

◆ AFTAC ALUMNI ◆

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We are creatures of habit, we had such a good turn-out at the General Membership Meeting that was combined with a golf tournament last year, we are going to do it again. Our meeting this year is an important one. We now have way over 300 members and we need to elect a board who is not afraid to carry the staff and continue to move us forward. There is a lot of unfinished business and a lot of fun to be had. We beg you to come and play golf or just come for the general meeting, immediately following the tournament. (Roughly 6:30PM)

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Proposed Slate of Officers - 1994

We need some folks to continue the tradition and here are a few ideas for the 1994 year:

President: Frank Hall

Vice President: Ron Ellingsworth

Secretary: Judy Milam

Treasurer: Carl Gailey

Other:

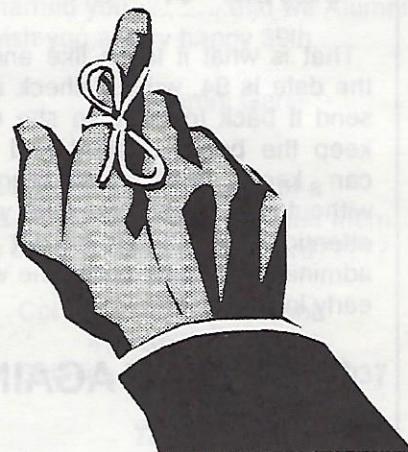
Publicity: Clark Creery

Membership: Mary Welch

Activities: Ron Ellingsworth



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AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Association was held at Sweetwater's Restaurant in Melbourne. We had 10 attendees including the wives and husbands of the board. Thanks to Chief Dibble, Tony DeMarco, and Rick Manley for coming to support us, we had a good time anyhow. We covered such things as where we intended to go next year and where we had been this year. We placed the call for Officers because the elections will be held in October - The beginning of our fiscal year.

Our thanks to Ron Ellingsworth and Carl Gailey who set up the event. The food was delicious. We now have 344 members as of this month. Mary reports that the cookbook is going to be a reality even though we did not get all the recipies that we intended to get. Shame on you folks, Mary has spent quite a bit of time on this endeavor. We also discussed the part of our Alumni Association that deals with humanitarian service and that conversation will also be reported elsewhere in this newsletter. The agenda for the General Membership meeting was lightly touched upon which will include voting on the ratification of the changes to the constitution and by laws. Meeting adjourned at 9PM, thank you all.

President's Corner

This will not be my last time being involved with this newsletter, god willing. It is, however, my last column as the 'leader of the pack'. This year went too fast and we just did not get all done that we had visions and dreams of accomplishing, but what we learned this year gives us a lifetime of experience. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my superb staff and those of you who have given me guidance, both good and bad throughout this past year. Getting involved with AFTAC professionals is not a job, but an experience. I mention AFTAC and I do hope that all of you realize that AFTAC is not only a military organization, the civilian force and their dedication still places me in awe. Some very wonderful people and I am very proud to have had the opportunity to serve with them. AFTAC faces times of change - Our alumni association faces times of change, all this will be to the positive and I intend to do all that is within my power to see that we grow stronger and better as the years go on. It is with a feeling of pride that I must hand over the gavel next month, but whomever takes the helm can count on my support. I thank all of you for the opportunity to serve and it has been a year of joy and fulfillment.

I salute you!

Clark Creery, Alumni President

OUR YEAR

Our year is based upon a fiscal year and not a calendar year. Why? Well it all came about when we started the association, it started in October and it just sort of stayed that way. Not that it causes us any problems, but we decided that you needed a little reminder because dues are collected for our fiscal year. Dues are due in October of each year and you can tell when you need to remit your dues by looking at your address label. The label shows which year you need to pay. For example, the newsletters with 94 located on them this mailing have the dues due now. This is our 94 fiscal year. We figured that the best way to remind you was to place the date on the label and let it go at that. Mailing is very expensive and we just do not want to spend your hard earned cash to track you down. If you will look at your newsletter label RIGHT NOW - If it says 94 you need to remit your dues. Please do so and that will be over for another year.

