



Depot Fallout



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SPRING FLING – 2003 GOLF Get-Together

Al Pavik, President

Ever get rained out on a golf outing and have a fantastic time? That's what happened at our April 25th golf outing. It was rainy and windy; Tom & Judy Niquette and Ann & I got to the 7th hole when the golf was canceled due to "not good weather". From the golf course we went to the Mather Clubhouse and called the people who were coming to the dinner. People showed up early with "extra drinks". Mather Club moved up the dinner and we had a fantastic evening. Thanks to Rod and Betty Jo Hinkle for putting this together and handling the unusual. It was truly a great day and evening.

Florida Reunion an Outstanding Success.

Submitted by Joe Johnson

It started with the Friday night Ice breaker. Met old friends and were served hors d'oeuvres to die for. Our 2005 California reunion has a high bar to clear if we are to match it. Earlier in the day, there was a "cruise to nowhere" on the Sterling Casino Line. Seems 33 people took the bus for the cruise but only 32 came back. Don't know if they ever found that person. I skipped the tour of the AFTAC building on Saturday morning, but went out in the afternoon when the AFTAC boosters were serving hot dogs and hamburgers. I talked with a number of active duty people and they are the same outstanding type of people I remember from many years ago. The banquet Saturday night had many highlights. There was a striking program tracing the history of the American flag. There were five AFTAC past commanders in attendance including Major General Glen D Shaffer, Director for Intelligence, J2, Joint Staff. General Shaffer addressed the group. On a personal note, I was presented the AFTAC alumni of the year award for 2002. Thank you to all alumni. I feel honored and humbled. Maybe the award clouds my judgment (I doubt it) but alumni not in attendance missed a great party. I almost forgot to mention the hospitality room, which from the start was stocked with all the goodies except Coors beer. California alumni know George Thompson and many know he drinks only Coors beer. The hospitality staff made a special Coors beer purchase just for George. **Way to go!** And that applies to the entire reunion.

Yearly Membership Fees are Due in May

Annual membership fee of \$5.⁰⁰ is due by 01 May each year. Check your mailing label for expiration date. If there is a pen and ink notation on the mailing label of this newsletter showing "EXP 2003" then a \$5 renewal fee is due if you plan to continue as an active member. Your last newsletter will be the one following your expiration date. Life memberships are available for \$50.⁰⁰ and include a laminated membership card. You can use the Membership application/roster update on the last page of this newsletter to send with your dues. Please note that the West Coast Chapter will host the next worldwide reunion in 2005 and planning is underway. Don't let your membership lapse and miss out on important 2005 Reunion information.

AFTAC Reunion, 2005

By: Al Pavik, Chapter President

The AFTAC 2005 reunion will be hosted by the West Coast Chapter. Jack Allison and I have volunteered to work this get together. We will be contacting people to support this function. Currently we are doing tentative planning and have identified either early May or September 2005 as tentative time frames. We will be putting together sub-committees (Facilities, Publications, Funds, Golf, Registration, Commemorative etc etc) to support this effort. We will be asking for your support and inputs for this effort. We will be providing more information in the future, however if any of you have recommendations/inputs please let Jack (916-331-3891) or myself (916-797-1472) know.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ' BY AL PAVIK

- > Thanks to Joe Johnson et. al. we have a great slate of officers for 2003-2005. I ask each of you to take time to vote and mail your ballots.
- > We are planning on a get-together this Fall (probably in October). We will be providing information after the September business meeting (and after election of new officers). Again, if anyone has recommendations please let us know (you can call Joe Johnson or myself).

Events Calendar for 2003

Scheduled/Proposed

- > October, Fall Fling social get-together. Time & place TBD.
- > September 2, Election of Officers at business meeting.

