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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 history

Recognized for 50 years
of service to our country
in September 1997
1947 – 1997



SAGE SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

PAT SNYDER, ALUMNI OF THE YEAR, 2003



Pat receives Center recognition from the
AFTAC Commander, Col Bendorf.

Announced at
SnowBall VI
(page 7) and
honored at the
'Center Awards
Banquet,' (page
6) she was also
our Sep, '03,
'Salute.'

**SUPER SAGE
CONGRATS'
PAT**

ALUMNI ALERTS-WHAT'S COMIN' UP

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

LRDAA (AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOC) SPRING GOLF N'GETOGETHER

7 MAY 2004 (FRIDAY), COCOA BEACH
GOLF COURSE

Details, mid left column, page 8

CENTER ANNUAL PICNIC 10 APRIL (SATURDAY), SPRING PICNIC, PATRICK AFB SURVIVAL AREA

Details bottom left column, page 8

ALUMNI EVENTS-WHAT'S GONE OFF

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

CENTER WINTER SOCIAL

BOB WILEY, DECEMBER 12, 2003, IMPERIAL HOTEL, BOB'S PICS ON WEBSITE

There appears to be a mainstay of "regulars" at
this event and the social hour passed quickly as
we caught up (page 7, Center Winter Social)

"SNOWBALL VI, ALL ROLLED UP"

EDITORS, NCO CLUB, PAFB, FL, JANUARY 31, 2003, PICS ON WEBSITE

Around 70 Sages, give or take three or four
(you know, a couple of surprises and one or two
'no shows') gathered for an evening of remem-
brances and frivolity. (page 7, SnowBall VI)

CENTER AWARDS BANQUET

JUDY MILAM, FEBRUARY 26, 2004, DOUBLETREE HOTEL, COCOA BEACH.
BOB WILEY'S PICS ON WEBSITE

Walking into the banquet hall, I thought for a
moment I was in the wrong location. I was looking
for the 2003 AFTAC Annual Awards Banquet, and
even though the reception area was crowded, I
didn't see anyone (page 6, Center Awards Banquet)

SAGE SPECIAL RECOGNITION

THE LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

Delbe D. Solari

JUDY MILAM, PHOTO BY AFTAC PA, TSGT BILL LINDNER

Delbe, one of our lifetime members, achieved
the distinction in 2003 of having served the US
Air Force for 50
years. The
Alumni Association felt that
was an
achievement
that could not
be overlooked,
so we set about



Delbe receives Alumni recognition from
Judy Milam, Alumni Association President

(pg 4, right center)

ASSOCIATION HONOR ROLL**Alumni Of The Year Recipients****Pat Snyder 2003**-Joseph 'Joe' Johnson 2002-Jim Payne 2001

Ben Vlassick '00 (deceased)-John Horsch '99-Frank Hall '98

Judy Milam '97-Carl Gailey '96-Clark Creery '95

Florida Chapter "PERENNIALS"

(board members serving for five+ years)

Clark Creery-Newsletter 81-84/89-95, Pres 94/95, Webpage-since 01, Frank Hall-Pres/Vice 89-98/01, Judy Milam-Sec 89-00/Hosp since 01, Pres 04, Eunice Harris-Hosp 89-00; Mary Welch-Mbrshp 91-99; Carl Gailey-Tres 91-99, Swede Swansen-Pub since 93, John (Christel) Horsch, Newsletter since 96, Pat Snyder, 'Insider' since 96, VP 04, Mike Black, ,Webmaster since 97, Jim Payne, Mbshp 99-04

ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The Association formed on March 12, 1985, and was chartered in 1986. It was created to provide a forum for those who wish to maintain an ongoing connection with the organization and its people, both active-duty and retired. Membership is open to current and former employees of all organizations associated with Long Range Detection (LRD) (AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, and AFTAC), and any subordinate field detachment.

Florida chapter (application on back page)

Dues, \$10/FY (1 Oct-30 Sep) payable in Oct/\$75 for life. Monthly meetings at 5:30pm on the second Monday of each month (verify if coming) at the AFTAC HQ's building (989) at Patrick AFB, FL. Information: Randy **Vlassick**, rvlass@aol.com or **Pat Snyder**, (321) 494-6867/patricia.snyder@patrick.af.mil.; mailing address is:

Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

There is a quarterly (Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec) newsletter, 'Post-Monitor' (staff data below), (namesake of a prior active-duty publication, 'Monitor') & a Webpage, '<http://www.csi-inc.com/aftac>', with assc/alumni data, 'Post-Monitor' 'Samplers' and back-issues and photos-WebMaster is Mike Black; Clark Creery writes an 'Upcoming Events' ('What's Happening') section and posts photos.

Colorado chapter

Formed in 1989, **dues, \$5 per year**, payable in **February**; chapter publishes a newsletter, 'Echoes' and supports a website, 'www.aftacco.org' They meet several times a year-for information, Bill **Schmied**, (303) 367-0625. There are ~105 members.

West Coast (California) chapter

Formed in 1999, **dues, \$5 per year, \$50 for lifetime**; for information-Joe **Johnson**, (916) 783-8676-address:AFTAC Alumni Assoc, 161 Southcreek Circle, Folsom CA, 95630-1510. They meet several times a year and publish a newsletter, 'Depot Fallout' and have a website, 'www.AFTACwest.org' There are 152 members.

Long Range Detection Alumni Honorarium

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

Newsletter Editors: John & Christel Horsch

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"A TEAM" ...OF HORSCHE'S

'58-'87

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

One quick item before we start, and if you've glanced at the front page, you may have noticed. Over the years it has been commonplace to sometimes refer to AFTAC as a 'Command' when it would be more correct to use the word 'Center.' We try, beginning with this issue, to address that misuse.

Wow ... two people to recognize in our newsletter's 'starting stories.' Thanks Pat and Delbe for your service to this country and to AFTAC. We are gratified to see Delbe's long service acknowledged, and Pat's special efforts for the alumni receiving Center attention through this award.

And, while people are getting pats on the back, congratulations to the webmaster of the California chapter website, Bob **Fitzpatrick**. Not only does he produce an excellent website that we hope you have seen, but Joe **Johnson**, the California VP, has taken the time to nominate this site to 'The Dotties,' which honor Northern California's top websites. Congratulations Bob, and let us know how this comes out.

Now, back to this issue. We've got two 'I Remember' articles as Curtis **Smith** (Smitty) and Gene **Ross** check in. And to add to the 'Smith' legend, Mark **Smith** shares his 'Family Affair' story with us. And, John (Jack) **Dorneden** gives us more 'down under' BS.

We've got a very unusual 'Commander's reCall' planned for next issue. George **Waters** sent us a 1970 speech made by BGen Linscott A. **Hall** (Deceased, AFTAC's eighth commander). It's lengthy and we are taking our time to prepare and format it correctly. It is worth the long read for what one learns, and it is very interesting to see the similarities and contrast to today's AFTAC (an interesting aside is that after serving under the General during his AFTAC tenure, many years later I worked with his niece, Helena Corfield at Lockmar Elementary in Palm Bay, FL, following my retirement from the Air Force).

Speaking of commanders, we close noting the death of two of AFTAC's previous commander's, Generals **Goade** and **Gordon**, during this quarter. We, as many of you, served under both and remember them well. As a tribute of their 'time' with so many of us we have extracted portions of their official biographies in our 'Commander's reCall' section of this issue.

MAIL - CALL



Any requests for action should be sent to
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Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892

Letters of a general nature, requesting no action, may be e-mailed to the editors, chrisjohn@juno.com

Letters may be edited for clarity and space; any opinions are those of the writer(s) and may not reflect Association belief or policy

‘Welcome’ to new and returning alumni and those who drop us a line. We recognize all correspondence so your name, and the memories, may be recalled.

NEW/RENEWING SAGES

John McCauley-Las Cruces, NM 2003.12.22
(online application form) 20 years as a 99/9S, Det 301, 423, 3XX, 4XX, 4XX, 489, HQ AFTAC

G P Antonio-Warner Robins, GA 2004.01.06

Just sending my dues for another year. Not doing any traveling at this time

John Kenney-Edgewater, MD 2004.01.10
(online application form) HQ AFTAC, Telegraph Rd, VA-HQ AFTAC, PAFB, 1973-'78 John, you also need to go online and update your directory information

Luke Stafford-Unionville, VA 2004.01.12

As usual, late on my dues again!!! Sending two years this time. Must learn to check address labels.

Was at AFTAC HQ '60-'63, in DO (Test Section), Det 3XX, '63-'66, HQ IG, '66-'70, good ole Vietnam, '70-'71, HQ again, '70-Oct '72 in DA (Assistant Dir of Admin). Went to Pentagon until I retired from AF in March, '73.

Went full time with Giant Food retiring again in '82. Bought a home and moved to Unionville in early '83. Went back to work in '85-'98 when I retired again for good I thought!!

Now helping a daughter-in-law with her Day Care center, NON-PAYING I might add!!! No retiring from this one. But I do love working with the kids—having 12 grandkids and 6 1/2 great-grandkids. Be careful Luke, they may start charging you to help

Albert Genzle-Gilbert, AZ 2004.01.13

The enclosed check is for renewal of AFTAC Alumni Association annual dues for 2004. Sorry about the late renewal!

