



Depot Fallout



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2009 WEST COAST CHAPTER FALL SOCIAL

By Dave Tarquino

We had 41 attendees at our Fall Social at the Luau Gardens on Sunday afternoon, November 15th. It was great to see some new faces attend the event and a good time was had by all. In addition to the story telling and catching up with folks we haven't seen in a while, we held our election of officers and we had many volunteers step forward to help on the AFTAC reunion committee. We're always looking for new ideas for our social events so let us know if you would like to do something different or in addition to the events we host during the year. *Editor's Note: You can see pictures of the Fall Social in this issue.*

NEW WEST COAST ALUMNI CHAPTER OFFICERS

by Dale Klug, Editor

Check out the list (on your left) of **New Chapter Officers** elected at our Fall Social and installed at our December 1st general membership meeting. Their pictures are on the next page. We also had a lot of people step up and volunteer to help with our upcoming projects. **2011 Reunion Committee Volunteers:** Charlie Penn, John Lanigan, George Thompson, Dave Price, Joe Johnson, Ken Denbleyker, Nancy Price, Eva Breitwieser, Jeanne Haslett and Peggy Rheault. **TOD Air Museum Display Project Volunteers:** Steve Fritts, