

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Straight from The Horsch's Mouth

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Editorially Speaking

This is another "keeper." We begin by saying we are using an improved version of our newsletter program so the appearance should be a little crisper and articles in better alignment; hope you can see the difference. ;-)D

Secondly, don't let this be your last issue; review your dues due date near your newsletter address - annual dues are paid each October and, if not paid, are overdue at this time. Your association has made a decision to forward one additional issue (this one), even if dues are not paid, to provide every opportunity for every member to continue membership.

Content-wise, the outstanding articles concerning AFTACs' history continues (see 'The Big Story'); we're all going to know "where AFTAC came from" as we celebrate the 50th - and speaking of that, we are trying to include in the newsletter items concerning this celebration as they become available.

Then we have another article about Patrick AFB and AFTAC history. Those who have served in the Patrick AFB area, or been here TDY, may be familiar with Milt Salamon; he writes a weekday column for the local newspaper, "Florida Today." He is partial to local events and lore, and often writes of military events. Milt was quick to give us permission to reprint his article/picture; thanks Milt and Florida Today!

There are stories concerning important achievements of alumni; good show to Melvin Johnson and Sam Newman. Be sure and read their stories.

We've added, at least for this issue, a "sports" section - since we are covering both a golf tournament and "our" (alumni) bowlers. We thought you might be interested in "your" team and rooting for them - they do need all the help they can get, if in the area, come on out and cheer them on!

At this season, we (editors) thank all you readers, and staff, for the support/feedback you provide. This is your newsletter, it only exists for and because of you; your inputs are welcome, critical and necessary.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Please mark your calendar before you forget

Board/Alumni Membership Meetings

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Meetings are scheduled (verify before coming) for the second Monday of each month (dates listed below):

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: AFTAC HQ building

HOW: come to the lobby and a Board Member will meet, greet and escort

CALENDAR

January 1997

12th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

February 1997

10th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

March 1997

10th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

End of Month - Newsletter mailing

April 1997

14th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

May 1997

12th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

June 1997

9th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

End of Month - Newsletter mailing

July 1997

14th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

August 1997

11th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

End of Month - Newsletter mailing: note this is one month early to allow delivery (with latest news/events) prior to the AFTAC Anniversary Celebration (see dates below)

September 1997

8th - Board/Membership Meeting, 1730

14th - 16th "50 Years of Long Range Detection" AFTAC Anniversary Celebration

(very tentative schedule, subject to change)

14th - Alumni social, active-duty invited

15th - Open house/briefings; Anniversary Celebration in the evening, all invited

16th - Open house/picnic

The Big Story (from page 1) stations was just the beginning to determine the worthiness of the potential information. The overall system of data collection would have to be perfected and adopted to address communications and maintenance problems that arose during the initial trial and error periods.

Initial funding in 1949 for the LRD project was \$12M, but that amount proved to be excessive at the time and more than \$3M was returned to the federal reserve. But, as technical and exploratory direction became more defined among the AFOAT-1 experts and scientists, obstacles began to form on another front. Despite the original intent and necessity of the initial charter and JCS memorandum that followed in the early years, opposition to the entire concept of LRD persisted in the Washington DC scientific communities. The organization was constantly faced with monumental difficulties in justifying funding for the research portion of the program.

Detection of the first atomic explosion in September 1949, by the existing and newly developed interim LRD systems, suddenly propelled the benefit and necessity of this capability to the head of the Washington priority list. Incidentally, the original measurements substantiating the detection was made in Alaska by Sgt. Eugene W. Tews. Subsequently, the dissent and opposition to the system immediately waned. The vital contribution of the LRD and the organization was viewed differently and the original goals and mission concepts were expanded and given a "green light."

To support the overall requirement of early detection, special "techniques" were developed to detect and record different aspects of geophysical changes in the atmosphere that could be the result of "man-made" atomic or nuclear explosions. According to our historical records, the first major "technique" implemented by AFOAT-1 was the Airborne Technique, known by the letter designation 'A'. Since the organization had no assigned aircraft of its own, the AWS was the unit's primary support agency. Beginning in May 1948, the AWS was primarily responsible for AFOAT-1's aerial mission requirements. Although AFOAT-1 used many other AF flying units over the years, the AWS was the foundation of this technique for several decades. The technique is still part of the AFTAC mission.

Also coming on-line in 1948 was the Acoustic Technique (I), a system that operated until 1975. The organization perfected three more techniques for operation and deployment in 1950; Surface-Based Particulate Sampling (C)-operational until 1956, then reactivated in 1958 and still in use today; Surface-Based Whole Air Sampling (D)-still in use today; and Debris Analysis (L)-still in use today.

The Seismic Technique (B) became operational in 1951 and continues to be a viable part of the USAEDS. The Electromagnetic Pulse (Q) was operational during the years 1953-1975, and the Moisture Collection Technique functioned for three years (1953-1956).

Some of the other field locations coming 'on-line' in 1950, were the Western Field Office (WFO) at McClellan AFB, CA, operated by Tracer Labs. AFOAT-1 assumed responsibility for the WFO in January 1951. Team 202 at Eielson AFB, AK, June 1950, and Team 407 (later Detachment

(classified location) part of the original interim AWS network established in June 1948, was acquired officially as an AFOAT-1 unit in January 1950

Field unit expansion continued and more stations

became operational during the early '50s, including: Team 301, at Ankara, Turkey, in April 1951; Team 311 (classified location) in August 1952; Team 220, Thule AB, Greenland, October 1952; and a number of special facilities operated for AFOAT-1 by the Army. A unit at Fort Sill, OK, was established in mid-May 1952 to train personnel/conduct research. Project "Rockpile" was established in Korea, on 29 May 1952, as a mobile seismic operation.



By 1954, the USAEDS had proven itself worthy of great respect and support. New, specialized field stations became operational after extensive location capability surveys. The developed techniques of the system were dispersed worldwide at locations strategically selected according to the characteristics of the natural phenomenon upon which the particular technique depended. For example, the seismic station sites were based upon reception of microseismic waves. The acoustic sites were located to best receive sub-sonic acoustic pressure waves from certain geographical areas. The electromagnetic stations were similarly located to detect electromagnetic emanations.