Bernard Riley-Rochester Hills, MI 2004.01.17

Sorry about that, thought I had renewed.

John Bright-Suffolk, VA

2004.01.20

Sorry about that!!

Tom Dunn-Melbourne, FL

2004.01.20

I know I'm late with my dues again! Well, I think I'll fix it so I'm never late again. Here is my check for \$75, please sign me up for lifetime membership. You guys are doing a great job!! Keep it up. Tom, it's about time we got your \$75, and thanks for the compliment

LETTERS/EMAIL

Gene Ross-Chantilly, VA

2004.01.02

I recently sent a general nature email to Chris and John, which I hope gets published in the next issue of the Post-Monitor.

Also, for some reason I did not receive a copy of the last alumni membership roster. Would you be so kind as to send me a copy? Enclosed is a check for \$5 to cover any costs of doing this. If it is more, let me know; if there is money left over, put it in the treasury.

Thank you very much and keep up the good work. Your tale is told (see ‘I Remember’), your ‘roster’ has been sent, and the treasury thanks you for your consideration.

Mike Clark-Vienna, Austria

2004.01.27

Follow-up email concerning Jane Wards’ death (in ‘Members to Remember’ section)

On behalf of Scott and family, and myself, please accept our thanks for including the write-up in the Post-Monitor. Jane had many friends throughout the world, and Scott especially asked me to let everyone know of the tragic news.

As I am the only other AFTACer over here at present, I really appreciate the support our extended AFTAC family provides to those in need.

With greatest appreciation, Mike You are most welcome. Our webmaster, Mike Black, is always very responsive using his ‘e-all’ (as we refer to it) capability of notifying alumni members with email @addresses registered at the alumni website.

Juan Nieto-email

2004.02.07

Voices from the past! I don't know if you remember Lou and I from being at AFTAC HQ. I was there working with the dynamite team of Tom Andler, Cliff York, Lb Paul, Larry Rhode, Bill McClland and lots more than this memory can recall at the moment. May need to look up old photos to recall everyone.

I had to write to update Joe’s (Dec ‘I Remember’) tale of Det 460. It was A2C Jim Boyd, SSgt Paul Carroll, TSgt Ben Vlassick (deceased), MSgt Joe Johnson and A1C ‘Me’ that were the infamous team of Attu Island. Joe and Ben were the two individuals that installed a splicing kit on two SP-4 ca-

bles while each had pulled an end through their side windows. (story first mentioned in PoMo's Jun and Sep '98). Paul, Jim, and I were doing our part of splicing while walking. We came upon them as they started to hook the cables up. Paul wanted to go tell them not to do it, but Jim and I decided that it would be funnier if we watched them try to pull a quarter mile of cable through the window after the connection was completed. Joe told Ben, after realizing what they had done, "I won't say anything if you don't," but then they heard us laughing and saw us rolling on the ground. Joe came out of the truck, with difficulty due to a 1/4 of cable sticking out the window, and told us of all the things a MSgt could do to young airmen if we told. Well, the time limit is over and I can now tell the truth about that incident.

The other site was Tatalina Mountain. I helped install those sites along with several other airmen that are in the memory banks some where. Please pass our "hellos" to everyone who remembers us, Like Smitty for instance. Smitty should see this as I believe Ellen reads the newsletter to him. Seriously, see what Smitty has to say later in this issue

'CHECK/NOTE' ONLY MAIL (renewal, unless noted)

Author Whitten Jr-Dixfield, ME
 Jay Bilyeu-Aiken, SC
 Rusty Strum-Melbourne, FL
 R. McManus-Melbourne, FL
 Robert Morton-Satellite Beach, FL
 C. E. Smith-Melbourne, FL
 Clifford Ferris-Redding, CA
 Robert Thompson-Xenia, OH
 Howard Larinan-Foley, AL
 Allison Carter-Jacksonville, AR
 Gregory Murray-Wesley Chapel, FL
 Franz Dettmer-Folsom, CAI
 Fran Papineau-Roseville, CA
 David Baquette-Lincoln, CA

Frederick Foote-Melbourne, FL
 Charles Gay-Citrus Heights, CA
 Jackie Might-Mays Landing, NJ
 Bert Miller-Belden, MS
 Tommy Badley-Warrenton, OR
 Tim Heenan-Indian Harbour Beach, FL
 Frederick Campbell-Palm Bay, FL
 Brian Grew-Melbourne, FL
 Robert Meek-Colorado Springs, CO
 Mark Stephen-Fairfax, VA
 Charles Copeland, Newman, GA: new address
 John Nicholson-Hilliard, FL: new address
 J Cole-Albentville, AL
 Larry Jones-Sheridan, OR

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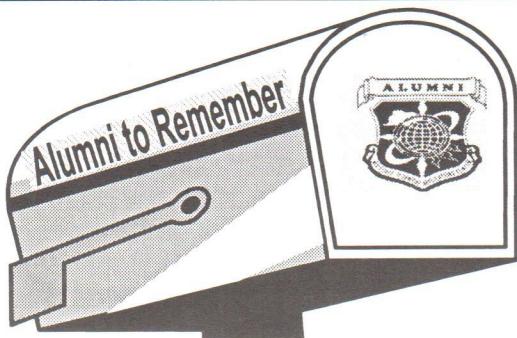
the task of figuring out how best to honor Delbe, who currently works in the Evaluation Division of the Directorate of Nuclear Treaty Monitoring at AF-TAC.

After much thought, we voted to award him an AF flag that was flown aboard Space Shuttle Orbiter Discovery, STS-85, 7 August through 19 August 1997, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the AF. The flag was given to the Alumni Association after its space flight with the understanding that, because it is now considered an official space relic, we could not sell it and we could only award it for special achievement. All those who know Delbe recognize his dedication to AFTAC, the US Air Force, and the nation and honor him for this special achievement.

After the presentation, Delbe stated that he has no intention of retiring anytime soon, and we're sure his supervisors are happy to hear that. Congratulations, Delbe, and thanks for your continued dedication and service.

Another Mystery Photo ... We 'glommed' (stole) this picture from the CA website, 'www.AFTACwest.org'. Go there to 'win' a prize identifying those in this picture, and to see a lot more. It is identified as 'Det 202 Softball, '68-'69.'





Personals ...

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

Transitions

Gen Shaffer retired 1 August 03. Last assignment was at the JCS/Joint Staff J2, Director of Intelligence. He is now living in San Antonio and is President and COO of dNovus RDI; an IT company who does work for DoD, the VA, and local governments

In Memoriam

Jane Ward (see below)

Barbara Shipps (see below)

Warren Francis Milstead (see below)

William R. Goade (see 'Commander's reCall,' pg 11)

James A. Fruit (see below)

Lawrence N. Gordon (see 'Commander's reCall,' pg 11)

Rest in Eternal Peace

Jane Ward

EMAIL, WILLIAM A YOHMAN, 2004.01.23

I just received word that Jane Ward passed away in her sleep overnight. This is all of the news I have at this point and I'm still pretty shocked.

Jane was a 99105. She worked in TG while at HQ, spent some time at 460 and retired from the Schoolhouse at Goodfellow. She spent a few years in DC before starting work with CTBTO in Vienna.

- MIKE CLARK REMEMBERS, EMAIL 1/26/04

It is with profound sorrow and deepest regret that we have learned the tragic news of the death of Jane Ward. She passed away very unexpectedly at home here in Vienna, Austria, on the morning of Friday, Jan 23, 2004. She is survived by her husband Scott and 3 daughters, Stacia, Shannon and Brandy.

Jane's time in AFTAC was mainly on assignment at Det 460, Eielson AFB AK, Hq AFTAC/TT, and as an instructor, instructor supervisor and technical writer at the schoolhouse in 312 TRS/DOE, Goodfellow AFB Texas.

She was an AFTACer and a '99 (9S) in the truest sense of the term, and after retiring from the Air Force in 1998 continued the traditional mission of nuclear treaty monitoring here in Vienna. She served the international community as a Seismic, Hydroacoustic and Infrasound analyst for the International Data Centre of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization Preparatory Commission. Her expertise was highly sought and valued as one of the very few people in the organization in Vienna that has done nuclear Treaty monitoring 'for real.' Jane was also elected President of the Staff Council of the organization, and worked hard (as she always did!) for the benefit of the staff in addition to her analyst duties.

Jane was known, loved and respected by the entire organization, and was the 'big sister' to all our close-knit international analyst crew.

Services (were held at) St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas.

She will be missed...

AND LATER MIKE PASSED ON ADDITIONAL REMEMBRANCES

I knew Jane from her days in TT, and I think she worked for Gary Clawson at the school house Det at Patrick until she retired in '98. I left DC in June 98 to move here to Vienna, and Jane arrived in 2000.