John E. Doe
1234 Anyplace Drive
Anytown, Anystate, USA

Dues Due - '94

That is what it looks like and if the date is 94, write a check and send it back to Mary so she can keep the books straight and we can keep your mailing going without stop. We appreciate your attention and it helps us get the administrative junk out of the way early in the year.

DUES DUE AGAIN

CALIF '94

California reports: It has been eight years since our GREAT reunion at Sacramento in June of 1985. If you were fortunate enough to have been there, you may remember that those present agreed to have another reunion in three years! Well time has gotten away from us but plans are afoot to hold another gala reunion in June of 1994.

A reunion committee has been organized and we have selected the Red Lion Inn, in Sacramento as our site again and we have it reserved for 10-12 June 1994. We also have reserved the best band in northern California for our Dinner Dance, the John Skinner Big Band. Our tentative schedule also includes a golf tournament, cocktail party, TOD new Facility Tour and a Brunch to end the festivities.

Here is the address and they are asking for a \$10.00 fee to help them defray the costs associated with mailing and scheduling:

AFTAC/WFO/1155th/TOD Reunion
P.O. Box 454
North Highlands, Ca 95660-0454

We Goofed!

Woops - In our article about the golf tournament, we missed really thanking those who did the last golf tournament. How could that happen you say? Well, we here at the newsletter are human too! Tom Niquette did a superb job and we thank him. Not to forget Larry Burton who assisted the day of the tournament and we certainly appreciate that. Sorry we did not forget, you guys just got in the wrong stack of memos.....ed.

Wives Corner

All too often in our military careers, we only think of the male members of our military community; however, this month we'd like to highlight one of our spouses.

Bobbie Cobb is the wife of the AFTAC Alumni Honorary President, Colonel (Retired), Carter Cobb. She was married to Carter shortly after his graduation from West Point. (Ed Note: You devil you, Carter!) In June of this year (93), they celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary.

The Cobb family includes four children and three grandchildren. When you meet them, you immediately feel the love and affection they have for each other.

Bobbie is a busy and talented person who finds time among her many daily responsibilities to sew, garden, refinish furniture, and make wedding and baby announcements into keepsakes which are treasures to the recipient. She is just as likely to be found repairing the sprinkler system as preparing a meal.

Bobbie and Carter faced the diagnosis of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS, many years ago with courage and faith. In a year and a half his disease progressed quickly. He lost the ability to speak, walk or write and could not breathe without the aid of a ventilator.

It has now been 13 years and the Cobb's have never given up hope for a cure. Her dedication to her husband is admired by all who know them. They have a very special relationship and each time I see them I am reminded of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poem which begins,

"How do I love thee?, let me count the ways.".....

Beverly Hall '93

Bobbie, we of the AFTAC Alumni love you and want you to know that we are with you - Through Thick and Thin. We military types know just what you have gone through with the sprinkler systems, and all the work that goes into maintaining a household. How many wives have had to endure some of these things while we were off TDY or serving that fantastic Remote? AFTAC wives, as well as all military wives are that one special breed that know how to run everything from the oven to the oil change in the lawnmower. Too often we do not thank you for those years that you had to endure while we were off running all over the globe doing our military thing. I asked Bev to write this article full well knowing that Bobbie needs a pat on the back, but that all wives need a similar pat on the back and a heartfelt thanks for "Hanging in There" when the going got rough.

We just remember how they took the blue from the sky and a pretty girl's eye and managed to come up with something called Air Force Blue.

Bobbie, we salute you and know that you are one in a million. Otherwise, Carter would not have married you.....and we Alumni wish you a very happy 39th.....

The Alumni Gang

Ed Note: I just thought of a fantastic idea! Lets all send them a belated Anniversary Card?????

Col and Mrs. Carter Cobb
477 Sailfish Cove
Satellite Beach, Florida 32937

Thank You!