The Radio-chemical laboratories were located close to the operating AWS weather reconnaissance aircraft to facilitate early detection of certain fast decaying elements. Whole air, precipitation, and moisture collection and ground filtering stations were located based upon the general pattern of circulation of the earth's atmosphere. Aerial filtering and aerial whole air sampling was accomplished from certain bases according to the pattern of atmospheric circulation from specific locations.

In early 1954, the HQ commenced negotiations with the Air Training Command (ATC) for the transfer of the seismic training. ATC was already conducting the basic electronics course at their Lowry AFB CO facility. The additional training installation was complete during January 1955.

By the end of 1954, four HQ-level field offices, subordinated to AFOAT-1 (1009th Special Weapons Squadron), were in operation to supervise the activities of the various field teams comprising the USAEDS. The Western Field Office (WFO at McClellan AFB, CA; the Delta Field Office (DFO) at Brookley AFB, AL; and the Central Field Office (CFO) and the Eastern Field Office (EFO) (both at classified locations).

By 1955, five more key stations came on-line: Team 155 operated at Larson AFB, WA; Team 142 at Encampment, WY; Team 141 at Douglas, WY; Team 110 at Pole Mountain, WY; and Team 421 at Alice Springs, Australia. Additionally, field problems began to surface at some of the operational units, and by 1956 decision changes were being implemented.

The seismic station at Camp King, Germany (Team 313A), proved to be unsatisfactory

because of noise, etc., and a new location was found in Spain (Sonseca). The Camp King station was inactivated on 8 October 1956, and the personnel and equipment were moved directly to Sonseca (later activated as Team 313 on 15 April 1957). One of the four vault piers/shelters at Camp King was turned over to the German Forest Service to be used as a wild game sanctuary. The remaining three vaults were destroyed and the cable lines and antennas were dismantled and salvaged. Similarly, the station at Thule AB, Greenland (Team 220), proved to be unsatisfactory, but no replacement location was found.

The zipagram system installed at Pole Mountain, WY, was moved to the Laramie Analysis Center, and the Douglas, WY, station soon followed. Plans were under consideration to move the entire Laramie Analysis Center operation to Washington, DC.

During 1956, the Army Signal Corps continued to operate a network of acoustic stations for the organization, and the Analysis Center that had been established at Fort Monmouth, NJ. The majority of the aerial support continued to be provided by the AWS, with additional support from SAC and a few other units. The primary aircraft used by the AWS during this period was the WB-50 (replacing the WB-29, which began phase-out in 1955).

All but two of the ground filter unit operations had been canceled by April of 1955, and by April 1956 the two remaining stations ceased operation. The moisture collection operations were canceled and ceased to function about the same time (April 1956). New laboratory buildings at Eielson AFB, AK, and McClellan AFB, CA, were programmed and funded, and by the end of 1956, the new lab at Eielson was complete.

About mid-year (1956) the personnel at Team 421 (Alice Springs) requested permission to operate a "ham" radio station, but the potential problems surrounding an explanation that American airmen were stationed in Australia led to disapproval of the plan.

The need for language training on short notification (10-60 days) was identified. The USAF Institute of Technology's foreign language training program met the criteria for the 1009th needs. This move was prompted by the discontinuance of funding of our own foreign language program by 1 July 1957.

A new reporting code 99025, Special

Weapons Maintenance Technician, became effective on 31 December 1956.

During the latter part of 1957, a site survey was conducted near Pinedale, WY. The location was determined to be satisfactory. It was therefore decided to move Team 110 from Pole Mountain to Pinedale, WY. Accordingly, effective 5 August 1958, Team 162 was designated at Pinedale. After Team 162 became operational on 8 December, Team 110 ceased operations.

Adjustments among the field operations continued through 1958, with consolidation of unit missions and inactivation of other sites driving the decisions. New techniques were under development to expand AFOAT-1's capability to detect nuclear explosions.

By the end of 1958, the field units were still using the term 'Team' Vs 'Detachment'.

Team 423 (later, Detachment) became

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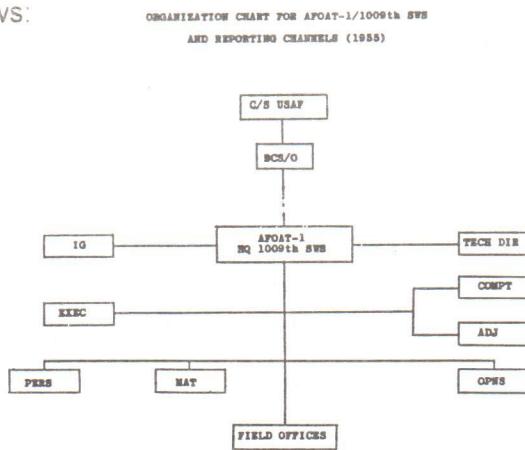


In April 1959, Team 165 was formally established at Laramie, WY, as a support/analysis team for the Laramie Analysis Center, and additional zipagram equipment was installed shortly thereafter. Team 156 (Duluth, MI) discontinued operation on 15 August 1959.

Overall 1959 was a quiet year, and no known foreign nuclear explosions were detected by the USAEDS.

Structurally, the HQ operation was relatively "mobile" during the 50's. Located in the Selective Service Building (at G Street, 17th NW) since July 1948, by 1955, the HQ unit had been moved to the Tempo 'T' building at 14th and Constitution Avenue. Then, during the period 18 May 1958 to September 1959, the HQ was located at Guam Hall (Oklahoma Avenue & 24th

Street, NE). The HQ moved to its first permanent structure at 2525 Telegraph Road (later changed to 6801 Telegraph Road) in 1959. Within the HQ, the organizational chart for 1955 was aligned as follows:



The entry of the Inspector General function as a major staff operation was the result of a programming decision, with an effective date of 25 October 1954. The manning consisted of three officers, one airman, and one stenographer. The first designated Inspector General was Lt Col H.F. Murray.

At the beginning of 1950, the organization was under the command of MGen Morris R. Nelson. By the end of 1959, command responsibilities had changed six times: MGen Raymond C. Maude, Jan '51-Sep '51; MGen Donald J. Keirn, Sep '51-Aug '52; MGen William M. Canterbury, Aug '52-Jun '54; MGen Daniel E. Hooks, Jun '54-Jun '58; and MGen Jermain F. Rodenhauer, who took command in Aug '58 and served for nearly eight years.