We swapped occasional 'war-stories' while she was here, since we knew so many of the same people. Many of our team of international analysts here would listen to Jane, totally enraptured by our descriptions of the 'miracles' that people performed in far-away places as routine '99 day-to-day work. ("You mean that you guys could actually analyze and locate an event in a matter of minutes to a couple of hours after origin, instead of days?? Without computers??") ("What do you mean, the maintainers could fix a delicate, do-not-touch-under-any-circumstances phototube amp galvo with a common iron nail?")

I think many may not truly realize the sort of 'McGiver-ish' necessity 'mother-of-invention' stunts '99s did without even thinking twice. 'Keep the mission on-line' is what mattered, and largely the efforts were successful.

Jane was definitely a 'mission' person, and we will sorely miss her 'can-do-because-we-have-to' practicality. Our U.S. Ambassador spoke at our CTBTO Commemoration service saying "... For Jane, there were no challenges, only practical solutions to getting things done."

Barbara Shipps

EMAIL, JUDITH (SHIPPS) FEIN, SCOTTSDALE, AZ, 2004.01.31

We would like to let all of you know of the death of Barbara Shipps, widow of Maj Gene Shipps, on

January 10th (ASSOCIATION NOTE: Gene Shipps passed away on 6/29/99). A native of Lincoln, Neb. she was a resident of Fairfield for 30 years. Survivors include her daughters, Judith Fein of Scottsdale, Ariz, Kathleen Schuerman of Colville, Wash.; son, Steven Shipps of Vacaville; sister, Helen Compton of San Diego; and 5 grandchildren.

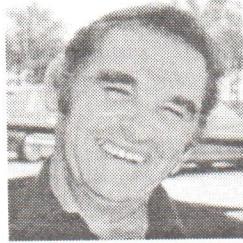
Contributions preferred to American Cancer Society.

JOE JOHNSON, VP, CA CHAPTER, ADDS:

Gene and Barbara were members of the California Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association from its beginning. They attended many reunions and many of our current members must know them.

Warren Francis Milstead

E-ALL FROM WEBMASTER, MIKE BLACK



Word has been received of the death of Warren Francis Milstead, SMSGT, USAF (Ret.), at his home in Kissimmee, FL, on 2 Feb 2004. Sgt. Milstead was a native of Dallas, TX and is survived by two sons, two daughters, and 4 grandchildren. Full

military honors were provided by Patrick AFB at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Kissimmee, FL. Sgt. Milstead was an SEO retrained from Q System. He served three tours overseas, including Thailand, Japan, and the Philippines. He was known as an accomplished softball pitcher both at the 1155th and in Japan. He worked in the pro shop at the Kissimmee Country Club after retiring from the Air Force in 1982. He was a veteran of 27 years most of which was with AFTAC.

James A. Fruit

Robert W. Fruit

It is with deep regret I am writing to inform you of the passing of my father, Lt Col James A. Fruit USAF ret. Daddy died on February 29th following a stroke at his home in Fredericksburg Virginia.

In 1939 Dad joined the United States Army as a private, and was eventually selected for flying school. He graduated in class 42-G at Kelly field.

He was one of the few flying sergeants in the Air Corp, was commissioned and flew with Troop Carrier Command in the ETO. Dad was recalled to active duty in the Air Force during the Korean war and was a forward air controller flying T-6's in the famous "Mosquito" group.

Following Korea he chose to stay on active duty and was assigned to the Air Force Special Weapons center. In 1959 he was transferred to the Alaskan Air Command and in 1963 joined AF-

TAC in Alexandria Virginia. He always felt his tour with AFTAC was the best and most important assignment in his Air Force career. Dad retired in 1975 after a tour at HQ TAC, two tours in Viet Nam and a tour at HQ USAFE. My mother Dorothea passed away in 1991 and dad was buried with her at Quantico National Cemetery.

Beside myself Dad is survived by my sister Cath Farrar of Dayton Ohio, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



(continued from page 1, Center Awards Banquet)

I knew. I've been retired nearly 5 years now, and the young people in their dress uniforms looked just slightly older than my grandchildren. Looking around, though, I began to spot a few "old" AFTACers who were there when I was; they were mostly civilians, or former military who were back "inside" the building as contractors. Finally, some of our Alumni contingent arrived, and we gathered together, commenting about how few attendees we knew, but the fact that we were among the best of the young troops doing the mission we once did made us feel proud.

The program began with the presentation of colors, the national anthem, and the invocation, followed by introduction of the head table. Next came the moving POW/MIA ceremony and a delicious dinner. While I held my breath, the AF Headquarters Standard Systems Group Saber Drill Team treated us to a performance. The sabers went flying, as the team members marched in precise formation to music that included "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and the "Air Force Song."

The presentation of awards brought out great excitement throughout the room, as the names of the nominees and winners were read. The last award of the evening went to our 2003 Alumnus of the Year, Ms Patricia Snyder. Pat's dedication to the Alumni Association throughout 2003 was noteworthy in many areas. Pat serves as our clothing salesperson. She takes reservations for both AFTAC and Alumni events – golf tournaments, the Snowball Banquet, the AFTAC picnic, the Winter Social, etc. Pat also keeps us informed of HQ activities. Her many hours in helping with the planning and

activities of the Worldwide Reunion were invaluable. These are just the highlights of Pat's efforts on behalf of the Alumni Association. Pat, we thank you and congratulate you on your award.

The evening ended with comments by the AFTAC Commander, Col Craig **Bendorf**. Col Bendorf reminded everyone of the importance of AFTAC's mission in the fight against terrorism. He thanked all those who received awards, as well as those who were nominated and all the staff at AFTAC. He also thanked the Alumni Association for our support of AFTAC and the troops.

(continued from page 1, Center Winter Social)
on happenings among themselves and with the Alumni who remain active through civil service. There were some "new" faces, like Larry **Teynor**, whom I had not seen in some time. This also marked the last function for Joe **Marshall** as an "active" AFTACer as he retired from a 30 year career on 1 January 2004.

Alumni filled three tables strategically located near the exit leading to the buffet line. It takes a lot to get a Clemson Tiger to compliment a Carolina Gamecock, but I have to hand it to Frank **Hall** for arranging for us "old folks" to be first in line for a delicious selection of food. At least he claims he was responsible. At any rate, the Alumni tables didn't have to go through the trivia and "skill" games that the active duty tables did to gain "permission" to eat.

Disposable cameras were on each table and after an initial hesitancy, they were used freely to record those "Kodak" moments to ensure friends didn't forget how much they enjoyed the party. The photos were later posted in the Headquarters building as reminders. Perhaps we can get some of the Alumni ones posted on the website.

After dinner, the DJ played some good music that even the Alumni got out to show the "youngsters" how it was done. It was a very enjoyable evening and we thank all those who planned and helped make it a success.

(continued from page 1, SnowBall VI)

We began at 6PM with cocktails and chat, and moved to the dining room at seven. Our President, Judy **Milam**, tried to take control and started things with a few notes and a prayer.

As we ate, rumors started immediately about the carafes of mimosa's and bottles of Florida wine on the table. Recall this SnowBall was 'Florida Casual' in theme. Some, being Sage-minded, felt we should not touch them without

orders, while others, not so inclined, insisted it was alright to just 'bottoms up' with the whole thing. Judy, and our 'Decorations Chair,' Deborah **Carson**, had to quietly put an end to this hubbub by telling everyone, yes, you can drink the mimosa juice, but no, leave the wine for a drawing to be held later (note for next SnowBall, make sure the guests know what to do with eatable/drinkable decorations).

Following our meal, Judy brought everyone up-to-date on the association, recognized those who work so hard throughout the year with the many association events, and reminded everyone of our monthly meetings, encouraging them to attend and become involved.

Judy then announced the 'Alumni of the Year' selectee, Pat **Snyder**. She also noted the many things Pat had done for the alumni in the past, and especially in 2003 - she is one of our 'Insiders' working in the building on a daily basis. As such she ensures outstanding continuity with the active-duty force. Also, she was instrumental in many activities of the 2003 Worldwide Reunion held in and around the Patrick AFB, FL, area.

We all applauded Pat for what she had done for us, even though she had arranged not to be there. As it turned out, she was cruisin' the ocean blue while we recognized and thanked her for all her efforts. Judy held up the award for everyone



Col Bendorf, the AFTAC Commander, also presented this award to Pat at the 'Center Awards Banquet.' It is the alumni plaque, containing an AFTAC coin flown aboard the shuttle that flew during the celebration of the Air Force, and AFTAC's, 50th anniversary. It also contains a certificate recording this shuttle event.

to see and Pat actually received the award at the 'Center Awards Banquet' (picture above)

Having earlier saved most of the bottles of

Florida wine, we now listened closely as names were drawn to see who would win these, and the great 'small palm' centerpieces that had mostly been unmolested during the evening.

Lucky drawees for the wine: Edna Calenda, Bill Cronan, Moira Eddleman, Linda Farrell, Don Gilbert, Curt Harris, John Horsch, Sammie Jennings, Mike Milam, PJ O'Brien, Ed Warfield, and Bob Wiley

And the Palm Trees: Lola Bain, Bobbie Cobb, Steve Cook, Eunice Harris, Jack Jackson, Rubye Jennings, Kathy Moy, Dave O'Brien, Swede Swansen, and Sharon Warfield

Judy ended by thanking those who had helped her that night. Frank **Calenda** and John **Horsch** for signing everyone in. Chris **Horsch** and Edna **Calenda** for helping Deborah Carson set up the centerpieces.