Ballot Items

Several items have come to the attention of the Board and we cannot make these decisions for you. These are items that will be placed on the October General Membership voting ballot. You need to think about each of these and vote accordingly. If you are unable to attend the General Membership meeting, please let us know. We want to do things that are sanctioned by our total membership, not just a few.....

ORPHANAGE

For those of you who have been assigned to Detachment 452 you know that in the past folks supported the orphanage in the local area. They no longer receive any support from our group and they asked if we might like to assist them with a monetary donation? We have had other groups ask us for donations and have declined. The choice is yours. Should we take on a venture of this type?

SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR

When we formed, the board decided that the AFTAC Commanders would be recognized and granted a lifetime membership in the Alumni Association. The request has been voiced to grant the same status to the Present and Past Senior Enlisted Advisors. This will be placed on the ballot and we need your input.

We would like to reaffirm that the majority rules in this association and therefore solicit your input. It is your association and we just want to do what is best for the total membership. Let us hear from you.....before the end of October.....!! Thanks

FUZZIES

Once upon a time, there lived two very happy people called Tim and Maggie with two children called John and Lucy. To understand how happy they were, you have to understand how things were in those days. You see, in those days everyone was given at birth a small, soft, Fuzzy bag. Anytime a person reached into his bag he was able to pull out a Warm Fuzzy. Warm Fuzzies were very much in demand because whenever somebody was given a Warm Fuzzy it made him feel warm and fuzzy all over. People who didn't get Warm Fuzzies regularly were in danger of developing a sickness in their back which caused them to shrivel up and die.

In those days it was very easy to get Warm Fuzzies. Anytime somebody felt like it, he might walk up to you and say, "I'd like to have a Warm Fuzzy." You would then reach into your bag and pull out a Fuzzy the size of a little girl's hand. As soon as the Fuzzy saw the light of day it would smile and blossom into a large, shaggy, Warm Fuzzy. You then would lay it on the person's shoulder or hand or lap and it would snuggle up and melt right against their skin and make them feel good all over. People were always asking each other for Warm Fuzzies, and since they were always given freely, getting enough of them was never a problem. There were always plenty to go around and as a result everyone was happy and felt warm and fuzzy most of the time.

One day a bad witch became angry because everyone was so happy and no one was buying her potions and salves. The witch was very clever and she devised a very wicked plan. One beautiful morning

she crept up to Tim while Maggie was playing with their daughter and whispered in his ear, "See here, Tim, look at all the Fuzzies Maggie is giving to Lucy. You know, if she keeps it up, eventually she is going to run out and then there won't be any left for you."

Tim was astonished. He turned to the witch and said, "Do you mean to tell me that there isn't a Warm Fuzzy in our bag everytime we reach into it?"

And the witch said, "No, absolutely not, and once you run out, that's it. You don't have anymore." With this she flew away on her broom, laughing and crackling hysterically.

Tim took this to heart and began to notice everytime Maggie gave up a Warm Fuzzy to somebody else. Eventually he got very worried and upset because he liked Maggie's Warm Fuzzies very much and did not want to give them up. He certainly did not think it was right for Maggie to be spending all her Warm Fuzzies on the children and on other people. He began to complain everytime he saw Maggie giving away a Warm Fuzzy to somebody else, and because Maggie liked him very much, she stopped giving Warm Fuzzies to other people as often, and reserved them for him.

The children watched this and soon began to get the idea that it was wrong to give up Warm Fuzzies anytime you were asked or felt like it. They too became very careful. They would watch their parents closely and whenever they felt that one of their parents was giving too many Fuzzies to others, they also began to object. They began to feel worried whenever they gave away too many Warm Fuzzies. Even though they found a Warm Fuzzy everytime they reached into their bag, they reached in less and less and became more and more stingy. Soon people began to notice the

lack of Warm Fuzzies, and they began to feel less and less fuzzy. They began to shrivel up and occassionally, people would die from lack of Warm Fuzzies. More and more people went to the witch to buy her potions and salves even though they didn't seem to work.