Effective 7 July 1959, AFOAT-1/1009th Special Weapons Sq was discontinued, but AFTAC/1035th USAF Field Activities Group was organized to continue the LRD mission.

(part three will be published in the next newsletter)

feedback ... to our LRDM series

editors note: these are letters addressing, for the most part, the series - some may have been edited for content and size for use in the newsletter. Since publication of Part I, one of our Alumni provided information that corrects an assumption. Thanks to a response from Robert Blau (letter below) we know "Doc" Watson was not a WAC.

Woodbridge, VA, November 1, 1996

Dear Mary,

I enjoyed reading the first installment of your AFTAC History very much and decided to share it with

Bob Blau who was Doyle Northrup's assistant from late 1949 to some time after I retired at the end of 1963.

As you will see from his reply (below) he can provide one correction - "Doc" Watson was not only not a WAC but not even female. It is an interesting sidelight that he participated in the famous Doolittle raid on Tokyo although that is not a part of AFTAC's history. George B. Brown

Alexandria, VA, October 29, 1996

Dear George (editors note: Mr. Blau is replying to letter above)

Thanks for sending me Chapter I of the AFTAC History. I would certainly appreciate receiving future installments. The story through 1948 is in accord with the information that I heard after I joined - except for one assumption on page 4! **"Doc" Watson was not a WAC!**

I transferred from the Naval Research Laboratory sometime between late August and early September in 1949, and walked into the Alert activities of JOE 11! My position was Assistant Technical Director. Doyle Northrup was the Technical Director and the AFOAT-1 staff room was located on the 8th (or 9th) floor of the Selective Service building on G St. NW. It was a busy place as you might imagine! Watson was on the staff for some time after I arrived. I never learned about his given name but I did hear that he was with Gen. Doolittle on the air raid over Tokyo and that he had a serious shoulder injury when they ran out of gas landing in China. We just called him "Doc"! I thought you might like to pass this info along to your contacts who have taken on this history job. Trying to pick up such a wide spread program 50 yrs. later is really a tough job. **Robert O. Blau** editors note: thank you gentlemen for this interest and additional information; hope you can join us at the reunion.

Lawrence, KS, October 12, 1996

Dear Staff,

I apologize for not making the Colorado get-together. I plan on getting to the big one in Florida next year. I am sending along 3 of my Old Airmen/Sgt tales. You can print them as you like; I just thought some of the readers might like to read some history. Maybe I can remember some more about the old 1009th/AFTAC/AFOAT-1 sometime soon. Keep up the good work with your publications. I can hardly wait for each one. Sincerely - The Old Airman.

Jack D. Wagley editors note: thanks Jack for the words, and for giving us the liberty to choose "nostalgias," because of space limitations we are printing one of them; one we believe we can all relate to -

Nostalgia 1

I remember my first inspection. It was summer and we were wearing our khaki uniforms. They were supposed to be heavily starched, enough so that the creases on the trousers would cut your finger if you ran it over the edge. I had sent mine to the laundry and removed them from the wrapper just in time to see they had a big glob of hardened starch over one shirt pocket.

I didn't know what to do ... the inspecting officer was

coming ... when he came to me he asked, "what is that on your shirt, Sergeant (three stripes)?" I tried to think of something and finally came up with, "Sir, I'm sorry my wife has not learned to press starched uniforms. I had to give her three weeks restrictions to quarters. That was all I could do." The Inspecting Officer never said another word, but did a smart left face and marched sharply out of the building before the other people to be inspected could even snicker. I thought to myself, I pulled that off like a champ.

But later I was to learn the Inspecting Officer was also a personnel officer, and when my records came to him for reassignment, he started phoning around the working units and telling them he had a "eight-ball" for reassignment. I did luck out in the end because when he phoned the supply squadron, I had worked for the First Sergeant and the Chief Clerk while I was still in the Reserve.

Long lineup stood guard at Tech Lab

submitted by the editors: this is a permitted reprint of a 10/4/96 article from the *Florida Today* (Gannett Chain) newspaper, Milt Salomon's byline.

Patrick Air Force Base prepares to uproot the last pair of missile sentries outside AFTAC, the Air Force Technical Applications Center. Readers (of *Florida Today*) saw yesterday in the newspaper's top story that salt air has dealt harshly with the metal items alongside State Road A1A since maybe the 1950s.

AFTAC has been, for many of its 24 years here, one of the base's best secrets. But the rocket garden outside its headquarters in Tech Lab building 989 provided p.r. rather than military protection.

Keeping the inert arsenal decent-looking and safe is costly. By the year's end, Cape history and tourist interest will bow to Air Force fiscal priorities. Readers were asked yesterday to share

their thoughts on the subject ... Let's urge you on with a memory prod, with some names to inspire nostalgia and rumination. Below are nine missiles that decorated Patrick's Technical Laboratory in 1967.

It's the year that 45th Space Wing historian Mark Clearly assigns to the photo here. Shown from left: Bomarc A, Polaris, Mace, Pershing, Snark, Thor, Titan Minuteman and Atlas-Agena. Does that stir you old "Cape rats"? editors note: "and AFTAC Sages?"