'SAGE RANGER'

(continued from page 1, Golf n'Getogether)

The Association Spring Golf N'Getogether Tournament will soon be underway. This event is scheduled for **May 7th** at the **Cocoa Beach Golf Course**. As always, our corporate sponsors have come through with some excellent grand prizes as well as a great assortment of door prizes. The price for this afternoon of fun will be \$35.00 for association members and \$40.00 for non-members, which includes a great BBQ dinner after golf. You may sign up by calling:

Pat Snyder at 494-6867

Deliver your payment to Pat, or mail to:
**Long Range Detection Alumni Assoc, PO Box
254892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892.**

Checks to be received no later than

Friday, April 30th

Check-in begins at 1130 and the shotgun start will be at 1:00. There will be plenty of water and soda on the course, and a beverage cart will be available. A **BBQ dinner by 'Smoking' Joe** will be served in the Pavilion following the golf tournament. We will also award the prizes during/after dinner.

This tournament fills up quickly, so sign up early to ensure a spot in the tourney. There will be a limit of the first 144 players to sign up. If you are not interested in golfing but would like to attend the BBQ dinner, the cost for the meal is \$7.75. Reservations for dinner are requested.

(continued from page 1, Center Annual Picnic)

EDITORS WITH INPUT FROM PAT SNYDER

The AFTAC Spring Picnic will be Saturday, 10 April, 04, at the PAFB survival area (located just

North of the FamCamp park). Alumni are always an integral part of this annual event, being responsible for the very critical area of serving beer. So spend \$7 and show up around 11AM.

Reservations, Pat Snyder, **494-6867**

Chapter News

FROM THE TOP

JUDY MILAM, 10 FEBRUARY 04

It was my distinct pleasure to make a special presentation in January to one of the Alumni Association's lifetime members, Delbe **Solari**. I met Delbe shortly after coming to AFTAC in 1965, when he and I both worked at the headquarters in "TD-1". Of course, Delbe had been in the Air Force and in AFTAC many years before I arrived there. The Alumni Association's special presentation to Delbe was made to honor his 50 years of service to the Air Force, including his military and civilian careers. Delbe has told me more than once that he has no plans to retire anytime soon, because his wife, Mickie, has a long list of things she needs to have done around the house, and if he didn't go to the office every day, he would have to start working on that list. Thanks, Delbe, for your many years of service to the Air Force.

Wintertime is a really busy time in Florida. Nearly everyone can count on getting some winter visitors from up north. This has been an especially mild winter in Florida and an especially harsh one up north with snow and ice, so we seem to be more crowded here than usual with the annual influx of "Snowbirds." In keeping with our usual practice of having a dinner in the wintertime in hopes of attracting some of our Snowbird members, we held our 'SnowBall Banquet' on 31 January. Nearly 70 members and guests attended, including some "Snowbirds." The weather outside was not exactly what they came to Florida for – it was raining and cool – but the party inside was warm and inviting. Many attendees "dressed" for the occasion in their tropical shirts, in keeping with our usual casual atmosphere. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and the company, and the door prizes (palm trees and Florida wine) proved to be a big hit. Even though she wasn't there to receive her award, we announced the 2003 Alumnus of the Year award recipient, **Pat Snyder**. Pat was also honored at AFTAC's annual awards banquet.

Once again, I'd like to remind those in the local area that we hope you'll consider attending our

monthly meetings. We nearly always get our business over in an hour, and we sure would like some new faces in the crowd. Meet at the Outback, behind the HQ building, at 5:15 PM on the second Monday of each month, to be escorted into the building by active duty members. If you have questions, give me a call at 254-8878—see you there.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Members Elected

President-Judy Milam Vice-Pat Snyder
Secretary-Al Moy Treasurer-Joe Goldian

Appointed

Activities-CMSgt Lloyd French Heritage Hall Committee, TBD
Hospitality-Judy Milam Internet-Mike Black - Clark Creery
Membership-Randy Vlassick Newsletter-John and Christel Horsch
Publicity-Swede Swansen
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A Few Minute of the Minutes

2003.12.08, 2004.01.09/02.12

Constitution and By-Laws. Al Moy to provide a copy to the base to satisfy their annual requirement as part of the annual Private Organization Package after the first of the year.

Snow Ball. Planning completed. Jim Payne sent a reminder to local members (approx 188). Discussions after the event centered around its success, various ways to remind people of the event, and ways to improve proceeds.

Postal Name Change. The USPS letter authorizing us to use "Long Range Detection Alumni Association" as our return address on bulk mailings was received.

Spring Golf n'Getogether. Planning started and OPR's are being identified.

A 'Roven Reporter' Checks In

CLARK CREERY, EMAIL, 2/13/04

YOU KNOW, WE MAY HAVE A STORY ON OUR HANDS.

I wonder how many other Military Retiree Groups have a Civilian Woman President? To me that shows a tie between the whole spectrum of retired types to the Civilian Corps.

Judy has been there thru thick and thin and I believe we have a first (another AFTAC specialty) in the world. We must find a way to honor her for her service—from '92's reunion, to all the myriad of notes and meetings, to where she is today. She is a gem that has been polished and brought to a pinnacle of success and the glue that holds us together.

Mouse Muses

My mouse does some of the walking around the various sites for me. The mouse has found quite a

bit of very interesting data at the Colorado and California websites. Who would have envisioned several years ago that we would be connected electronically with such professionalism.

Speaking of that - The page that I maintain, *Florida Activities/happenings* is your page. What would you like to have on it? It is simple to click on the webmeister name and add your request. The page now represents some of the things that I thought might be of interest. I am not you and I need your input. I could all well be boring you to tears? I hope not, but I could. Let me know what you want and we will see what we can do.

In God We Trust - all Others we Polygraph

OTHER CHAPTER'S NEWS

COLORADO CHAPTER, NEWSLETTER

ECHOES

President, Jack Smith-Vice President, Earl Pierce
Treasurer, Bill Schmied-Newsletter Editor, Bryce Dunn
Webmaster, Bill Harris

Planning Committee Announces 2004 Events!

FROM THE WEBSITE AND FEB NEWSLETTER

-28 Feb: General Membership Breakfast, -19 Jun: Annual Picnic, 18 Sep: General Membership Breakfast Meeting, 13 November: Fall Social

Event dates tentative, check back for updates.

-Good Health to Mike Minamoto

-Member directory is included in this issue

CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

DEPOT FALLOUT

President-Rod Hinkle; Vice-Joe Johnson; Board Director-Ken Denbleyker; Asst.-Dave Tarquino; Dir at Large-Orv Pritchard; Treasurer Bart Carter; Asst.-Charlie Penn; Membership-Danny Beach; Secretary Marge Iske; Asst-Ken Breitwieser; Newsletter Editor-Dale Klug; and Asst/Webmaster-Bob Fitzgerald.

WorldWide Reunion 2005 Update

DALE KLUG, 3/1/04

Al Pavik, Jack Allison, and Joe Johnson met with Holiday Inn, NE Sacramento.

Tentative dates, May 12-15, 2005

Other Events: Business meetings: 2 Mar, 1 Jun, 7 Sep, 6 Dec (Call 916-684-2359, to confirm or check website for meeting and reunion updates).

www.AFTACwest.org

EXTRACTS FROM AN ARTICLE BY BOB FITZGERALD, WCC WEBMASTER

... lot of visits...on-line since 06 October 2003. If you haven't visited you are missing .. info, photos, advance notice on coming events, etc. Take a look.

MONITOR ing Active -Duty Doings' from around the AFTAC World

Command Section



Col. Craig V.
Bendorf

Commander, 2002.12 previously AFTAC CV and before that, Chief, Global Attack Area Team, Directorate of Requirements, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA. He has a Bachelor of Science, Astronautical Engineering from the AF Academy and a Master's from Ohio State and is a graduate of the USAF Test Pilot School. Col. Bendorf has served in SAC, Space Command, Systems Command, Air Combat Command and the Joint Staff. He is a command pilot with 3200+ flight hours.



CMSgt Lloyd S.
French

Superintendent, 2003.01 AF/AFTAC since '77, trained in Gamma Spectroscopy and Special Equipment Operations-has attended Leadership School and the NCO and Senior NCO Academies receiving the Levitow and Commandant's Awards. He has also earned a BS in Business Administration. The Chief has served Airborne in many capacities at all command levels. He is married to the former Michelle Rostosky of Satellite Beach, FL. and has three children, Lindsey, Nicholas, and Christina.



AFTAC Pearl Harbor ceremony combines past, present and future

EXTRACT OF ARTICLE BY TECH. SGT. BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PUBLIC AFFAIRS.
PHOTOS BY JIM LAVISKA, 45TH SPACE WING, PATRICK AFB, FL

The men and women of the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC) conducted their ninth annual Pearl Harbor Ceremony Friday, Dec. 5, in front of the AFTAC building. The ceremony was held to honor those who were lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, and those who lived through it. Sixteen men who survived the attack and several widows of Pearl Harbor veterans attended the ceremony.



