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AFTAC REUNION 2005

LOTS OF ALUMNI HAD LOTS OF FUN

By Dale Klug, Editor, Charlie Penn & Bob Fitzgerald

WOW! 270 were in attendance at the various different functions of **AFTAC Reunion 2005**. Thursday night started off with a crowd at the McClellan Suite Hospitality Room that didn't subside (except for the cocktail party & banquet) until late Saturday night. Never saw so much handshaking and BS flying in years. Several people provided photo albums for all to enjoy.

The fun continued at 10 AM on Friday for 36 golfers at Diamond Oaks Golf Course in Roseville. The expertly run tournament co-directors were **Charlie Penn** and **Butch Kemna**. The participants were reunion attendees and friends; the game was a foursome scramble; the winning group shot a net 63. Lots of laughs, seeing old friends, and a few good golf shots made for a memorable time and the 19th hole helped loosen things up for the cocktail party that followed. Here are the results. First Place Team: **Frank Hall, Bill Hynes, Tom Niquette & Al Pavik**; Men's Longest Drive: **Dave Tarquino**; Women's Longest Drive: **Kimberly Davis**; Closest to the Pin #3: **Bob Tassan**; Closest to the Pin #12: **Butch Kemna**.

Friday night's Cocktail Party Reception in the Holiday Inn's Aviator Room had a tremendous turnout, with over 200 people meeting, greeting and reminiscing with each other. Some getting reacquainted with old friends and team mates they had not seen in 30 to 40 years. But that's what a reunion is all about. The food was excellent and the bartenders were kept busy.

Everyone on the trip to the Thunder Valley Casino near Lincoln on Saturday had a good time on the bus and at the casino. We spent four hours at the casino where we gambled a bit and ate some really good food. We needed a minimum of 40 passengers to break even yet only 31 folks signed up. **Bob and Darlene Fitzgerald**, who set up the trip, made arrangements in advance with nine friends to be on standby. So with those nine and a few last minute reunion additions to make up for last minute cancellations, we still ended up with the 40 minimum. We left the hotel at 10AM and were back around 3PM. Some of our folks won a bit, some of us lost a little bit, but we all enjoyed the trip.

The Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn was full for the banquet with 237 alumni & guests enjoying the delicious food and lots of camaraderie with friends old and new. The **Travis AFB Honor Guard** presented the colors and the national anthem was sung by alumni member **Warren Wascher**. The master of ceremonies for the event, **Al Pavik**, introduced the guest speaker, AFTAC Commander, **Col Guy D Turner**, who provided a very informative update on what is happening in the world of AFTAC today. Col Turner was presented two special bottles of California's Napa valley wine. The Country Club Aires chorus and band presented quite a program of nostalgic and patriotic music for our listening pleasure. The evening concluded with dancing and continued camaraderie. A big "Thank You" to reunion co-chairmen **Al Pavik and Jack Allison** and their hard working committee for the super job in making the reunion a huge success.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

By Joe Johnson, Vice President

New officers will be elected for 2-year terms at our general membership meeting 6 September 2005. The meeting will be held at the Lions Gate Hotel (old officers club) at McClellan Park starting at 7 PM. Officers will be elected by a **majority vote of the members present at the meeting.**

A nominating committee has been selected to recommend a slate of candidates for the various officer positions. The association vice president Joe Johnson heads the committee with Jack Allison and Charlie Penn rounding out the group. The committee asks that you advise if you would like to run for a position or would like to nominate a person for a position. Positions to be filled are: Chairman of the Board, Asst. Chairman of the Board, Director at Large, President-member of the Board of Directors, Vice President, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. If you have computer access, you can download a nomination/volunteer form from our Web Site www.aftacwest.com. Mark your selections and mail the form to: AFTAC Alumni Assoc.-West Coast Chapter, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA, 95611-3974. You can also nominate or volunteer for a position by mail. Just indicate what you want to do and mail your info as above. We must have your inputs in hand no later than 3 September 2005. **(A nomination form is provided in this newsletter issue).**

We urge each of our members to consider running for an officer position. The scheduled meetings will only require about two hours of your time every three months. Your name will not be placed in nomination unless the committee has your ok to place your name in nomination.

Please plan to come to our September meeting and cast your vote for officers of **YOUR** Association.

SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

By Joe Johnson

Thank you to all the Reunion committee members who assisted me in the hospitality room during the recent reunion. Special thanks to those non-committee members who took time from other activities to help out.. Those are **George and Jan McKeel, Tom Niquette and George Thompson** (Bartenders deluxe); and **Rose Klug, Eva Stokes & Nancy Jones** for working on the registration desk. If I missed someone, I will blame it on my poor memory and apologize now.

"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

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Danny Beach, Membership Chairman

As of 15 July 2005: Active Members = 155 Life Members = 108

Annual membership fee of \$5.⁰⁰ is due by 01 May each year. **Check your mailing label for an expiration date.** *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. Don't let your membership lapse. **We have several alumni who have not yet paid their 2005 membership dues.**

WORDS FROM THE PREZ'

By Rod Hinkle

My congratulations to all of you who worked so diligently to produce a reunion enjoyed by all. Al and Jack kept us on track throughout the whole process and the result was a special three-day get-together with old friends and colleagues. I saw and visited with several from the old 1155th that I hadn't seen since 1978! That's what reunions are for and I certainly enjoyed this one. Again, as we always say in the military, "Thanks for a job well done!"