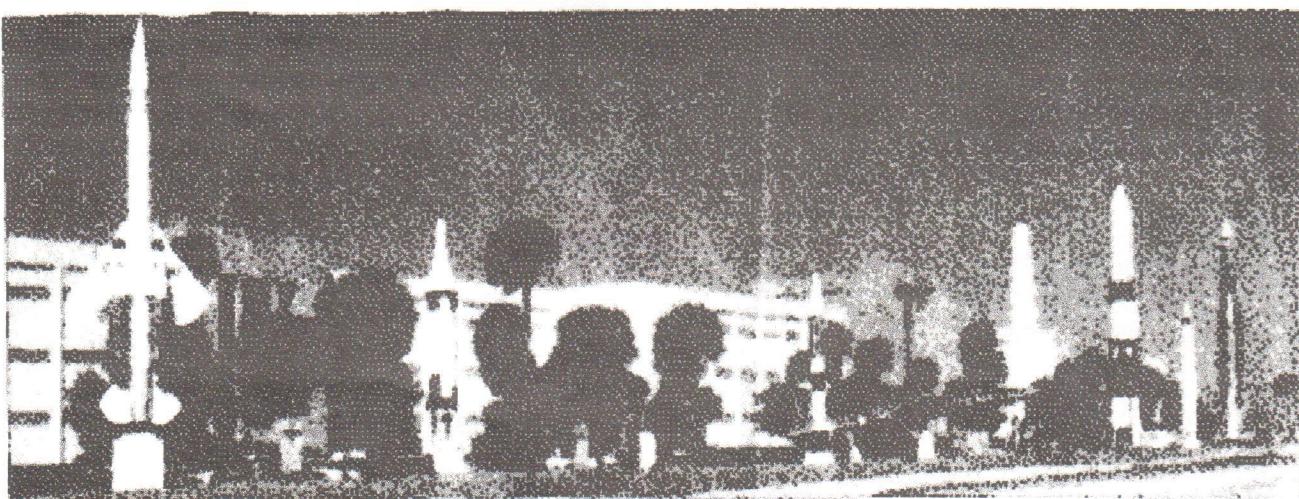
... and a little more on the story -

submitted by the editors: this is a permitted revised reprint of a 10/4/96 article from the Patrick AFB, FL weekly newsletter, the *Missileer*.

The base has dismantled the two remaining rockets on static display in front of the Air Force Technical Applications Center. The rockets were removed because they had corroded and deteriorated beyond repair, posing a safety hazard for base personnel and travelers on SR A1A. A Titan rocket had already been removed from the static display in August 1995, after winds generated by Hurricane Erin knocked it over.

Through the years Patrick AFB's static display rockets have been an historical landmark for the base and the space coast with the remaining Thor and Atlas rockets dating back to the 1950s. Realizing their nostalgic and historical appeal, the base is working with the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio to determine what portions of the rockets, if any, are suitable for preservation at the museum.

editors note: it was decided the nose cone would be sent to Wright Patterson for preservation at the museum; so, a little bit of AFTAC history resides in Ohio now.

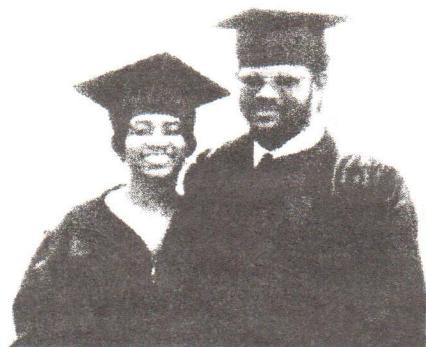


FATHER/DAUGHTER EARN DEGREES

editors note: this is a reprint of an article from our namesake, the "Monitor," (June - Sept 1996 issue)/submitted by Mary Welch

AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Along with about 2,900 other graduates, a father and daughter walked onto the stage the same afternoon and accepted graduation diplomas from the University of Central Florida (UCF).



The new graduates are **Melvin Johnson**, a retired master sergeant who worked at

AFTAC in both the Directorate of Operations and Nuclear Treating Monitoring - and his daughter, **Adrienne Johnson**. **Melvin's** bachelor's degree is in health services administration while Adrienne's bachelor's is in legal studies.

He was an AFTACer from August 1983 to November 1991. The older Johnson began college full time in 1993 after taking courses during his 20 years in the Air Force. "It's something I've been looking forward to ever since I joined the service in 1971, I always wanted to get my bachelor's degree," he said. He hopes to put his degree toward opening a "congregated living facility" for the elderly. In the meantime he's enrolled in the summer term at UCF to complete a minor in business administration; the 23-year-old hopes to work for several years at a law firm before applying to law school.

The family's AFTAC connection doesn't stop with just Melvin Johnson, **Janice Johnson**, wife and mother of the graduates was also employed at AFTAC from May 1982 to November 1995. She worked in TF, now the Directorate of Strategic and Tactical Applications, LG, now the Directorate of Logistics and Systems, Civilian Personnel and Plans and Programs.

ASTRONAUT HONORS ALUMNUS

submitted by Tom Niquette - prepared by the editors

Sam Newman was recently honored by earning the coveted "Snoopy Award." In a NASA letter signed by astronaut Pamela Melroy, Sam was cited on behalf of the NASA Astronaut Team in appreciation for exceptional support to the Space Shuttle Program.

The letter states in part "... your initiative shown in the yeoman effort to scan some fourteen hundred material safety data sheets into the BOC electronic MSDS system for storage and retrieval is particularly commendable. In addition, your efforts within the QM/ci team, mentoring of new employees, hazard assessments, personal protective equipment evaluations, and facilities safety inspections are noteworthy ... please accept the Astronaut's Personal Award for professional achievement. You may wear the pin with the knowledge that it is given only to those few we regard as the very best in their profession. Your Silver Snoopy Award was flown on STS 77." (Endeavor, May 19 - 29, 1996)



Outstanding, **Sam**, great honor! We understand the significance and rarity of this award. It is given to only one percent of the work force & oriented to flight safety or mission success.

For readers who have not seen (or heard of) a "silver snoopy award," it is a silver pin in the form of Snoopy garbed in space helmet and space suit (see picture above). As the watchdog for flight safety, Snoopy's job is to promote excellence in every phase of space flight to help ensure mission success.

Recipients are also given a certificate and a letter of commendation personally signed by an astronaut citing the appreciate of the astronauts for their outstanding performance. All pins have flown aboard the Space Shuttle.

The Sports Pages

The Alumni Ride the Range and Boards

Riding the Range with the AFTAC Alumni

submitted by our own "Ridin Rovin Reporter," Clark Creery in cooperation with Frank Hall

The gods continue to smile on AFTAC events. Hurricane 'LILI' was lurking to the south and shifted her winds to the east as 128 duffers braved the elements and attacked the golf course at Baytree. Your Executive Staff outdid themselves this year. Under the leadership of Frank Hall and the watchful eye of Tom Niquette the festivities started promptly at 1300. We had a table of prizes that totaled over \$1200.00 and we will list those prizes and their origin at the end of this article when we spill the beans and tell you who won what!

Our direction at the clubhouse was to draw 105 'Mulligan Tickets' and give away sleeves of balls (3 each) to the proud duffers. In this manner we eliminated the long, drawn out process at the end of the match. Good idea! Plus the comments that we received from surprised duffers are priceless.

- "Can we have another sleeve? - Rick lost all of his balls already!"
- "Do I get a choice?" "Who's winning?"
- "I will give you a dollar if you promise not to tell anyone how bad that shot was!!"
- "I need the golf bag" and his partner responded "Mine is relatively new, when I win that one, I will make you a deal on mine!"

