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www.AFTACWCC.org

5TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY FALL SOCIAL

by Dave Tarquino

Where: Buggy Whip, 2737 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA
When: Saturday, November 15th – 6pm to ~ 9:30pm
Why: Eat, Drink, and Socialize
Who: You, of course! Reservations deadline is Mon, November 10th
We'll see you all there! All the details & reservations forms are on page 5.

AFTAC AIRBORNE REUNION

from the Airborne Reunion Website

The Tropicana Hotel is the venue for the Las Vegas Reunion in November 6 - 9, 2008. The toll-free phone number, 800-634-4000, gets you to the Tropicana Room Reservations. Tell them you are with AFTAC (it may be under the name Ruiz) and give them the dates you need the room. The Hotel only charges the first night's stay to your credit card (\$169 + tax + facilities charge = approx. \$191; additional nights will be approx. \$159)

Our website, <http://chaspenn.tripod.com/> is dedicated to reunion updates. Please check the website for updates. Contact Charlie Penn, 916-624-1067 (chaspenn@sbcglobal.net) or Butch Kemna, 916-722-8509 (jkkl@mindsync.com), for questions, information & comments.

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION

MAY 1 – 2, 2009

from LRDAAs Post Monitor, Bob Wiley, Reunion Coordinator

The Florida Chapter will host this biannual event at 'Radisson Resort at the Port.' Registration is currently scheduled to start on Friday, May 1st. Activities planned are a golf tournament Friday afternoon, at the Cocoa Beach Golf Course, followed by an informal get-together with heavy hors d'oeuvres that evening. An Open House at AFTAC HQ's is planned for Saturday with a dinner that evening at the hotel. Those of you who attended a previous reunion at this hotel know that you can make this a big vacation by scheduling visits to Orlando attractions, the Kennedy Space Center, the beaches, a gambling cruise out of the port or even a 3 day cruise before or after the reunion.

By the time of the reunion all rooms will be remodeled to update accommodations as well as other upgrades. All rooms will have "Sleep Number" beds, for example. We have two blocks of rooms – standards at \$109 per night and suites at \$149. Taxes are 17% (tourist + sales). These rates are available for days before or after the reunion for those wanting to extend their stay. The banquet committee has the menus and prices and is in the process of selecting a delicious meal for each evening. There will be a hospitality suite both days.

Next we will identify the menus, guest speaker, golf course, and registration costs along with forms and information on contacting the Radisson for reservations. The facilities we have selected can accommodate 250+ so let's fill them up and have a great reunion. Additionally, as information is available, we will pass it on via emails (eALLerts) so please have your information at the LRDAAs website up-to-date as that will be used to contact you. We also intend to do registration via the website with a complete registration package included in the December POMO issue. Internet posted items will either be available at the 'Home Page' or at the 'Need To Know Now' link.

NEW WEST COAST CHAPTER WEBSITE

by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster

We have a new Website address: www.AFTACWCC.org as shown in the box to the left at the bottom of the list of Chapter Officers. We also have a new Email address: TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org as shown in the head banner of this newsletter.

Additionally, each of the Officers & Board Members now have a new ending to their "Official" email addresses which coincides with our new website address.

Our website had to be moved to a new hosting service, hence the change in the URL (*name of the website*). Since our website contains many gigabytes of photos and historical documents, not all of them have been moved just yet, so you may get a link to a page that goes nowhere at the moment. We ask your patience as I am working diligently to get everything we had before uploaded to the new location. Thank you also for your patience from the time our old website went down on August 20th due to circumstances beyond our control at our old hosting service. We know we'll have better service than ever now.

E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATES NEEDED

by Joe Johnson

Sometimes we need to send information to as many alumni as possible in the shortest time possible. So we would like you to keep us updated on your e-mail addresses. **If yours should change, please send your current e-mail address to:** d1price@pacbell.com and ga9jo8ro7ca@hotmail.com. We will acknowledge your message and ensure our roster is corrected. **Thank You Very Much!**

DEPOT eFALLOUT NEWSLETTER

by Joe Johnson

We need your help! Please consider receiving your Depot Fallout newsletter via email. It now costs the association nearly \$1.00 per copy to furnish you the newsletter via regular USPS snail-mail. We now have 50 members on the email distribution list and these people are saving your association about \$400.00 yearly. How about increasing that savings to \$1000.00? Those selecting the email option enjoy several advantages. They receive the newsletter days, if not a week, before mailed copies get delivered. They get copies in full color; great for viewing the many photographs in the newsletter. You can read your email copy online anywhere in the world when you are not at home. You can choose to print or not print your copy.

To subscribe to the "Depot eFallout" contact us at ga9jo8ro7ca@hotmail.com.

This may not be advantageous for you, but it frees up a fellow member from printing, folding, stapling, stamping and posting over 100 newsletters. I wish all of you a Healthy and Happy Fall! *Joe Johnson*

WAY BACK WHEN

by Dale Klug, Editor

We're running a series of articles called "WAY BACK WHEN". They are patterned after the Florida Chapter's series in the Post Monitor called "B.S. (Barely Substantiated) TALES". We're inviting everyone to submit articles or pictures with stories from days-gone-by at Detachments, OLs, Depot, Squadrons, Headquarters or TDYs. **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@AFTACWWC.org or snail-mail to: AFTAC Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. Please note on the envelope it's for the Newsletter Editor.