TSGt's Rousseau and Pariseau, and SSgt. Holland, members of the 45th Space Wing Honor Guard, retire the colors at the end of the ceremony. All three are assigned to AFTAC.

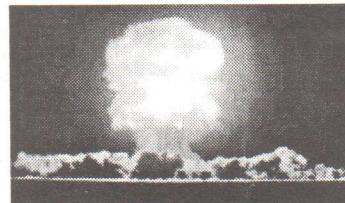
Last Re-Up

2004.01.20



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bill Lindner

PHOTO BY TSGT BILL LINDNER, AFTAC PA, EXTRATED FROM
Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Borland, left, Air Force Technical Applications Center Directorate of Materials Technology superintendent, and **Chief Master Sgt. Lloyd French**, right, AFTAC superintendent, are re-enlisted Monday at Memorial Plaza at Patrick Air Force Base by 2nd Lt. Joshua Su, 45th Civil Engineer Squadron. This is the last re-enlistment for the chiefs as it takes them to the 30-year high-year tenure point in their Air Force careers. Chiefs Borland and French asked Lt. Su to conduct the ceremony because he is the most junior officer at Patrick AFB. "Over the years, we have always asked junior officers to do this job," said Chief French. "It is one of the most pleasurable duties an officer can perform and it shows our confidence in our young officer corps leadership."



COMMANDER'S RECALL

Background: In light of the ongoing process that is the command, and a desire to record the impressions of this process "from the top," we ask previous commanders to give us a synopsis of their time with the command. We have received these impressions from many commanders to include Gen's Silliman, Gordon, Clapper, O'Lear, Bingham and Shaffer and Col's Meisenheimer, Wigington and Beatty. We thank these gentlemen for taking the time and effort to share their enlightening remembrances.

We await inputs from the remaining commanders, continuing 'Distinguished Association' members all: Jaynes, Jaeger, Dettmer and Horton.

We feel confident they will write as they find the time and opportunity

Reference our editorial, and this issues' 'Members to Remember,' regarding the two commanders we lost this quarter, Generals Goade and Gordon. Rather than a 'reCall' written by a past commander, we will instead ask our readers to 'reCall' these Commanders careers. It is also reflective to note that Gen Gordon followed Gen Goade as Commander at AFTAC.

General William R. Goade Retired July 1, 1974

Died Feb. 16, 2004

EXTRACTED FROM OFFICIAL BIO



AFTAC CC
October 1971-June 1973

General Goade was born in 1922, in St. Louis, Mo. He began his military career in 1938 with the Missouri National Guard and enlisted in the U.S. Army in November 1942 as an aviation cadet. He received his pilot wings at Pampa Army Air Base in October 1943 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps. He attended B-26 transition training and in January 1944 was assigned in the European Theater as a pilot. He flew 62 bombing missions in B-26 aircraft against targets in France, the Low Countries and Germany.

He returned to the United States and performed duty as an instructor pilot, flying safety officer, and assistant director of training. He graduated from the Air Tactical School at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., in August 1949, and then served a tour of duty with Headquarters Air Training Command.

In April 1951 he completed training in the triple rating program of navigator, bombardier, and pilot at the navigator school at Ellington Air Force Base, Texas, and began a 12-year tour of duty with the Strategic Air Command of the U.S.

He returned to the United States for duty with Headquarters U.S. Air Force, in the Pentagon, as chief of Special Weapons Branch, under the Deputy Director of Plans for War Plans, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations. In June 1966 he was

graduated from the National War College, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C. He next went to Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, as deputy commander for operations of the 3646th Pilot Training Wing and in March 1967 became commander of the wing. General Goade went to Turkey in July 1969 and assumed duties as chief, Air Force Section, Joint Military Mission for Aid to Turkey at Ankara, Turkey.

General Goade became commander, 1035th USAF Field Activities Group and Director, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Alexandria, Va., in October 1971.

Military decorations include the Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Unit Citation Emblem, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon, and Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon. He was a command pilot with the additional rating of observer and had approximately 6,000 hours flying time, including 1,500 instructor hours and more than 2,500 hours of jet aircraft time.

We received notice of his death via email:

General William R. Goade

email, 2004.02.22, Angel Love-Shorter, Human Resources Technician, Air Force Senior Leader Management Office - Sustainment

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the following retired general officer's death, Brigadier General William R. Goade, Last Duty Title: Commander, 1035 Technical Operations Group, and Director, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick Air Force Base, FL

Retired 1 July 1974, Date of Death: 16 February 2004 (Age 81 at time of death), Cause of Death: Parkinson Disease, Place of Death: San Antonio, TX. Funeral Services: Funeral Services were held on 23 February followed by interment at Ft. Sam Houston Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Margarett Goade, 680 East Basse Road, Apt. 220, San Antonio, TX 78209

General Lawrence N. Gordon

Retired June 1, 1978

Died March 2, 2004



AFTAC CC
June 1973-June 1978

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General Gordon was born in 1924, in Madison, Ind. He attended Hanover College, Ind., for one year and graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in June 1946 with a bachelor of science degree, a commission as a second lieutenant, and a pilot rating. He attended B-25 aircraft training at Enid, Okla., and was assigned to the 97th Bombardment Group, Smokey Hill Air Force Base, Kan., in September 1946 flying B-29 bombers. In January 1948, he was transferred to Castle Air Force Base, Calif., and

and was assigned to the 97th Bombardment Group, Smokey Hill Air Force Base, Kan., in September 1946 flying B-29 bombers. In January 1948, he was transferred to Castle Air Force Base, Calif., and

served with the 93d Bombardment Group.

Upon graduation from AFIT in October 1950, he became an aircraft maintenance officer with the 1502d Support Squadron, Kwajalein Island. General Gordon returned to the United States in February 1952, and served at the Air Force Cambridge Research Center, Hanscom Field, Mass.

He was transferred to England in June 1955, and assigned as operations officer, 84th Bombardment Squadron, 47th Bomb Wing. In December 1957, he became the first commander of the 47th Periodic Maintenance Squadron of the 47th wing.

General Gordon was assigned to Headquarters U. S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., in July 1958, and served as a program officer at the Air Force Technical Applications Center. From September 1962 to September 1963, he attended the University of Connecticut where he became an honor graduate and received a master's degree in engineering management.

He was assigned to Air Force Systems Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Md., in September 1963 and served as a research and development officer in the Office of the Assistant for Bioastronautics. In August 1964, he became a staff development engineer in the Directorate of Bioastronautics, Deputy Chief of Staff, Science and Technology.

General Gordon was an honor graduate from the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in June 1967. He then was assigned to Headquarters Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., where he served as deputy director and then director of operational requirements. In July 1970, he became commander, 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing, Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base.

General Gordon assumed duties as commander of the 1035th Technical Operations Group at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., with additional duties as commander, Air Force Technical Applications Center, in June 1973.

His military decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with oak leaf cluster. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and Beta Gamma Sigma honorary fraternity. He was a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours.

Extracted from Florida Today, 2004.03.10

Lawrence N. Gordon

Lawrence (Larry) N. Gordon, Brig. General USAF, retired, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004. He graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1946 and began his 32 year career in the United States Air Force as a pilot.

He married Mary Ann Baldner, a former Air Force WASP, on December 23, 1949.

He retired after serving as the Commander of AFTAC at Patrick Air Force Base in 1978.

A memorial service with full military honors took place on March 12, 2004. His final resting place is Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Make-A-Wish foundation

I REMEMBER ...

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS We solicit your unclassified memories of your career (events, people, etc.). Forward these to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Remembrances column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2).

The 'I Remember' HONOR ROLL: Jack Binkerd, John Horsch, Jim Payne, Tom Ciambrone, Robert "Bobby" Jones (deceased), Mary Miller, Jim Davis, Rick Holderman (2 articles), Carl Raines, Dan Burk, Harry Bedsworth, Walter Franks, Bill Braukman, George Kraus (2), George Waters (2), Marvin Ross, Joe Marshall, Chuck Conrad, Joe Johnson, John Bright, Robert Mason, and Eugene Ross (see below)

Eugene (Gene) Ross 'Remembers'

I've been a member of the LRD Alumni Assoc. for quite a few years and thought it was time I dropped a line and brought some of my old friends up to date on what I've been up to over the years.

AFTAC assignments included SPINSTRA, 62-63; Det 4XX Ops Off (Q and H systems), 63-65; Hq AFTAC, Wash DC, 65-69. After AFTAC, assignments over the years included NORAD/ADC, Air Staff and OSD at the Pentagon, Commander of Thule, AF and US Space Cmds in Colo. Springs, and after 27 years AF retirement in 1985. Followed by 17 years working for Kaman Sciences, and Northrop Grumman...retired for good in October 02.