The comments made during the selection of balls was equally hysterical. They asked if all the good ones had already been picked, they wanted to know if they really won a prize, and they wanted to know if that was all that they won. Naturally we loved giving them all sorts of wild answers.

A bit of the roving reporter items of interest happened to be the appearance of Bill McCune and Bob Meisenheimer.....a good sight for these old eyes.

Bill saw John Horsch and ran over and planted a big wet one on him! Now that is camaraderie at its finest. Bob Meisenheimer took his life in his hands when we asked him if he

would help Carl Gailey take ice out to hole number 5. Carl put the cart in reverse, ran over the curb and the look of surprise in Bob's eyes flashed back 30 years. A bit of rain hit the course at 13:45 but the players did not seem to mind; however, there was some comment about someone sitting on a wet cushion later in the day. I never did find out what that meant.

At the clubhouse we were busy picking ball winners and trying to keep the scores that the duffers brought in as they passed the area. Some would show up and tell us that they were one under (now, to us non-adept types, that was Greek). Mary Welch even copied down BBPP on the score sheet when one team announced that they scored Birdie, Birdie, Par, Par. By the end of the day we had them telling us the scores in English and from then on we had no problems.

I am sorry that I missed the turmoil that beset Les Lane. He announced that he had purchased a new driver and out on the tee, he hit a drive and asked where his ball went? Well, everyone knew where the ball went - it was the driver that was the problem. All he had that remained of that new driver was the grip. The driver and the grip parted company and the driver now resides in a Baytree swamp somewhere. Tough luck Les!

At the end of the tournament when we were finalizing the scores, one of the younger troopers commented; "Playing with OLD FOLKS is fun!" Boy he took a ribbing.

Our thanks go out to a host of folks and I hope we do not miss anyone.-Frank Hall, Tom Niquette, Jack Bond, Judy Milam, John Horsch

Bev Hall, Barb Heinbaugh,

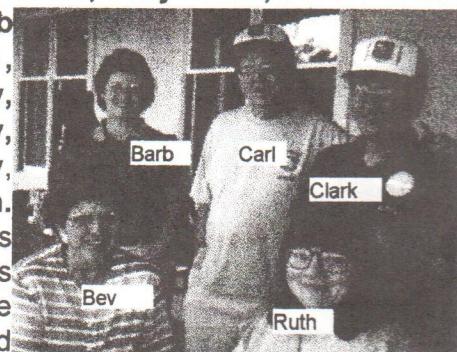
Carl Gailey,

Clark Creery,

Ruth Creery,

Mary Welch.

These folks make things happen in the background



and we certainly appreciate their dedication. Even when Judy was out trying to take a picture of a turtle and a bird that just kept walking.....ask her!

Now for the results.....drum roll!!!!!!!

First Place Team 5A R. Gantt

S. Brown
M. Brown
Jim Vanderveen
Second Place Team 7 J. Hauser

Third Place Team 14

Each of these teams ended with a score of 58 - Wow!!!!!! (Love those Mulligans)

Other awards were as follows:

Ron Couch - Longest Drive on Number 5
Dan Lefor - Longest Drive on Number 15
John Wigington - Round of golf from Chick Garcia
T. Crawford - Golf shoes donated by **The Golf Shop of Cocoa Beach**
T. Hammond - Golf Shirt
Cliff Davis - Golf Shirt
Dave Cormack - Baytree shirt
Joyce Nichols - Hat (looked like the 'Shark' style)
Joe Hauser - Golf Towel
Scott McEntyre - Baytree cap
Mike Stiewig - Dozen Golf Balls
Steve Hall - Dozen Golf Balls
Tom Eddleman - Golf Towel
Jack Jackson - Golf Set
Bob Churnell - Golf Balls provided by CTI
Mike Hoy - Golf Balls provided by CTI
Ken Rhemeau - Putter from **Chris Niquette** (Tom Niquette's son) (Really Cute tooth)
Justin Vanderveen - Golf Bag from **McDonnell Douglas**
Don Paul - Round of golf at **Baytree**
Tom Dunn - Round of golf at **Baytree**
Hal Baker - Round of golf at **Baytree**
Ken Pease - Round of golf at **Baytree**
Ray Gantt - Round of golf at **Baytree**
Jack Bond - Round of golf at **Baytree**
John Constantine - Round of golf at **Baytree**
And the grand prize of \$200.00, donated by CTI of **Satellite Beach**, was won by **Boyd Lease**

Quite an impressive list of prizes and golfers, I should say. We of the AFTAC Alumni Association want to thank everyone for their participation and support. The sponsors cannot be thanked enough and those of you who came out and supported our tournament and the ensuing General Membership Meeting show the strength in this wonderful organization. Thanks all and a special thanks to **Frank Hall** for organizing this function. We appreciate it **Frank**.

The "Awesome Alumni" score for us on a weekly basis

submitted by Terry Hammond, editors note: As with other great organizations, the alumni has its sports franchise; in our case, as might be expected, it would be a sport of conviviality with an openness toward all. We thought you might enjoy reading about them and asked their acting team Captain, **Terry Hammond** to give us an article-as it turned out, he gave us enough to fill a couple of columns ... so Part One follows with more to come in the next issue. This first part is very entertaining and will introduce the initial cadre of team members ... GO TEAM GO. 

Everyone knows the competitive nature and desire to excel that AFTAC members have always demonstrated over the years in the many sports offered to the active-duty members. A small group of our alumni have carried that competitive spirit forward into retired life and onto the "fast lanes."

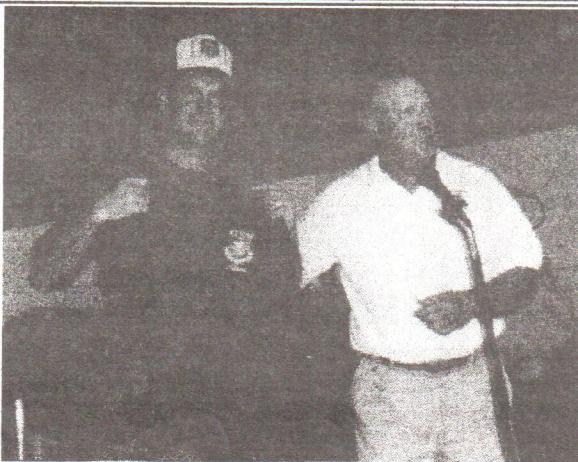
The sport in this case, as might be expected, is not softball or flag football, but rather one that requires social skills in addition to the normal athletic skill, competitiveness, and teamwork so characteristic of AFTACers.

