



AFTAC 91 YEARS OF PROUD 99 SERVICE

30 SEPT 2021....With the end of Sept 2021 and with TBT both falling on the same day today, I figured now might be a good time to put up a little AFTAC unique 99 Career History. The four 99s captured in the 99 Career Summary below had a combined 91 Years of Proud 99 Career Service with AFTAC supporting its many critical Mission Areas. This combined AFTAC Service included 26 Det/OL Assignments, 6 Depot Assignments, 8 HQ AFTAC Assignments, 1 AFIC Assignment, and over 230+ TDYs supporting the Command over their four unique Careers. The TDYs would range from 1 – 2 Days to multiple weeks, and included new Technique Installations, Site Training, critical MDATs dealing with SOC & SNFE conditions (Mostly OCONUS), MMTRs, Det 057 Training Conferences, FOL Site visits, and several special factory schools. The most challenging trips were without question the Special Collection TDYs where they had to deal with various Site Hosts and Antenna Systems. Personally, I have known Larry now for some 50 Years since our time stationed down in Fiji, George for some 43 Years when we first met over at Trip 3 when I was TDY, and Rick for some 42 Years when we first met at the “J” Technique Class #1 down here in Palm Bay in 1979. Following AFTAC Retirement, Larry went on to work as a Contractor in the AFTAC HQ, George headed out to Iowa and worked for local electronics companies, and Rick and I went on to work together at Harris Corp on several Programs for many more years before final Retirement. For me personally, it was a most rewarding AFTAC Career getting to serve with, work with, travel with, and finally to be able to tip a few cool ones with, these three Outstanding SNCOs. One final comment and then I will sign off.... It is also very important in my mind to recognize all of our spouses and families for their total support over all these years especially during our many TDYs, when we were separated and sometimes out of contact for long periods of time. Without our families support, we would not have had the AFTAC Careers we had.....Enough said.... See Attached



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CMSgt LARRY SILHANEK

SMSgt TONY DE MARCO

SMSgt GEORGE CRONIN

SMSgt RICK MANLEY

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	AFTAC CAREER YEARS	AFTAC TECHNIQUE TRAINING (FORMAL & GIT)	AFTAC DET CHIEF TRAINING	AFTAC DET/OL CHIEF ASSIGNMENTS	AFTAC DET ASSIGNMENTS	AFTAC DEPOT ASSIGNMENTS	AFTAC HQ ASSIGNMENTS	AFTAC HQ COMMAND SUPER	AFTAC HQ WOM INDUCTEE	HQ AFIC ASSIGNMENTS	AFTAC & AFIC COMMAND TOYS
CMSgt Larry Silhanek	26	"Q", "U", "T", "F", "CdD", "AFMS"	JUL 84	DET 401 DET 415	DET 441 DET 412 DET 401 DET 452	DEPOT/LGEQ DEPOT/LGEJ DEPOT/LGMMB	HQ/TX HQ/LGM HQ/CCS	1996 - 1999	2020	N/A	90+
SMSgt Tony De Marco	23	"Q", "U", "T", "F", "CdD", "AFMS", "ASOS"	APR 86	N/A	DET 412 DET 441 DET 377	DEPOT/LGEQ DEPOT/LGG	HQ/TXO	N/A	2021	N/A	65+
SMSgt George Cronin	21	"T", "B", "Q", "B", "J", "CdD", "AFMS", "ASOS", "MIDAS"	APR 86	DET 370 OL EB	DET 220 DET 325 DET 359 DET 370 (Q) DET 333 DET 315 DET 370 (J)	N/A	HQ/TGP HQ/LGL HQ/TAD HQ/TXO	N/A	N/A	N/A	61
SMSgt Rick Manley	21	"B", "O", "T", "CdD", "AFMS"	JUL 86	OL EA OL EC	DET 202/460 DET 372 DET 422 DET 315	DEPOT/LGEJ	N/A	N/A	N/A	HQ AFIC/LGM	18