Pictures from Col Johnson's Wayback Machine

In the August issue I asked anyone to identify where Col John Johnson's pictures were taken. I received the following:

Julie Doll Email: 27 Aug 2008. Looking at the "Way Back When" photos and I'll bet that Russian Seaman's Grave is in the Aleutians, but not sure which island. Julie Doll, Alaska, thegrypps@acsalaska.net **Editor's Note: You're correct, Julie. That picture was taken on Adak.**

Sydney Dearborn Email: 27 Aug 2008. The picture on the left is Flintabety Flonitin the mascot of Flin Flon, Manitoba Canada. It was created by Al Capp of 'Lil Abner fame. The character the town of Flin Flon was named for is from a dime novel, The Sunless City. To make a long story short, the town was named by shortening Flintabety Flonitin to Flin Flon. syddearborn@verizon.net **Editor's Note: Wow, Sydney, that's very interesting. A lot of us didn't know that bit of trivia.**

Picture from Irene Goodreau's Wayback Machine



If you can identify any the people in this picture, or tell me when and where it was taken, please send me an E-mail at FalloutEditor@AFTACWCC.org or call me at 916-995-3713.

This picture is a bowling team from somewhere in the command, Neither Irene or I know where. We do, however, know the full name of one of the guys. His wife lives here in North Highlands Ca. It appears one guy's first name is Ed, or he's wearing someone else's bowling shirt.

Who Said That??

by Dale Klug, Editor

- >> The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and leaky tire.
- >> Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
- >> Never test the depth of the water with both feet. .

**Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: FalloutEditor@AFTACWCC.org
First WCC member to send in all three correct answers gets a free adult beverage at our next function.**

August's quotes were from Source Obscure, Source Obscure & Source Obscure. Bob Baker was only one to send in his best guesses which were "Author Unknown" for all three quotes. Since Source Obscure is Author Unknown's stepbrother and Bob was so extremely close, he collected his adult beverage at the September 2nd general membership meeting.



This picture of Building 628, Western Field Office - 1155 Tech Ops Squadron - Technical Operation Division was taken on 16 September 2008 by your newsletter editor.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 3 June 2008: Active Members = 157 Life Members = 132

New lifetime members, **Al Gomes, Preston (PJ) Jones and Randy LaBarge** will soon be getting their laminated membership cards in the mail.

Annual membership fee of \$10.⁰⁰ is due by 01 Jan 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 \$75.⁰⁰ 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. **Those alumni who have not paid their 2008 membership dues have been dropped from the "active" roster and newsletter distribution list.**

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Business/Member meetings are 1st Tuesdays quarterly at the LionsGate Restaurant at McClellan Park:
2 December 2008 - 3 March, 2 June & 1 September 2009
(Call ahead to our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at <www.AFTACwest.org>.)
- 15 Nov 2008 Fall Dinner Social at the Buggy Whip
- 6 - 9 Nov 2008 Airborne Personnel REUNION in Las Vegas.
- 1 - 2 May 2009 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion in Florida

MAIL CALL

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

Our two Mail Call inputs for this edition are included in the "Way Back When" section.

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOC. – WEST COAST CHAPTER
Veteran’s Day Fall Dinner Social
Saturday, 15 November 2008 – 6PM - ~ 9:30PM
At the Buggy Whip Restaurant – Rear Banquet Facility
2737 Fulton Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821 (916) 486-1416

Spend a nice evening with fellow Vets, Alumni & Friends. This event is a great way to start the Holiday Season. This has been a popular event and seating is limited, so get your reservations in early! Activities will start with a no-host bar and socializing, 6-7PM, then dinner from 7~9:30PM. Dress is casual. Meals include entrée, pasta, green salad, homemade salad dressings, baked potato, roll & butter, coffee or tea. Plus your WCC will provide cake for dessert. See the form below for entrées. Please fill out your reminder portion of the following and the form for submission.

Mail the form and your check to us before Monday **November 10th**.

Questions? E-mail Dave Tarquino, Event Chairman, at dtarquino@surewest.net.

Keep this part as your reminder of what was on your reservation form:

Names: _____

Meals at \$32.00 each:

12oz Sirloin Steak Dinners Teriyaki Chicken Dinners Salmon Dinners Veggie Plate (*special order*)

My Check # _____ for \$ _____. was made out to **AFTAC-WCC** and was mailed on ___/___/2008 to:
AFTAC Alumni Assoc.-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

[Save the above] (Cut off here, fill out and mail the following form with your check before 10 November 2008)

RESERVATION SIGN-UP FORM for the **AFTAC Alumni West Coast Chapter’s**
VETERAN’S DAY FALL DINNER SOCIAL

TO BE HELD AT THE “BUGGY WHIP” RESTAURANT - REAR BANQUET FACILITY
 2737 FULTON AVE., SACRAMENTO, CA 95821
SATURDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2008, FROM 6PM TO ABOUT 9:30PM
NO-HOST BAR SOCIAL TIME AT 6PM, DINNER SERVED AT 7PM

Name(s): _____
 (Please Print Clearly)

ENTRÉES:

[Write in the number of each entrée that you are ordering]

12 oz. Sirloin Steak Teriyaki Chicken Salmon Veggie Plate

All meals include the entrée, pasta, green salad with homemade salad dressings, baked potato, roll & butter, and coffee or tea.

Total # Meals: ___ x **\$32.00** each = \$____. Make your check payable to “**AFTAC-WCC**” and mail it before
10 Nov 2008 along with this form to: **AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / ROSTER UPDATE

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PLEASE PRINT

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Street, Apt #, etc. City State Zip Code

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Home Phone Work Phone Email Addr

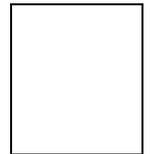
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AFTAC Dates: _____
From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy

Support Your West Coast Chapter: Please pass a copy of this form to your AFTAC Alumni friends. *[From the Depot Fallout]*

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