Well, the situation was getting very serious indeed. The bad witch who had been watching all of this didn't really want the people to die so she deviesed a new plan. She gave everyone a bag that was very similar to the Fuzzy Bag, except that this one was cold while the Fuzzy Bag was warm. Inside of the witch's bag were Cold Pricklies. Those Cold Pricklies did not make people feel warm and fuzzy, but made them feel cold and prickly instead. But, they did prevent peoples' backs from shriveling up. So from then on, everytime somebody said, "I want a Warm Fuzzy." People who were worried about depleting their supply would say, "I can't give you a Warm Fuzzy, but would you like a Cold Prickly?" Sometimes, two people would walk up to each other, thinking they could get a Warm Fuzzy, but one or the other would change his mind and would wind up giving each other Cold Pricklies. As a result very few people were dying, a lot of people were still unhappy and feeling very cold and prickley.

The situation got very complicated because, since the coming of the witch, there were less Warm Fuzzies around, so Warm Fuzzies, which used to be thought of everytime, became extremely valuable. This caused people to do all sorts of things in order to obtain them. Before the witch had appeared, people used to gather in groups of three or four or five, never caring too much who was giving Warm Fuzzies to whom. After the coming of the witch, eople began to pair off and to reserve all their Warm Fuzzies for each other exclusively. If ever

one of the two persons forgot himself and gave a Warm Fuzzy to someone else, he would immediately feel guilty about it because he knew that his partner would probably resent the loss of a Warm Fuzzy. People who could not find a generous partner had to buy their Warm Fuzzies and had to work long hours to earn the money. Another thing which happened was that some people would take Cold Pricklies - which were limitless and freely available - coat these white and fluffy and pass them on as Warm Fuzzies. These counterfeit Warm Fuzzies were really Plastic Fuzzies, and they caused additional difficulties. For instance, two people would get together and freely exchange Plastic Fuzzies, which presumably would make them feel good, but they came away feeling bad instead. Since they thought they had been exchanging Warm Fuzzies, people grew very confused about this, never realizing that their cold prickly feelings were really the result of receiving a lot of Plastic Fuzzies.

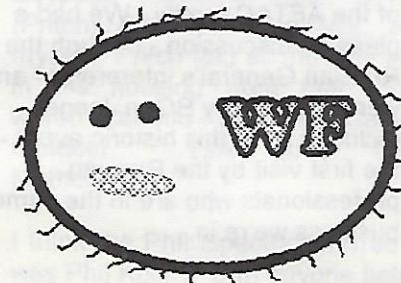
So the situation was very, very dismal and it all started because of the coming of the witch who made people believe that some day, when least expected, they might reach into their Warm Fuzzy bag and find no more.

Not long ago a young woman with big hips, born under the sign of Aquarius, came to this unhappyland. She had not heard about the bad witch and was not worried about running out of Warm Fuzzies. She gave them out freely, even when not asked. They called her the Hip Woman and disapproved of her because she was giving the children the idea that they should not worry about running out of Warm Fuzzies. The children liked her very much because they felt good around her and they began to give out Warm Fuzzies whenever they felt like it. The grown-ups became concerned and decided to pass a law to protect the children

from depleting their supplies of Warm Fuzzies. The law made it a criminal offense to give out Warm Fuzzies in a reckless manner. The children, however, seemed not to care, and in spite of the law they continued to give each other Warm Fuzzies whenever they felt like it and always when asked. Because there were so many children and, almost as many grown-ups, it began to look like they might have their way.

As of now it is hard to say what will happen. Will the grown-up forces of law and order stop the recklessness of the children? Are the grown-ups going to join with the Hip Woman and the children in taking a chance that there will always be as many Warm Fuzzies as needed? Will they remember the days their children are trying to bring back when Warm Fuzzies were abundant because people gave them away freely?

The story you have just read was a story that was given out during the Non-Commissioned Officer's School in 1975 and it is still very relevant in the world we live in in the 1990's.