Several events come to mind during the Det 4XX tour that others that were there probably well remember. Many, many rounds of golf on a challenging and "slightly" hilly golf course. In fact, Bill Deem (Det CC) and I often played our way from our Det offices (which just happened to be near the 1st tee) out to the "Q" trailers (which just happened to be thirty yards off the 9th green) ... an enjoyable and relaxing way to go out and check up on the operation!!!

On one occasion, we had been alerted to and were monitoring an "event," sending out a constant stream of data (as only the "Q" system could generate) over the comm. lines at "flash" priority. After two and a half days of this (and many queries from the host AFB as to when the h--- we would quit disrupting their entire comm. network), a query to AFTAC HQ got the following response ... "Oh, you guys are still sending in data, we meant to turn you off two days ago."!!

Another time, Bill and I, in preparation for upgrad-

ing the "Q" antenna field, had located the ideal spot about 30 feet from the trailers and at the same ground level as the trailers. It took us 5-days to convince AFTAC Hq that the level of the proposed antenna field was NOT 80-feet below the trailer level and 40-yards into the jungle. I can still hear Bill saying to me, "Gene, here we stand looking at the spot where they will be sited, and those #*&@# dunderheads (or something to that effect) back in Washington are trying to tell me what is there!!!"

I often look back on those days in AFTAC and consider them some of the best days of my AF career. There were not higher caliber and more dedicated people anywhere in the AF, and the mission was one of the highest priorities in the US in the 1960s. Some of the names that come to mind are Bill Deem, Art Clark, Jim Salas, Jim Lillethun, Cal Brown, Ron Kane, Vern Mikkelson, Alex DiSanto, Harry Bedsworth, Ron Bott, Ron Couch, Ken Fisher, Orest Holowka, Bob Kridle, Gordon Mabus, Lloyd Sittler, Chuck Vesely, and Don Ward. There are many, many more but failing memory and "senior moments" have a way of dimming their names. Sure would enjoy hearing from some of my old friends. Thank you Gene, for taking the time and making the effort to provide this most interesting memory.

I REMEMBER ... THE COMMAND I KNEW

LRD HISTORY BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE

Background: Some Sages provide information covering many memories and many years. In these cases, we will publish them as 'The Command I Knew.' The first of these was Jimmy 'Red' Davis (Sept. '99) and now we present the second, Curtis Smith (Smitty).

We are proud to present Sage Smiths' memories. We have worked with Smitty over the years and in many capacities. Everyone who knows 'Smitty' knows he is a good 'ole story teller' (written with the best meaning). As you will learn from reading, he goes into detail about his duties but does it in a way that is realistic and entertaining, and many times, lighthearted. We look forward to more.
EDITORS' NOTE: It is our policy, as much as possible, not to make grammatical changes to our author's work.

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

To the "Old Timers" who were there at the beginning or those of us who came on board within the first ten to fifteen years of the organization known now as AFTAC (as I did in 1956) this will probably be a trip down nostalgia lane! But for the rest, it will hopefully paint a picture of AFTAC, not just as a "Great" organization, but really as a one of the "Greatest" organizations the Air Force has ever had. I know that's saying what you might call a "MOUTHFULL", but as we "old" 99s were fond of

saying, "We're good, we know it, and if you don't believe us come on and we will prove it to you!" And we did!!!!!! But would you believe we had one First Shirt who got up at commander' call and suggested we AFTACERS look up the meaning of the word humility, and we turned around and looked at each other and said "WHY"? When you're good, you're good! Enough said. Anyway, within a year, he had changed his mind and became even worse than we were. Right, Dick?

I was stationed at Ardmore AFB, Ok, in 1956 when I was informed HQS USAF wanted me to submit a Statement of Personal History. Having no idea what it was all about, I complied and about three months later I received a letter from a Col. Gilmore that I had been selected for assignment to the 1009th Special Squadron and not to discuss my assignment with anyone without a "Need to know." My first thought was, "DISCUSS WHAT." I didn't know anything to discuss. A MSgt reading the letter over my shoulder said, "That's a good outfit! You really got lucky". How right he was! But when I got my orders to go to Alaska, I asked my CO to try and get me out of the assignment. His reply, "I wouldn't touch that request with a ten foot pole." I am really glad he didn't try.

My first assignment was to OL Team 204, Ladd AFB, Fairbanks, Alaska. Imagine this "southern boy" going from Oklahoma in October and arriving in Fairbanks, Alaska, around the first of December!! Three days after I got there it dropped to 58 degrees below zero, and folks I'm here to tell you I liked to froze to death. On top of that my two roommates who were from the north, were used to the weather and thought it was just great fun to raise the window at night so they could have some fresh air. Even though I had their spare blankets plus three parkas I thought I would never get warm again!!!!!! It was here that I met two of AFTAC's legends. CMSgt Joe Johnson and SMSgt Delbe Solari. Joe keeps active with the Alumni in California and Delbe works in the Seismic Division in AFTAC where he continues to write the book on seismicity. By the way, if you want to hear a funny story, get Delbe to tell you the story about me chasing a bear down the mountain with my car in 1958. Delbe, I still think I was right on 663!!!!!!

Team 204 was located on Bender Mountain about ten miles north of the base. I heard that the mountain was named for the first commander of the Team, but am not sure that is true. There was no supply man when I got there (Admin guy had been taking care of it), and as we all know, Admin people don't know SQUAT about supply. Couple days later, he was briefing me about how to do some-

thing and I informed him that was in violation of AFM 67-1, Vol. IV (the SUPPLY BIBLE). He, SSgt Gaines **Owens**, looked at me with this smirk on his face and replied, "Smitty, forget about AFM 67-1, you're in the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron now and we do things our way, not the Air Force way." I thought he was nuts, but later on I realized he was right and since we were in a "SPECIAL" outfit we had to do it in a special way. One of my "special" achievements as Team 204 supply man was to get the Base Supply officer to compromise and let me have one of two resistors he had in stock marked for the "DEW LINE" Early Warning System so we could put an INOP Q3 channel back in operation. At first, he was not going to let me have one until I told him if I had to go to our squadron in California with a priority one request, they would want to know why since it was a regular air force stock listed item and he had two in stock. Such was AFTAC's priority!

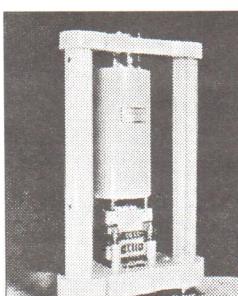
Since the Team was ten miles from the base, the people on shift and the people who worked days could not go to the chow hall on base to eat so we had a regular kitchen and we took turns cooking, except for the CO and NCOs. They were exempt, besides we peons were better cooks than they were. HA! HA! HA! ~ Everybody knows that!!!! As supply man, one of my functions was to type up the requisitions for the food (all the old man did was sign them; I really don't think he read them over or cared about what I was ordering as long as everyone got fed good food. And, if you know me, you know it was the best. Once a week on Thursday morning when the commissary was closed, I did the shopping for the next week. One week as I was fixing to enter the commissary, I met one of the guys from the meat dept. and during our conservation he told me he needed to go to the BX which was about two miles away, but he didn't have any transportation. I asked him if he had a military driver's license and he said yes. I told him to take my Weapons Carrier and to fill out the trip ticket when he got there and back. From that day forward, I got the best cut of meats the meat dept. had to offer. New York Strip Steak that melted in your mouth. Yum, Yum, goody---I can just about taste it now. Just goes to show that doing someone a good deed usually gets repaid many times over. The guys who lived in the barracks told me (actually, they threatened my life) that if I wanted to stay in their good graces I would come by the barracks before I took the food up to the site so they could get their fair share of the pastries. Boy, did those guys love their TWINKIES!! Me too!! There was only enough storage room in the Team kitchen for a

week's supply of food and we only had two refrigerators, which I couldn't do anything about, but I could about the staple goods. So, I ordered the stuff needed to build shelves in the garage for storage. By the time I rotated to the states, I had stocked enough food to last at least three to four months. If the guys wanted a cup of hot chocolate, individual packages of Nestles Quick were there for them to use. And if they wanted Marshmallows for their hot chocolate, they were also available. I always believed a supply man's job was to take care of his people's needs and I think I did a pretty good job, especially when it came to their stomachs. I heard that the old man did a good job also as he got a walk-in-type freezer for the meat after I went PCS. I also know that he did midnight raids at the base for things that we could use at the Team site. For instance, he wanted some fluorescent lights, but couldn't get them from the base so he pulled a midnight raid and low and behold we had fluorescent lights. Don't know what building he ripped them out of, or who helped him. Two guys by the name of Ed **Gardiner** and Eugene **McKay** would be my first guess. Did you help, Delbe?? And this was the same man who chewed me and the Team NCOIC, Ed Gardiner, out for having fried oysters on soda crackers for a snack before lunch. Go figure! Said he was going to have to check on that "Trail Ration" deal that the Air Force/HQS authorized for the Team, that they were getting "TAKEN." I heard later that he did and that it was OK. He also checked on why the men on separate rations didn't pay for their meal at lunch. The base told him it was too much of a hassle to account for the money and not worth the trouble. Everyone came out ahead on that deal. For those who are still around, the CO's name was Francis **Goliney**. I know I'll never forget him because he was all business. In fact, I remember the first thing he said at his first commander's call and it was, "I am Capt. Goliney, I am assuming command of this Team because I outrank Capt. **Young** (the present commander), and gentlemen, the picnic is over!" Boy, oh, Boy! Truer words were never spoken. However, when he started signing paper work going to WFO (Western Field Office/1155th Tech Ops Sq. in California), he received a message from Col **Griffith** telling him, "He, Col Griffith would tell him when to take command of the team." Of course all of us read the message and boy were we tickled pink because the Sq. CO had smacked the old man on the hand. A couple days later official orders came in. Capt. Goliney had been the CO of Team 154, "Q" systems at Ethan Allen AFB in Vermont and came to Alaska when 154 was moved there in late 1957.

