



**AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WEST COAST CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER**



Depot Fallout

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Winter Social – What a Turnout!

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG

What a turnout we had at the Luau Gardens on February 9th for our Winter Social Get-Together. Fifty-seven of us attended. This was the second time we went there and the food and service was just as good as before. A few of the regular attendees weren't there, but we had a number of familiar people we hadn't seen in quite a while. Walt and Judy Siemiller came from Fallon, Nevada, and Jim and Colleen Reed from Santa Rosa. A special thanks to Al and Ann Pavik for planning and setting this up. Also, thanks to our photographer for the evening, Ken Breitwieser who did a great job. See Ken's pictures on the following pages.

Former 1155th Commander Passes Away

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG

As mentioned in our last newsletter, former Laboratory Director and 1155th Commander, Col. Dewey Weiford Jr. passed away. Col Weiford was our commander from 8/70 to 7/72. Here's the e-mail we received in mid-January, from his son.

Ladies and Gentlemen; Sorry that I didn't respond to your previous post, as my family and I just returned from D.C. last night. We were there to attend the interment ceremony (full military honors) at Arlington for my father, Col. Dewey N. Weiford, Jr. on January 10th. My father passed away on October 17th, 2001, following a brief illness related to diabetes. He had resided here in Modesto, California with my family and me since January, 1998. He had lost his eyesight overnight following heart catheterization, and was unable to continue living on his own.

He thoroughly enjoyed receiving the AFTAC newsletter, and my daughter Kim and I would read it to him cover to cover. He kept up with the current affairs of the organization as best he could, and paid particular attention to the Taps information. He was absolutely amazed at the cooperation between Russia and the US on detection activities, and expressed almost disbelief when I described the photos of the Russian Officers touring the Florida facilities in the History of The AFTAC book.

Following retirement in 1975, my father was active in politics and local civic organizations. He served at least one term as President of the Placer County (California) Chamber of Commerce in Auburn, CA. My mother, Dorothy, and he moved to Las Vegas in 1990, where my mother passed away in 1993. He continued to live in Las Vegas until his illness in 1997-8.

In reviewing his military records following his death, it appears he was involved with AFTAC almost from its inception. Although his last assignment (Commandant of the NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany) was outside the organization, to his dying day, he considered himself an "AFTACer."

True to his nature, his final word was "Verywell..." Rest in Peace, Colonel.

Signed: Dewey Weiford III

Spring Get-together – Garden Party

Submitted by Al Pavik

Our next event will be a Garden Party to be held at Pavik's (9371 Troy Way, Granite Bay) at 4:00 P.M. on 18 May. If all goes as planned (i.e. weather cooperates) we will test the golf and horseshoe skills of those people who want to participate. Left and right handed golf clubs and many golf balls will be available-only have to hit it 68 yards. We will cook hamburgers, hot dogs and will have drinks available. If your last name starts with **A-F**, please bring hors d'oeuvres; **G-O**, please bring a salad and those who start with **P-Z**, please bring a dessert. Also, if you have easily transportable chairs, please bring them. Cost will be \$3.00/person.

Please send your checks so as to arrive no later than 14 May to:

**AFTAC Alumni Association
161 Southcreek Circle
Folsom, CA 95630-1530**

Everyone is invited, members and nonmembers. We are asking for notification by 14 May so we know approximately how many people to plan for. However if you don't know by the 14th and can come please do, as this will be a great opportunity to meet/get reacquainted with AFTAC members & spouses. We will be calling people to help. Anyone who wants to help please call 797-1472.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ' BY AL PAVIK

Our Winter Social at the Luau Gardens was really a great get-together. We had a special time reliving "the past". Thanks to all for attending and again making this a very special evening.

Congratulations to Joe and Gayle Johnson on celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary, Apr 2nd.

"Welcome Back" to Marge Iske from her extended cruise.

Glad to know that Herb Dettmer is doing well, hopefully Jane and Herb will be able to join us at the Garden Party.

Received an e-mail from Tony DeMarco and there is a chance that he may be on the West Coast and be able to attend the Garden Party.

Received a note from Jim Hall and all is well with them

On March 5th, we had our quarterly Business Meeting. Thanks to all attendees.

Events Calendar for 2002

Completed

> Dinner at Luau Gardens (February 9th)

Scheduled/Proposed

> Garden party at Pavik's (May 18, 2002, make reservations by May 14th)

>.Golf Outing (tbd)

> Dinner at Rudy's, Shepherder's, Cattleman's, etc etc (tbd)

Quarterly Business Meetings (at McClellan Air Museum at 7:00 PM)

(Call ahead to confirm time & place)

> June 4, 2002; September 3, 2002; December 3, 2002

Newsletter Mail Out & Membership Notice

SUBMITTED BY JOE JOHNSON, VICE PRESIDENT

We are mailing this newsletter to our original list of members, with the hopes of getting more of you to renew your memberships and to invite you to the Summer Garden Party. **Your membership expiration date is on this newsletter's address label.** We'd love to have you become an active member again, and join us to share the memories and camaraderie. At every get-together, we are seeing more people join us.

Mail Call

Don't forget our E-mail address: TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com

Jim Lee's E-mail: I was assigned to the 1155th from Feb 1070 – Sep 1973. There were 14 of us who arrived about the same time, and we are planning a 1st reunion in Las Vegas, July 4th weekend. Is it possible to still purchase 1155th souvenirs (shot glasses, coffee mugs, etc.)? **EDITOR'S NOTE:** SENT JIM AN E-MAIL WITH INFO ON OUR CHAPTER AND HOW TO GET SOME OF OUR REMAINING SHOT AND WINE GLASSES.

Joe Johnson's Telecon: We still have some shot & wine glasses left from the reunion. I'll have them for sale at the May 18th garden party. Shot glasses @ \$4.50 and wine glasses @ \$5.50.

Jerry LaBarre's E-mail: Ready to send my annual check. Assume it should be made out to AFTAC Alumni Association West Coast Chapter. Have lost mailing address. Please e-mail. Thanks, jerryterry2@juno.com **EDITOR'S NOTE:** E-MAILED JERRY THE ADDRESS. THANK FOR THE RENEWAL JERRY.

Raymond Yee's E-mail: Dale...Bumped into Kevin "Boomer" Anderson the other evening at the McClellan Air Park (X-AFB) and he gave me your email address....So I figure I'd drop you a few lines to see if you still remember Ray Yee..... How the hell are you? Long time no see.... After I left the service I lost contact with everyone, especially when TOD/AFTAC shut down and everyone was scattered between Texas and Florida.... Kevin said you were still in the Sacramento area. He also mentioned that you were with the AFTAC West Alumni Chapter. Take Care! I have a few errands to run. raymond_y@att.net **EDITOR'S NOTE:** E-MAILED RAY AND SENT HIM A COPY OF OUR LAST NEWSLETTER AND PHOTOS OF THE LUUAU GARDEN SOCIAL. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE GARDEN PARTY, RAY.

Willis Johnson's E-mail: Address change; Bill Johnson, 2410 Angler Dr, Lake Havasu City AZ 86404, 928-855-7552 kc7atj@ctaz.com kc7atj1@yahoo.com

Frank Libertori's E-mail: Due to the fact that Cox cable has started their own high speed network (their previous supplier Excite.Com went bankrupt) my email address has been changed to: fliberatori@cox.net (note--it is case sensitive) I will not get mail is addressed to my old address.

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