Quarterly Business Meetings (at McClellan Air Museum at 7:00 PM) (Call ahead, 797-1472, to confirm time & place)

- > 4 March, 3 June, 2 September, 2 December 2003

Mail Call

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

Jim Lee E-mail: In the past couple years Dale Klug has provided us with 1155th/1035th items for our reunions. 2002, twelve of us met in Las Vegas; 2003, in Sarasota, FL. Next July 4th we are tentatively planning on Washington DC. I'm trying to locate AFTAC patches. Are there any available? Any help you can provide will be appreciated. Thanks, Jim Lee (1155th 1970 -1973) Jflee46@aol.com

EDITOR'S NOTE: SENT JIM AN E-MAIL WITH INFO ON HOW TO GET PATCHES. ORV PRITCHARD HAS THEM AVAILABLE AT THE MCCLELLAN AIR MUSEUM FOR \$4.50 EACH, PLUS SHIPPING. YOU CAN CONTACT ORV AT caporv@aol.com

Dave Riddle E-mail: Vern Mikkelson provides the following information: I thought alumni members would want to know that our friend Jimmy Mays has passed away. Information that I received is that he was experiencing back pains, about 7 to 10 days ago and he went to the doctor's office and was put on pain pills. Pills didn't seem to do the job so he went back to the doctor. They performed tests on him and discovered infection in his back and within a couple of days it had spread to the point that he became paralyzed from

the neck down so he was put on life-support. He could talk and move one finger. He told his wife, Lynn, that he didn't want to live that way and had the life-support removed. Info that I received is that it was just a matter of a couple of hours that he left us. Further info is that he died of a staph infection of the back/spine. Jimmy was taken back to Arkansas for burial. Lynn's e-mail address is: (at least as far as I know) JimmyMays@MSN.com. Lynn Mays address is: 7016 Cantell Drive, No. Highlands, CA, 95660. Phone: (916) 332-5375.

Wayne Reese E-Mail: I would like the application to join the Sacramento Chapter, AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. My address is: Wayne E Reece, 2558 Key West Way, Sacramento CA 95826-2109 (916 363-5954) . I retired on 1 November 1973. My last active duty assignment was with the 1155th Tech Ops Sqdn, Maintenance Section Quality Control. I would very much reestablish contact with the AFTAC people. Wayne. reece_w@msn.com **EDITOR'S NOTE:** SENT WAYNE AN APPLICATION.

Ken Smith E-mail : Do you have a website? I got your email address from the Florida chapter. I served in AFTAC from 1967 – 1971, and also at Det207, Eielson AFB Jan 1966 to Mar 1967. Regards, Ken Smith, solol@gte.net. **EDITOR'S NOTE:** SENT KEN AN ANSWER AND GAVE HIM THE ADDRESS OF FLORIDA CHAPTER'S WEBSITE AND AN APPLICATION TO JOIN OUR CHAPTER.

Jim Payne E-mail: An easy way for interested ex-AFTAC'rs to get an application form to join the Long Range Detection Program Alumni Association (Florida Chapter) is to go to the homepage at <http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni> Go to the member locator/info and enter their name. After they enter their data, there is a provision whereby they can print out a membership application which has been preprinted with their data. Then you have to use the snail mail, along with some money to join the chapter. When that happens (or anytime a change is made to any homepage data) an email is kicked out to me (and a few others) and I use that data to update my stand-alone ACCESS database. If the person is not an alumni member (of the Florida chapter) I send them an Email of membership solicitation. Sometimes I recommend they join a Denver or Sacramento chapter). **EDITOR'S NOTE:** JIM IS THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN IN FLORIDA AND HE SENT THIS AS A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST ON HOW TO JOIN THE CHAPTER THERE. USEFUL INFORMATION INDEED. WE ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO UPDATE YOUR INFO ON THE WEBSITE.

Collected Quotes

The three hardest tasks in the world are neither physical feats nor intellectual achievements, but moral acts: to return love for hate, to include the excluded, and to say, "I was wrong." ... Sydney J Harris

The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent.
... Sam Levenson

Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash. ... Gen George S Patton

He who hesitates is last. ... Mae West

Integrity is not a conditional word. It doesn't blow in the wind or change with weather. It is your inner image of yourself, and if you look in there and see a man who won't cheat, then you know he never will.
... John D MacDonald