Unfortunately, my supply records tripled when 154 arrived which was lots of fun, don't you know. It was even more so, because a lot of stuff was shipped under the old Air Force stock numbers which had already been changed to the Federal stock number and which I had to correct. Talk about work! At one point I was working seven days a week, because as Capt. Galiney put it after he told me they had turned down a request for an additional supply man, "It's your job and responsibility and get with it and get it done." I swear that man never did have a sense of humor. If you don't believe me ask Delbe Solari, he'll tell you its true. However, I'll have to admit that no one on the base got away with messing with us if the old man could help it. If necessary he would call Hqs and request them to call the base commander and have him tell his people to leave us alone. Usually, one phone call was all it took. At this point, I guess its fair to say that if I hadn't been in an outfit like AFTAC, I probably would not have reenlisted. I recall I liked laying in bed on Saturday morning, trash can stacked to over flowing with beer cans and listening to the person escorting the inspecting officer explain that, "Those are Team 204 rooms and we don't inspect them because we have no control over them." I guess you could say that in the old days, being in AFTAC was as close to being a civilian as you could get and still be in the military. Later, after I had rotated, the powers that be changed their mind and concluded that I had been doing the work of two men and authorized a second supply man for the Team. Remember, I told you earlier I was good!!

Team 204 when I got there was just a Seismic (B Technique) station. It had four Benioff instruments in vaults about twenty feet deep in a straight line. The two horizontal instruments were collocated with one of the verticals. The data was recorded on two Mark II Recorders which each had four channels). The recorder used thirty five-millimeter film which was about a meter long and recorded for eight hours.

Each recording period had to have a data message sent to Hqs even though the period might be negative. I was watching one of the operators one day as he did his "THING" with that strip of film. Although he had a 35 millimeter projector to use for analysis, he held the film stretched out in his hands up toward the ceiling light, looked at it and said, "Yep!, just as I expected, IT'S NEGATIVE.' It took



Benioff Vertical Component Seismometer

him less than twenty seconds, and folks I think I saw the record set for analyzing eight hours of seismic data. Wonder how many events got missed this way? Bunches, I bet.

Sure a good thing that AFTAC switched to Develocorders. Recording was also done on an EA Recorder when I first got to the site. The bad thing about it was that it would sling ink all over the place when a large event occurred. This recorder was replaced by the triple pen helicorder, which was great except for one thing. The pens didn't have any stops on them and if a large enough event occurred, they would wrap around each other. A maintenance man's nightmare and an expensive one since we were in a very active seismic area. I saw this occur numerous times before they put stops on the pens to limit their movement. As with every system, calibrations were a must. In the old days, calibration time meant someone had to go into the vault where the instruments were and perform what the 99s called "weight snatches." To perform this you hold a very small (1/4, 1/2 or 1 gram weight) on a string above the capstan nut and then drop it. This causes the mass to move and generates a pulse on the recorder which can be measured and calculated. Try this in Alaska in the winter months when your hands are shaking real bad from the cold and then check the results. Can't jiggle the weight----has to be a clean drop and a clean snatch. I know because I spent my fair share of time trying to get a clean drop and snatch and I was a supply man not a 99. My first question when they told me what I had to do was "What the hell is a capstan nut and what does it look like." Thank God a calibration unit that was used from the warmth of the CRB was designed and in use by the time I became a 99.

On Ladd AFB, most of the people I came in contact with either called me "Spook" or "Snowball." Spook because I told them I worked for Hqs USAF and no more when they asked my organization. The people in the supply areas of the base called me Snowball, even though they knew my name, because the supplies that came to Team 204 in large boxes or crates had labels that read, "MARK FOR PROJECT SNOWBALL." Am not sure when they quit putting that label on the supply boxes.

I thought it was pretty neat when I found out that AFTAC's winter social was named SNOWBALL and I thought it was because at one time we did have a PROJECT SNOWBALL. I'm not sure but I think it was Pat Snyder who wised me up that the alumni winter social was named SNOWBALL because of the snowbirds who came down from the north. Really would have been neat if it had been the

other way. I'm sure one of those boxes could probably be found stashed away at Team 141 on Fred Grants ranch outside Douglas, Wyoming. I know we stored a lot of stuff in one of his barns on his ranch, especially during inspections by Sq. or Hqs, and as far as I know some of it was never removed by Air Force personnel. I do know that in 1993, the building was still there with air force signs on it and that just before you get to the building there are still data poles and data lines still beside the road. But, that's another story because Team 141 was where I was stationed from January 1959 until June 1962.

In closing this segment out, I would like to say that I enjoyed my tour at 204. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot, all for the better. I learned that when there is work to be done AFTACers get it done and when they play, they play together. But one thing is for sure and that is that AFTACers, in good times and in bad, take care of each other. I've been assured by my son who is second generation AFTAC that it is still that way. If you like this rambling article or one man's perspective, and you know Delbe Solari, Joe Johnson, or Bill Alexander, just to name three of the "old timers," or if you know some of the guys who came into the outfit in the early days, ask them to write an article giving their view of what AFTAC was like in the old days. I know I would love to read anything they write.

And who should we follow Sage Smitty with ... read on

A FAMILY AFFAIR

LRD FAMILIES ... OVER THE YEARS

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Some families have served the mission over several generations. With this column we ask those families to share that history. Forward to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Family Affair column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2). These brave souls have stepped forth, Curt Miller and Tony Calenda (with a 'father's response' by Frank Calenda), and Mark Smith We hope to hear from the others we are aware of (Randy Vlassick, Curt Stephens, Nick Kappel). If you are aware of others, please let us know.

MSgt (Sel) Mark Smith writes here and his Dad, 'Smitty' (who we just read previously), has promised his reaction.

Mark Smith

In 1965 my father was stationed at Det 162 in Boulder, Wyoming, just outside of Pinedale. I was born in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and a year later we moved to Det 415 in Thailand. After a quick couple of years, we moved on to Alexandria Virginia in 1968 to HQ AFTAC. In 1973 we moved from Virginia to Patrick AFB to coincide with the relocation of HQ AFTAC. I didn't know much about what AFTAC did or what AFTAC was as a child and had no idea what my father did in AFTAC, but I did know that AFTAC had the best fast-pitch softball team

anywhere. From time to time I would carry out the duties as a batboy for the team, and my father was one of the "slingers." I remember we used to sing "Everywhere we go, people want to know who we are..." after each game that AFTAC won, which was practically all of them. I didn't know what a seismologist was, nor did I really care about that stuff. I remember the open houses and that the people at AFTAC made really cool computer graphic designs. I grew up in South Housing and lived in the same house for 8 years until my parents finally bought a house in 1980 in the South Patrick Shores area. I remember my father taking a one-year remote to EL 372 for a year, and in 1982 my father retiring. Many of you know who my father is and many of you don't. For those of you that don't he is one of those "grizzled old Master Sergeants" that many people just commonly referred to as "Smitty". MSgt Curtis E. Smith spent just over 26 years in the AFTAC organization, 20 of those years as a 99. Not only am I a second generation AFTACer, but I am a second generation 99 as well.

When I graduated Satellite High School in 1983, my dad told me that the best thing I could do was join the military. No Sir! Not this kid! I had had enough of the military life as a kid; besides, you don't get rich by being in the military. Also, who has ever heard of a teenager doing what his father told him to do? After struggling for four years to complete a two-year degree at Brevard Community College, working full-time for less than \$6.00 per hour with receiving nothing but broken promises for career advancement, and trying not to live at home, I caved in and enlisted in the Air Force. I wasn't going to enlist if I was going to be a cook or a cop (no offense intended), but I just wanted something that would be different and challenging. I took the ASVAB test and needless to say, I scored high enough to take just about any job I wanted. I choose AFSC 41131, Missile Maintenance Tech. My plan was to do my 4 years, get out and go to work in the Space Industry. It never occurred to me to try and get a job working at AFTAC.