Of note.....the Golf Tournament will be organized to include drinks and sandwiches. Be advised that if you are not signed up for Golf there will be a 5.00 charge for eats to ensure that we do not run short. We really would like to know in advance so we can plan with the club house.....Thanks!

STUFF SOUVENIRS

This is what we offer:

Ball cap (blue) - \$5.00

Wind Breaker(blue) - \$18.00

Wind Breaker(white) - \$18.00

Golf Shirt - \$14.00

T-Shirt - \$6.00

Beer Mug (plastic) - \$2.00

Coffee Cup - \$4.00

Logo Pin - \$3.25

Wooden Nickle - \$1.00

Note: Add \$3.00 for each order for shipping and handling, except for single orders of the following:

Logo Pin - No charge

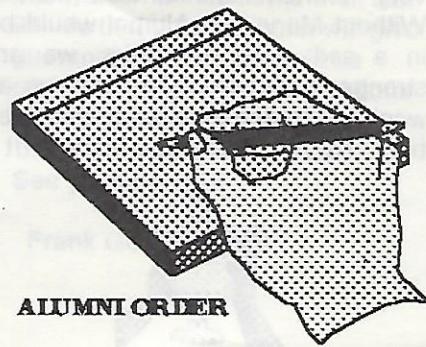
Wooden Nickel - No charge

Beer Mug - \$1.50 each

Payment to:

**AFTAC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 4892
Patrick AFB, Florida 32925-0892**

Do not forget to include sizes and a very special thank you for Mary Welch who offers this service.



CUT ME OUT

**GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP**
MTG..... 15th October
at the Golf Course -
around 6:30PM

Following the golf tournament.
We do it this way to get more
members out to help us support
the alumni association. See you
there.....ok?

California Reunion - 1994!!!!!!

ALUMNI of the QUARTER

This month's spotlight goes out to an Alumni member who just does not quit. She has taken a rather shabby membership and built it to a level that I, for one, would never have believed. The amount of work that is required to ride herd on this group is just unimaginable, and Mary Welch has done just that. She is a woman who is driven by that inner desire to serve. Let me tell you, she serves us well. Our constitution requires some to be replaced on an annual basis, however, I will do all I can to keep Mary at the helm of the membership committee. She works tirelessly and really gets no praise, well this is our time to thank her officially and it is a very heartfelt and sincere thanks. Without Mary, this Alumni would be in a sad state of affairs, we are stronger because of her and we all want her to continue what she does best...serve! Thank you Mary!!!!!!



PSM-6

I wonder how many of you really remember what a PSM-6 really is? For those who were never 'B' troops, you might not even know. But, we are happy to report that Joe Johnson acquired one and sent it in for addition to the 'hall of heritage' at the headquarters! Joe, we thank you and know that you were just cleaning out the garage, but we have been looking for that for years! Really, that adds a nice touch to a nifty place in the Headquarters....you all should see it....One of these days, maybe we can arrange that with the staff.....?

SURPRISE!

There are times when working with the Alumni can be very very satisfying....Let me fill you in on a section of our minutes from the last meeting on Sept 13th.

During the Alumni meeting, BGen Jaeger brought in his Russian counterpart to meet the committee members and to introduce the Russian general to another aspect of the AFTAC family. We had a pleasant discussion - through the Russian General's interpreter - and were very happy BGen Jaeger included us in this historic event - the first visit by the Russian professionals who are in the same business we're in.

Now if that does not blow your socks off, what does.....?

Ed Note: He was wonderful, warm and would love to have a real worldwide reunion with all of us.....Est'o Eta.....? Eta Boomaga...Niet, Eta Journal! And on and on and on.....!

READING COMP

After our publication of our last issue, I questioned some of the members about what they read. Well to my chagrin, I found that they were forgetting what was in the issue. Hence, this test should help folks remember what is going on these days.

1. When is the General Membership meeting for 1994?
2. Where is the General Membership meeting for 1994?
3. How do you know when your dues are due?
4. Who does such a fantastic job at taking care of your membership?
5. Whom had a 39th anniversary in 1993?
6. When is the next reunion in California?
7. How much are wooden nickles?
8. Are you a Hip Woman?
9. Do you know who did golf?
10. Where was the August meeting?