The sport I am of course referring to is bowling, and we alumni have our very own bowling team, the "Awesome Alumni." On most Wednesday nights of the year you can find them deeply engrossed in trying to embarrass the active-duty, and other keglers, with their "awesome" abilities on the lanes, in the beer and lucky bucks frames, and during the post-bowling social period (three coins, etc.).

This team has gained the reputation over the years as the "team to beat" in the league, because they have been the champs two out of the last three years - the "Awesome Alumni" was led to their first championship by Team Captain **Tony DeMarco**, (following which he took a short leave of absence for an overseas tour to Germany).

The original team included **Bob** (never buys beer frames) **Wiley**, **Tom** (light on - I can strike any time I want) **Ciambrone**, **Rick** (oops there goes another one) **Manley**, **Terry** (cousin) **Hammond**, and **Howard** (Mr. congeniality) **Dibble**.

(subsequent seasons, and an up-to-date report, will be published in the next issue)



Alumni bid farewell to outgoing commander

submitted by the editors-picture taken at ceremony in August '96

Alumni president, **Tom Niquette**, presents an alumni memento (T-shirt) to departing **BGen Shaffer** (honorary lifetime member).

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is forward your questions to HQ, AFTAC. Keep in mind the magnitude of your request and the amount of energy to research and answer your request. Also, the mere act of affirming or denying can be classified in itself. All I wish to say is that if it appears in the newsletter, it has been cleared.

On to the reunion in September! So far, we have plans for a mixer at the Raddison, a dinner, golf, open house, and somewhere down the line, someone will make a speech of some kind. But, in between we will get to see each other (that is the best part). So start getting ready. See you all in 1997!

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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board Meets

Alumni Board Members: President-Tom Niquette

Vice-Fred Van Dyke Secretary-Judy Milam

Treasurer-Carl Gailey Membership-Mary Welch

Activities-vacant Publicity-Swede Swansen

A Few Minutes from the Minutes

submitted by Judy Milam

SEP 96 MEETING: Frank Hall reported on golf tournament plans. Jack Jackson reported on funding problems at the Brevard Co. Veterans Homeless Facility. Since we were nearly out of the 2-inch AFTAC logo disks, we voted to order an additional 100 disks. We will also look into the possibility of ordering the 1-inch logo pins with the word "Alumni" on top. Membership applications are being sent to former AFTACers who have not been contacted for about 3 years.

OCT 96 MEETING: Carl Gailey reported on new US Postal Service regulations regarding bulk mailing; we voted to continue mailing the way we currently do, rather than increasing cost and

Niquette's

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATIONS

Notes

Well, folks, the best season of the year is upon us. I hope that you all plan to be with your loved ones both large and small, young and old. I plan to do that and I am large and old!

Now to some business. The program, to recognize those members who served for more than 20 years in AFTAC/AFOAT-1, is the sole responsibility of the active duty folks. We in the alumni serve as a conduit for information going back and forth. However, we do not have a say in who does or does not meet the criteria for acceptance. There are some folks who have less than the twenty years, who have asked to be accepted. To my knowledge, the twenty year mark is a hard and fast rule, no exceptions (and that means me too, at 18 years).

The next item I would like to cover is classification or unclassification. This too, is the purview of the active-duty force, and since we have no part in this program, all we can do

labor. Final plans were made for the 18 October golf tournament; Frank Hall has obtained many prizes. Jack Jackson reported that the Veterans Facility received a \$5K donation allowing it to stay open a while longer. A letter from a former AFTACer reported his concern about missing the "20" years needed to have his picture displayed in the AFTAC building. The Alumni Assoc. is merely advertising this program for AFTAC; we have no jurisdiction over the rules.

ATTENTION - ATTENTION-ATTENTION-ATTENTION

We interrupt this newsletter for the following bulletin—
submitted by our Treasurer, Carl Gailey Take time now-check your address label-the top line indicates when dues are due.

SAMPLE

October! Dues Due: FY: [97]<—
(annual dues are based on a fiscal year [Oct-Sep] basis, therefore, annual dues are due each October 1st)
Reference sample above-the numeric digits in parentheses indicate the fiscal year for which your dues are due. If your address label has a '97' in the parentheses that means your dues were due 1 October '96 (calendar year) and this will be the last newsletter you will receive until dues are paid; lifetime members address labels indicate 'LT' in parentheses. editors note: see how simple that is ... now, back to the newsletter.

OCT 96 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG:
A short meeting followed the golf tournament to elect officers for the coming year. No new volunteers were found to run, so we reelected the current officers to serve another year. The annual Treasurer's report shows FY96 operating expenses totaled \$14,864 and income was \$17,580.

NOV 96 MEETING: We voted to put additional money in 6-month CDs to earn interest. A \$100 deposit has been made to reserve Baytree for a golf tournament on 9 May 1997. Membership is now at 668 (FL Chapter) with 320 paid and 14 complimentary lifetime members. We're in the process of reverifying addresses for the Worldwide List. The 50th Anniversary is creeping up on us and we need to get the planning underway. Basically, the Anniversary is an AFTAC program, and the Alumni are tacking on to their events. The Alumni is hosting a cocktail party on Sunday, 14 September 1997 (the evening before the official function begins). We're also planning to sell a limited edition commemorative coin. Joe Goldian volunteered to chair a team that will work with the active-duty planners to be sure Alumni interests

are represented. It was reported that Sam Newman recently received the Silver Snoopy Award for outstanding Shuttle Program support.

Seasons Greetings

MEMBERS TO REMEMBER Hopes of Health for

Jim Payne Ben Vlassick Clark Creery
Lloyd Hume Clark Wells Curt Harris



In Memory Of

Annie Ruth Lucas, 8/10/96
(spouse of MSgt [Ret.] Jim Lucas)
(see extract of obituary below from "Sacramento Bee")

May she
Rest in Eternal Peace

Lucas, Annie Ruth (nee Hash) died at approximately 7:15 AM at Vendor Hospital in Folsom, CA. She was 12th of 14 children, was a painter in oil and known to many people for the works she was responsible for; her works are located in various parts of the United States.

LETTERS

Letters requiring any type of action should be sent to AFTAC Alumni Asc., PO Box 254892-Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

Letters may be edited for content and size for use in the Post Monitor newsletter.

Items of general interest, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn@juno.com

Cyberspace Nov 24, '96, Hot off the internet
Well, as time would have it, I was just

browsing the electronic communications world called the internet and I did something I have never done before. I went to the "Yahoo" search page and typed in the word "AFTAC"!!!!!! WOW it brought back 495 entries most of which get an error because the AFTAC page looks like it is under update or construction. Just an item of interest for the readers if you have any need for a short one.

Clark312@metrolink.net editors note: thanks Clark
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Phoenix, AZ, November 5, 1996

Dear Mary,

It was fun talking to you last evening about AFTAC personnel. I was very surprised when I received the old newsletter.

I served in TD-4A as an Administrative 702 from June '61-June '63, then was assigned to Det 426 from June '63-April '66, then rotated to Department of Special Instruments at Lowry AFB, CO., where I worked until September '66.

I recall the nice people in TD-4A. LTCOL **George S. Williams**, Captains **Jack Commerford** and **Russel R. Rentschler**. Two civilians, **Lauren Stieff** and **Dick Gardner** were also on staff. When our second son was born, my wife had to stay in the hospital as she had pneumonia and I also became ill with bronchial pneumonia. I was home with my three day old son. Col Williams came by one night and offered to do the laundry, then every day someone from the office called to volunteer to do grocery shopping, laundry or whatever was needed. I thought that was wonderful and will never forget their kindness.

The administrative field was a difficult area for promotions in those days so I retrained into Management Engineering where I was promoted to Technical Sergeant on the first cycle after tech school. MSgt came with minimum time in grade also. I retired in May 1974 at Luke AFB, AZ. Upon retirement, I took one semester at University of Nebraska to complete my degree in Management and graduated in December 1974.

In Phoenix, I worked with the State of Arizona for almost 18 years and retired from the position of Director of Data Producing at the Arizona Lottery in October 1993.

My wife Freda and I do volunteer work for AARP in the winter here and travel to the Northwest where we live by the ocean during the summer months.

A friend that served at Det 426 with me would like to be contacted by you, **Edward E. McDaniel**.

Thanks for listening. I will be looking forward to receiving the newsletter and roster of personnel.

Clarence "Rex" Riley

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Spring Hill, FL, Oct. 2, 1996

Dear Staff,

I am enclosing a check for my annual dues and some pictures which you may find some use for. They need not be returned.

The pictures were taken during the years 1962-1965 at Det 311. The color prints are of the "R" Systems, which was a low-frequency hi-powered Backscatter Radar Unit. I had the pleasure of having an outstanding crew to operate this unit. It certainly made my job, as Chief Operator, much easier. We also had an operational "Z" System at our Detachment, under the guidance of TSgt David Willoughby.

On special occasions we were able to blow the dust off of the "B" Systems equipment when they decided to send in the baby-sitter personnel. Excellent cooperation between systems was enjoyed by all. None of this would have been possible without the expert guidance of our Commander, Major Calvin Brown.

Keep up the good work staff.

Gilbert Watkins editors note: thank you Gilbert, it's good to hear from "R" Systems. The pictures submitted were excellent and will be included in our Hall of Heritage display of Det 311. We also appreciate your follow-up letter (below), and your words of praise.

Dear Staff, Oct. 16, 1996

Keep up the good work running the organization. I know it is not the easiest job keeping everything going smoothly. I know it is easy for me to say, way out here, but I really do appreciate it. The alumni newsletter sits right there on top as being very well organized with exceptionally interesting articles and other worthy tid-bits of information.

Thanks very much

ATTN: Mary Welch

I appreciate your setting me straight on the sensitivity of geographical locations. What can I say other than that's what happens when one has been out of the service longer than one was in it. I really appreciate it.

Gilbert Watkins - I was known as "Moose" in the

service, and still am as a civilian
P.S. If I find more pictures, I'll send them along.
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Colorado Springs, CO, 27 Oct 96

Dear AFTAC Alumni Staff,

In my earlier letter I asked about some names of associates at the 1035th from 6/60-7/65. I found one, Dr. F. Pilote, mentioned in the September '96 Post Monitor. The directory should fill in some other. My congrats on a publication job well done.

By the way, our Peterson AFB Air Museum here has a model of the old VELA satellite in their collection of artifacts. It may be of interest to Alumni visitors coming here.
Sincerely,

Bob Meek editors note: thanks Bob, for the congrats and the information on the VELA satellite.
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Clearlake, CA

Dear AFTAC Alumni Staff,

Sorry I'm late with the dues-but I'll never be late for a reunion. Looking forward to September '97

George J. Thompson editors note: see you there
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Holland, MI

AFTAC Alumni Assoc.,

I caught your information on the Internet so I hope everything is correct as I have not received any newsletters or other data from Florida for a period of time.

The attached check of \$75 is for life membership. My tenure with AFOAT-1 and AFTAC follows:

June 1950 - Fall 1955 and Summer 1961 - 1971 (retirement from AF)

Lyle E. McMichael Note-We moved to Michigan in June '96 after living in Mississippi for a number of years. editors note: thanks for joining us!!
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Citrus Heights, CA

Dear Staff,

I recently received the current updates to the World Wide Directory. Thank you very much. It is always interesting to review the new changes and see if there are some new names that have been added to the list that may stir up some old

memories. Along those lines, I have finally gone through my address book, and have made up a list of names that can be added or updated when you next change is published. I've been meaning to do this for some time. Let me know if there is more information that you may need to know, if you're doing some kind of double check or verification. I don't have the middle initials in all cases, but may be able to get them if required.

Again, thanks for the great work in keeping this World Wide Directory going.

Ken Breitwieser editors note: Mary Welch advises Ken sent 15 names and addresses to include in our Worldwide Directory, some that we have tried to find for quite some time. Thanks, Ken!!
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Denver, Co

ATTN: Mary Welch

Just a brief note to acknowledge the receipt of your recently revised and expanded AFTAC directory. I can appreciate the expense and work it involves. We wish to express our thanks to you and the alumni association for the support you have given to the Encampment museum.

I did not have a chance to see or talk to you after the reunion. I assume that you did make it to Encampment. I would be interested in knowing what you thought and any suggestions you might have to offer.

The museum staff told me that "quite a number" of former Air Force personnel have visited and remarked on our exhibit.

I intend to put a letter in the front of the binder explaining that copies can be purchased by contacting you and the alumni association. One of the museum staff told me that one visitor spent over two hours copying names this summer. You may have a best seller on your hands!

Thank you again.

W. E. "Bill" Braukman editors note: Bill, Mary states that she did get to Encampment and thoroughly enjoyed the museum and the outside buildings. The AFTAC display was most impressive, and Mary purchased several mementos,, took many pictures, and plans to construct a special display on the museum for the Hall of Heritage. Also, since I used to work for you, can I give you an assignment? We'd like an article about the museum; what with the reunion in Sep. '97 and the traveling people will be doing to get here some may want to pay a visit to the museum. Thank you.
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Fremont, MI

Hi Folks,

Received the updated membership list in today's mail. Already filed it in my AFTAC Binder. Was happy to see some new names as a couple

of them are people I wish to contact and renew an acquaintance.

The membership list also reminded me to send in my dues for the coming year. I, for one, really appreciate all the hard work and devotion that the Alumni Staff puts forth to keep this thing together.

Having held several positions of leadership in the Air Force Sergeants Association I appreciate how much is involved in these type of organizations. Many times it is a thankless task. But I thank you and appreciate each one of you. Enjoy the newsletters and am looking forward to more information about the 50th celebration. Having never attended an Air Force Reunion before, I am excited about this one. My wife has never been to Florida and the last time I was in Florida was 1953-54 when I was stationed at Patrick AFB in the 6555th Guide Missile Group. So we are both looking forward to coming next September.

Keep up the great work, and I am looking forward to meeting many of you.

Delbert T. Leiter, formerly of Det 207 and the 1155 Tech Ops Sq - 1963-69 editors note: Thank you LLL

Largo, FL

Dear AFTAC Alumni Assn., I was surprised and thrilled to hear from you. I worked in the communications center at HQ's 1960-64, and at Det 313, 1964-67. These were the happiest years of my 20 year AF career. I own Belleair Coins Inc. in the Largo-Clearwater area, and would like any AFTAC alumni members in the area to stop by and say hello.

Art Arbutine, MSgt USAF, Ret. editors note: Long time ago Art, we're glad Mary tracked you down and you've "joined us" again. LLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL

Wisconsin Rapids, WI, 21 Oct 96

AFTAC Alumni,

It is dues time again, so also a good time to let you know that I enjoy reading the newsletter.

I see many familiar names and they bring back many pleasant memories of my Air Force time spent with AFTAC. Hope to see many of you at one of the upcoming events.

Don "Willie" Williamson editors note: kudos appreciated LLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL

Graham, NC, October 29, 1996

Dear Alumni Staff;

Keep up the good work. Sincerely,

Roy L. Jackson editors note: thank you for enjoying it, and mentioning it Roy. Thanks always makes it more fun to keep doing it.

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ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of publication)

ALUMNI PURCHASED

Logos are multi-colored, except for jackets (white)

JACKETS (windbreakers) - \$20

- Unlined/Royal Blue/White Logo, large and xlarge

GOLF SHIRTS - with pocket - \$14

- Teal, dark, medium and large
- Teal, medium, large and xlarge
- Royal Blue, large, xlarge and xxlarge
- Navy, medium, large, xlarge and xxlarge
- Red, medium, large, and xlarge
- Maroon, large and xlarge

T-Shirts - without pocket - \$7

- Mint Green, xlarge
- Medium Green, medium, large, xlarge and xxlarge
- Light Blue, large and xlarge
- Royal Blue, medium, large and xlarge
- Navy, xlarge and xxlarge
- Ash Gray, large, xlarge and xxlarge
- Purple, large and xlarge
- Red, large and xlarge
- Fuchsia, large and xlarge

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

HATS - \$6

- Green
- Gray
- Red
- Navy
- Royal Blue
- Light Blue

Ceramic Mugs - \$6

Beer Mug, plastic - \$2

Logo Pin - \$3.25

Wooden Nickel - \$1

Bronze Coins - \$4

Worldwide Directory (choice cover photo) - \$25

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JACKETS, unlined/medium blue - \$20, xlarge

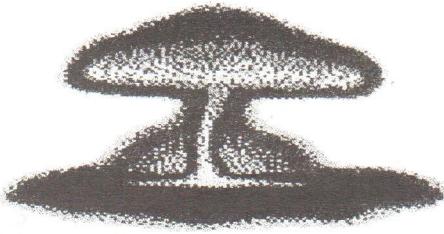
GOLF SHIRTS, Med. Blue/no pocket/ white logo - \$14, large and xlarge

GOLF SHIRTS, White/no pocket/multi-color logo - \$18, xlarge

T-SHIRT, Med. Blue/no pocket/ white logo - \$6, xlarge

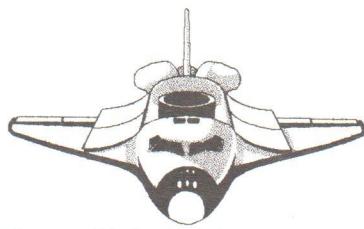
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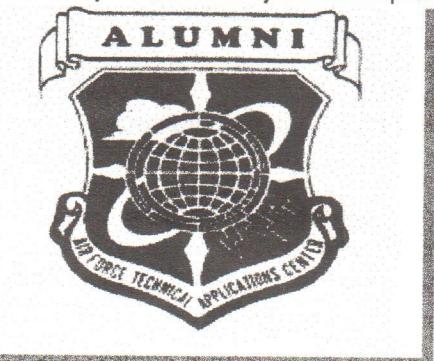
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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The AFTAC Emblem symbolizes the unit and, when in color, contains the AF (blue and gold) as well as the national colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of AF operations; yellow, the sun and excellence of personnel. The globe indicates worldwide mission, locations and geophysical studies; the lightning and cloud depict study on natural phenomena and the compass points reflect the assigned tasks around the world. The rings around the globe symbolize electronic instrument readings and unity of purpose and display electronic measurements accomplished. The elliptical belt symbolizes the study of the atmosphere.



October! Dues Due! FY: [LT]-----
JOHN T HORSCH
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IN GOD WE still TRUST - ALL OTHERS, WE used to MONITOR!