AFTAC TOP-3 COIN AVAILABLE

By MSgt Jeffery Stanley, President AFTAC Top 3 Association

On behalf of the enlisted men and women of AFTAC, I would like to thank you for your interest in our AFTAC Top 3 Association coin. We designed this coin almost a year ago as a way to recognize AFTAC Top 3 members (both current and alumni). You'll even notice the front of the coin has both the old and new chevrons, our way of remembering our enlisted tradition and heritage as well as acknowledging our AFTAC Senior NCO leadership who laid the foundation for us to follow. These coins are numbered and are only offered to AFTAC SNCOs and AFTAC SNCO alumni.

The AFTAC Top 3 Association is a non-profit, private organization assigned to Patrick AFB, FL. Our organization has two goals. The first is to provide a forum for SNCO professional growth. We accomplish this by providing crossfeed on leadership, promotions, assignments, performance reports, feedback, counselling, dress and appearance, and various other AF subjects. Our second goal is to improve AFTAC junior enlisted morale through incentives, mentoring, proper training, and recognition programs. We sponsor many programs including quarterly awards, annual awards, sharp troop program, airman leadership school graduation dinners, the spring picnic, and provide six \$100 educational assistance grants each year. Our income is derived from fundraisers, member dues, and coin sales. Our coins cost \$6.00 each (includes shipping costs). If you would like to order one, please send a check (payable to Jeffrey Stanley) to the following address: AFTAC/LSCR (Attn: MSgt Stanley), 1030 S. Highway A1A, Patrick AFB FL 32925

If you have any questions about the AFTAC Top 3 Association or our coins, please call me at 321-494-2648 or send me an email jeffrey.stanley@patrick.af.mil. **Editor's Note: I have one of the coins. If you would like to see it, contact me.**

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Quarterly Business meetings: 6 Sep 2005, 6 Dec 2005. (Call Joe at, 916-783-8676, to confirm time & place. **(Or check <www.AFTACwest.org> for updates.)**)
- Election of officers: 6 September 2005 at business meeting.

MAIL CALL

Don't forget our E-mail address: FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org

Dick Brewer E-mail: I started my AF career as a 99125L AFTACer at MCL-Reagent Element. Of my 23 yrs on active duty, the time at MCL was the best! Great people, fantastic mission, wonderful organization. I was only at MCL Nov 67-Jan 70, but have wonderful memories. Maj Libertori (now ret near Eglin), Lt Brian Stewart (honorary OIC of McClellan's Wood Hobby Shop), Lt Forehand ("I'm so hung over the sun is hurting my ears"), Capt Bluin, TSgt Lucas, SSgt Robinson, Sgt Al Gontag, Kent Tudor (now in Columbus OH), MSgt Johnson, CMSGT Chris Kuvocas, Joe "Sad Cat" Pollack, "Crazy Larry" Solomon, Ken Adcock, John Curtis (he was very gifted, his dad was an AF 3-star) - quite a collection of good folks! I departed AFTAC to go AECP at U of WY, Laramie in Civil Engineering. Became a Bioenvironmental Engineer in the Medical Service (the BEES were the weenies that ran the "bucket chemistry" lab just down the road from MCL). Returned to AFIT two more times for graduate degrees (and to avoid overseas assignments!). Did a tour at Eielson with the USAF Clinic there when Muff Heckert (sp?) was the Det Commander. I got the 'opportunity' to support the collection end of things with the good folks from Beale in Sep 80 it's not fun on the other end of the chain! Shortly before I retired I got to work with Ken Denblecker at the Environics Lab at Tyndall AFB 1987 until he went back to AFTAC. I'd like to contact any of the 1155th TOS Chem folks from my era who might be reading the newsletters. Best way is via email: brewerr@battelle.org or rebrwr@aol.com. Dick Richard E. Brewer, PhD, CHCM; Director, Scientific Services Program Office; 50101 Governors Drive, Suite 110; Chapel Hill NC 27517 Ph: 919.933.7209 x 101 Fax: 919.933 7256

Joe Martinez E-mail: How did the reunion go...lots of old familiar faces? I look forward to the album update. Sad news here at CPSG at Lackland. The BRAC commission slammed us...we're closing...to be chopped into pieces and scattered to the winds (some to PA, GA, and MA). Guess I'm in the job market again. Fun times. Joe.Martinez2@LACKLAND.AF.MIL **Editor's Note: Check out all the pictures on our website.**

Wayne Reece E-mail: With 33 years at the same address, Mary and I have sold the house and are moving to Oregon. We were seeking a less busy area and cleaner air. The new mailing address: PO Box 1109; Carlton OR 97111-1109; Residence: 103 W Adams St; Carlton OR 97111; I will change the AFTAC data later, and will advise changes. Take care, Wayne and Mary Reece: reece_w@msn.com **Editor's Note: Sorry to see you go Wayne. We'll miss you.**

Harm Aning E-mail: Please update my address to: 1525 Renoir Ave: Swansea, IL 62226. Phone is 618-222-1336 and work # is 314-235-1078. Sorry I was unable to make reunion but got caught up in others things at the time and was not able to break those obligations. Thanks, Harm Aning. harm@prodigy.net.

(NOTE: The next three pages were black & white photos of the reunion inserted here in the copy that was mailed to our members. YOU CAN SEE THOSE AND OVER 200 MORE PHOTOS OF THE REUNION ALL IN FULL COLOR RIGHT HERE ON OUR WEB SITE "ALBUMS" PAGE.). .bf, AFTACwest.org Webmaster.



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