Answers are in this newsletter....

IN MEMORY OF

In Memory of:

Mr. Steven Lawrence Ellingson
Sacramento, California 29 Aug 93

May each and everyone of them
Rest in Eternal Peace!

Your Board Notes

Following are a few highlights from the July and August 1993 meeting minutes.

- The California Reunion (June 94) is progressing well and it is open to all AFTAC personnel, not just the Western Field Office.
- The 1992 reunion picture books were distributed and the response was very favorable.
- The June 18 golf tournament was a success and everyone thanked Tom Niquette for his superb job of handling the arrangements and obtaining prize donations.
- Carl Gailey met with the IRS to talk about our non-profit and tax exemption status. This will be an ongoing item of discussion by the board.
- The August treasurer's report shows a balance of 3713.45. Sounds like a large balance, however, we currently have 80 lifetime members who receive mailings for many years. $80 \times 50 = 4000.00$ to sustain these mailings. After much discussion, we decided at this time there is no immediate worry but we must relook the issue each year in light of printing and postage costs.
- Frank Hall will be the OPR for the golf tournament on 15 Oct when the general membership meeting will take place.
- Mary Welch added another 392 names to the worldwide list which now contains over 3,000 names.
- We have sufficient recipes for the cookbook, although few recipes were received from the alumni.
- New Alumni shirts have been received and are available for purchase; new colors are red and white.

FEEDBACK

The following is a letter received from Bruce Wheeler in Albuquerque.

Dear Sir,

How wonderful it is to hear "The Rest of the Story!" While reading Tom's article the memories came flooding back and I do have to respond. It was at Team 202 during the period Tom discusses, as he noted, and I want to say to Tom "Thanks for the kind words". But he gives me too much credit. I merely suggested that there might be a door he could open. He opened it and made the most of an opportunity he found. Incidentally, along the way he obviously became an excellent writer. But, that's not surprising to those of us who knew Tom.

I'd like to fill in some of the blanks in Tom's epistle":

Mike Lubin was running the mass spec (s).

Clif Thompson was the Physics Section NCOIC.

Col Jones was always called "Ted". (I guess most folks know he is deceased?)

The 202 hunters were Capt Carl Coypage (Airborne Ops), Orville (Pritch) Pritchard, Ted Mix, and myself. Pritch told all the little kids in his housing area that those weren't caribou - they were Santa's reindeer. Talk about MAD Mothers!

I think the Phil Spector referred to was Phil Koch? Can anyone help?

Some would disagree that 58, 59, and 60 weren't exciting years. Our friends across the Nort Pole created a whole bunch of excitement for MCL, 202, and 407.

An additional memory that I have is that a number of us were active on the Eielson AFB ski patrol!

(That ski patrol had equipment and ski clothes furnished!)

Team 202 was a fun place to be in those years, thanks largely to the truly outstanding people who were there.

Sincerely, Bruce

Dear Mary,

In view of my propensity for failing to remember some things, it seems to be a good idea for me to seek to have a lifetime membership in the Association.

I enjoy reading the newsletter, but am as remiss as are others in saying so or reacting to it. I note the plaintive message on the first page of the June issue stating that no recipes were received (I don't cook!) and no comments on the proposed Emblem came in. I approve of the emblem, though I confess that I miss the motto "In God we trust. . ." since that would have been grounds for courts martial when I was in the outfit, I'm sure. Please pass the word of my approval to the appropriate person(s) so that at least one voice will have been heard.

Sincerely, George B. Brown

Enclosed is check for my dues. Looking forward to seeing some of you folks in Sacramento next June. Planning is almost to the operational phase. Letters with the final words and registration information will be in the mail Jan 94. At that time the hotel will give guaranteed prices and will be ready to accept your reservations and of course, your checks.

See ya June 1994

Frank Goodreau

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