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- When:** Saturday, May 15th, 12 Noon til Dark.
- Where:** Foothill Farms Community Park, 5510 Diablo Dr. Sacramento, CA 95842.
- Parking:** In the large blacktop parking area, just adjacent to picnic pavilion. The community park opens at 7:30 am, so anyone arriving early or bringing an RV can set up as soon as they open.
- Picnic Site:** Large, covered, handicapped-accessible pavilion with picnic tables on concrete floor, seats 150 people. Three large double barbecue grills. There are also shaded areas for people to gather and a water fountain. Large playground for kids with swings, slides, jungle gym and tennis courts.
- Food:** Alumni association is furnishing hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, buns, condiments, paper plates, napkins, utensils, soft drinks and charcoal **at no cost to attendees.**
- What to Bring:** **A salad, veggie tray or dessert to share.** Beer & wine, if you desire (we can't afford the insurance if we provide it) ice chests, **glass containers not allowed**, and lawn chairs if you don't wish to sit on picnic table seats. There is a strip mall with a 7-11 and Safeway just across the street from the park if you wish to get anything locally.
- Reservations:** Please phone or e-mail Rod Hinkle or Joe Johnson by the **May 10th deadline** so we will know how much food to buy and how many to plan for. However, if you won't know by the 10th and can come, please do, as this will be a great opportunity to meet/get reacquainted with AFTAC members & spouses.
- How Many:** Everyone is invited, members & nonmembers. We hope to see about 50 families. Don't disappoint us. Come out and enjoy visiting with old friends.
- How to get there:**
From Interstate 80: Take Elkhorn/Greenback exit. West on Elkhorn to first (UNION 76) intersection. North on Diablo Dr. Foothill Community Park 1/10th mile on the right.

AFTAC WORLD-WIDE REUNION – 2005 UPDATE

By Jack Allison

We signed a contract with the Holiday Inn, Northeast, Sacramento. We have 50 rooms reserved each night; May 12, 13, & 14, 2005 with checkout on Sunday the 15th; all rooms are "Kings" with possible switch to or addition of doubles, triples and double/doubles. All rooms are \$89/night plus 12% tax. Check-in: 4:00 PM; Checkout: 12:00 noon.

Tentative Schedule:

Thu. 5/12/05	5:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration/Welcome Reception (McClellan Suite)
Fri. 5/13/05	3:00pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality (McClellan Suite)
	6:00pm - 9:00pm	Cocktail Reception for 250 - 300 people
Sat.5/14/05	3:00pm - 11:00pm	Hospitality (McClellan Suite)
	6:00pm - 12:00am	Reception/Dinner/Dance for 250 people
Sun.5/15/05	Time TBD	Breakfast Buffet (No Host) Aces Restaurant

The cut-off date for individuals to make their reservations is 4/21/05

Keep watching our website and this newsletter for further developments.

“WAY BACK WHEN” – NEW SERIES OF ARTICLES

By Dale Klug, Editor

We're starting a new series of articles for the newsletter called "WAY BACK WHEN". This will be patterned after the Florida Chapter's series in the Post Monitor called "B.S. (Barely Substantiated) TALES". We're inviting everyone to submit articles with stories from days-gone-by at Detachments, OLs, Depot, Squadrons, Headquarters or TDYs. So crank up your "WAYBACK machines" and send us an article. Remember to keep all the inputs unclassified. E-mail all proposed articles to me at: FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org

WAY BACK WHEN – WEST COAST CHAPTER HISTORY

By Mike Long mikelong@mindspring.com

I wrote the original newsletter and started the ball rolling for the first reunion in Sacramento. However, the people in Sacramento did most of the work, Al Pavik comes to mind. I simply gathered the names and addresses and mailed out the newsletter. I used the mainframe computer at the company I was working for in Oakland, CA. No PCs back then.

Once it became clear there was enough interest in having a reunion, the Sacramento folks took over. Bart Bias opened the bank account at the bank he worked at to put the dues into. At some point in time the postage was getting too much for me so I asked for dues to cover my overhead. After the first reunion we turned what was left in it over to the people in Sacramento.