While I was in basic training, I received a letter from my dad about an enlisted aircrew position in the 99106-career field. In that letter was a name and number for me to pass on to the personnel who would help me change my career field choice—it was CMSgt Walden's number. In my second week at basic I visited the career field assignment office at Lackland and told the TSgt working at the desk that I wanted to be a 99106 and that if he had any questions about it, he could call the Chief. Looking at me from the side of his eyes, he took the number and told me to be seated. I remember him looking

up the 99106 qualifications sheet and reading the description aloud.... something about possible exposure to low-level amounts of radiation should have raised a flag to me, but it didn't. The TSgt disappeared for lunch (and I assume a phone call) and after lunch he informed me that he talked to the Chief and that I was to report in the morning to take another test. After passing the test I qualified to be a 99106 and instead of heading for Chanute after basic I was off to Lowry AFB, Colorado. I was actually going to 99105 training school since there was too much lag time between completing basic and the next 99106 class. I was told that I could laterally train as a 99106 later.

Tech school at Lowry was great! I remember Chief **Schmeid** at the schoolhouse, along with MSgt **Hartley** who I knew from 18 years earlier when we were stationed in Thailand and then at Patrick. I was in AFTAC. Personally I didn't so much like the attention of being "Smitty's Kid." I wanted anonymity! I wanted to earn my own way as a man. At tech school I remember being asked if I wanted to go to Florida or Colorado, I chose Florida. Finally, I would discover the mystery behind that famous building on the beach in sunny Florida.

So, in August 1988, I showed up and began working for SSgt **Bradford** in the Hydroacoustic Terminal. I remember having an interview with Colonel **Niquette** ... what an impression he makes on a young airman as a strong leader. I have a lot of respect for Colonel Niquette and from what I gathered from the conversation, he had a lot of respect for my father and he expected me to measure up to my father's work ethic as well. At that time my father was a contractor working in the AFTAC building for TRW. He was training guys on the new GSS seismic data system. I worked mid-shift so we would pass each other in the halls in the morning. It was really interesting to see him as more than a dad. I heard a lot of "This is Smitty's kid" or "Aren't you Smitty's son?" or "Your dad's Curt Smith?" from the likes of MSgt Jimmy Hunt, TSgt Steve Armitage, MSgt Jim Short, and SMSgt Denny Shutz. It wasn't too long and I had mastered the Hydroacoustic system that they moved me into the Satellite Terminal. A year later I received assignment notification to Det 452, Korea, and I reported in August 1990.

My experience in Korea got off with a real bang. It seems that my sponsor forgot to tell my Det Superintendent, MSgt **Klug** and Commander, Major **Metzler**, (who were all set to meet me at the airport in Osan) that I planned on taking 4 days of leave to stay with some friends at Osan. Four days later the AWOL notice was cleared. My understanding of the situation is that an official message made its

way to Col **Jaynes**' desk, the AFTAC Commander. Col Jaynes contacted my father to see if he knew of my whereabouts. It was quite the unforgettable experience showing up at the Det four days after arriving in country. Not too many people knew or had heard of my father there, so I had finally achieved that anonymity that I had wished for. In August 1991, I headed to Det 46 in Colorado Springs.

What a beautiful part of the country Colorado is! I worked for TSgt Bill **Ferguson**, SSgt Charles **Milne**, and TSgt Bob **Gulker**. I still see Bill a couple of times a year as my father and I travel to the National Bowling tournament. I remember Bob Gulker helping us move into our new house from base housing in 1980 ... I do believe that he was just a two-striper back then and I was a mouthy teenager. Not too many people knew my father at the Det. While in Colorado I met my wife, Mar'ti **Rowe**. After three and half years there, I applied to be an instructor at the 99 schoolhouse. The schoolhouse had just relocated to Goodfellow AFB in Texas. We moved as newlyweds to beautiful San Angelo.

Being an instructor for the 99 career-field was by far one of the most rewarding jobs any person could have. I really enjoyed my time there. I taught the Space Systems Operator Analyst course. My boss was TSgt Christina **Jones**, who once worked for my father. Quite a few of the personnel at the schoolhouse had either worked for my dad or knew him. I still didn't have total anonymity from my father. After fours years as an instructor I became the maintenance NCOIC at the schoolhouse. Nine months later I ended up as an area technician assigned to Det 319 at Ramstein AB, Germany. Traveling to all the countries AFTAC wanted me to travel to was something I thought I would never realize. At Det 319 I finally had the anonymity that I longed for... no one here knew my father. I finally felt that I had earned my own way. Don't get me wrong; I don't feel that I ever received anything from AFTAC because I was "Smitty's son."

Thirteen years away from HQ AFTAC, just over 16 years in the service and I am back at Patrick AFB. To tell the truth, it is without a doubt one of the greatest honors to be able to be introduced as "Smitty's son," or as TSgt Mark Smith, a second generation AFTACer and 99. And I have to say, that I am very proud to be an AFTACer, and more so a 99. I feel very fortunate to have stayed in AFTAC for my entire career and for the family that AFTAC has become. One of the funniest things I have heard was recently when Mr. Craig **Sloan** said to me "your father is Smitty, I would have never guessed that, you don't talk as much as he does!" The great thing about being at AFTAC and

being my dad's son is that I have never heard anyone say anything negative about my father. I have heard that he was a hard working and fair man who didn't take any crap from anyone. I look forward to the years to come in AFTAC and I hope to leave AFTAC with just a percentage of the reputation that my father had established for himself. Who needs anonymity when you have a great dad like MSgt Curtis E. Smith?!

Mark, great article ... now we look forward to this famous father's reply.

BS (BARELY SUBSTANTIATED) TALES!

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. We solicit unclassified humorous tales about LRD events and people - recognizing these anecdotes may be Barely Substantiated (BS). Forward your BS to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN BS column, to the Alumni Address (see left column, page 2) - we will publish them in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.
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Jack Dorneden

EMAIL, JACK DORNEDEN, 12/6/03, APPEARED IN THE "CENTRALIAN ADVOCATE" ALICE SPRINGS, FRIDAY 12 JULY 1957:

Jack's note with this article states: 'This was the party where we helped a guy named "Bluie" find his dentures after he barfed in some bushes back of the club. We pointed em' out with a flashlight but made him pick em' up.'



This Week In Alice

"Once again Beth is back on the social gossip of the town, and here is the latest. Top marks go again to the boys of the USAF station here. Last Friday night at the Memorial Club they turned on a party that will go down in history. The boys were celebrating one of their national days, Independence Day, and they invited all members of the Club and their ladies to help. Just about everyone did."

The club had been decorated for the occasion and it was extremely well done. In the middle of the ceiling of the main dance floor was a huge eagle being sprinkled with glitters, and fanning out from the bird were red, white and blue streamers. These were crossed by other streamers until the ceiling was a

lattice-work or colour. Here and there were strung bunches of multi-coloured balloons. The entrance and the ladies' lounge were similarly decorated.

By 8 p.m. there wasn't a spare table or chair, and late comers had to toddle home for their kitchen or garden seats. But nobody minded and all seemed to be having a wonderful time.



The evening started with Peter Leunig introducing the master of Ceremonies, Stag-Sgt. Syd. Dearborn, who welcomed

all the people and thanked them for coming and wished them a good time.

During the evening at half-hourly intervals the American Boys entertained the folk with singing and sketches, etc. The entertainers and singers were Bruce Clason, Bob Umbarger, Jack Dorneden, Joe Fox and Syd Dearborn.

Dancing was continuous, and was supplied by a huge group of musicians---there were four pianists, two drummers and numerous other players of musical instruments.

At the close of the evening both national anthems were played, and the president of the Club (Mr. Phil Rice) called for three cheers for the USAF boys, which was carried out with tremendous enthusiasm from the crowd. Then all sang "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

Jack finishes with, "This is exactly as it appeared in the paper, Beth apparently knew more about Syd's rank than most did."

Jack also included this short note and interesting picture:

I'm sure there are a lot of folks out there that knew Syd Dearborn (mentioned above). I think this picture is kind of interesting. Syd's standing on an ant hill in the bush. The ant hill is just about the same



height as he is. It took 2 of us to boost him up there. The things are kind of slick, no hand or foot holes. Syd's middle initial was 'H' and I always said it stood for "Hairless."

CALENDAR

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

—WindDowns are scheduled for the **first Friday** of each month (dates below):

WHEN: 1530 (3:30 PM)

WHERE: Behind AFTAC HQ building

HOW: park behind the building-find the crowd

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

WHEN: 1730 (5:30 PM)

WHERE: AFTAC HQ's Building

HOW: come to rear entrance

April

5, 1530 WindDown at the Outback
 12, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

May

3, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
 10, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

June

7, 1530 - WindDown at the Outback
 14, 1730 - Board/Membership Meeting

Scheduled Events

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Alumni Assoc Spring Golf n'Getogether
 May 7th (Friday), Cocoa Beach Golf Course

Center Annual Picnic, April 10th (Saturday)
 PAFB Survival Area

Projected Events (for planning purposes only)
 Oct-Dec, 2004
 Assoc Fall Golf n'Getogether

Jan, Feb, Mar 2005

Assoc SnowBall VII, Assoc Spring Golf n'Getogether
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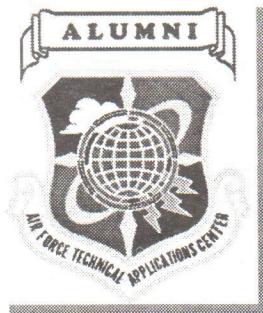
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