There was also a second reunion later in Sacramento that I was not able to attend. I had nothing to do with that, having turned my mailing lists over to the Sacramento people. Al Pavik is the only name I can recall but there were others.

Bart Bias had nothing to do with the newsletter. The idea of a reunion was mine and I alone gathered the names and addresses and wrote, printed and mailed out the newsletter. If you have copies of these early newsletters I'd sure like to see them. My files were on a computer that I am sure by now is part of some landfill someplace in California.

George Thompson said that he was going to start a local chapter in this area but I never heard from him again. We served together at Team 407 in Xxxx, Xxxxx, 1958 to 1962.

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 notation on the mailing label of this newsletter showing "EXP 2004" 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 or the one on our web site to send with your dues.

Please note that the West Coast Chapter will host the next world-wide reunion in 2005 and planning is underway. Don't let your membership lapse and miss out on important 2005 Reunion information.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ'

By Rod Hinkle

We want to hold several social activities throughout the year and we welcome any suggestions for "fun" events. Send or call any ideas you may have to me or any Chapter officer. My new e-mail address is rodhinkle@earthlink.net and phone, 916-684-2359. Hope to see you at our next Social!

EVENTS CALENDAR

- May 15, 2004, West Coast Chapter sponsored picnic at Foothill Community Park.
- Quarterly Business meetings: 1 Jun 2004, 7 Sep 2004, 6 Dec 2004.
(Call Joe at, 916-684-2359, to confirm time & place. Or check <www.AFTACwest.org> for updates.)
- May 12 -15, 2005, AFTAC World-wide Reunion in Sacramento. Watch our web site for updates.

MAIL CALL

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

Joe Martinez E-mail: Thanks for the Southern California weather damage photo. I enjoyed sharing it with friends. I was finally able to reach Marty Pavlakovich. Take care. Joey, jmmlmm@netzero.com

Jack Hanley E-mail: I see that Jim Lee has kept you informed on some of our doings. I thought I'd update more recent events. In January, Jim Lee, Carment Valenti, Bob Ross, Jim Hanson, Bob Teiken, Mike Gilbert, Rich Duda and I met in Hilton Head for three days of golf and three nights of memories of our AFTAC days. We were all one-term airmen who served as 70250s and 70270s Admin Specialists. We were at the 1155th TOS from 1970 - 1974, mostly working in the Admin Division for Col. Allison. Although we hadn't seen much of each other for the first 25 or so years after we got out, we've met in Vegas, Sarasota and now Hilton Head. Our next planned meeting will be in Washington DC for July 4th. Although we spent 4 years in AFTAC, and more than 30 years have passed since then, we all had very fond and very funny memories of our days at McClellan. Many of us hope to make to Sacramento next year for the big reunion. Jack Hanley, molhan@comcast.net

George Dalmas Visited Sacramento: Say "Hello" to everyone back here for me. **Editor's Note:** George & wife stopped at McClellan Park to refuel their RV. They left Florida Feb 15th & were going to Yosemite, then Washington state.

Lance Theby E-mail: Came across your website while doing a search for related subject. I was assigned to DET 423 in 1980-1981, with Steve Fetro & Gene Yancy, and subsequently departed the military (for college goals and beyond). It was because of the calibre of personnel that make up AFTAC (in particular, the enlisted guys) that I was inspired to do more with my self. I am currently a NAVY LCDR (and staring 0-5/deployment or retirement in the face) and approaching 28 years of military service. It would be interesting to see who is still around in AFTAC. I'd appreciate an application to your organisation Thanks. LCDR Lance R Theby, CHSLWP Assistant Maintenance Officer NAS North Island San Diego, CA 92135 **Editor's Note:** Sent Lance an application. Lance & I were in the same Station Processor course at Lowry in 1979.

Rich Charles E-mail: Don't know if you are aware, but **Norris Johnson** passed away on 10 Jan. Best I remember, Norris was in 1155th from middle 1964 to about end of '67, in the Engineering Branch. Worked with MSgt George Greco and Buzz Sawyer. Wish I could be of more help. Norris and wife Shirley were avid bowlers who bowled with the 1155th Mixed Bowling League on base.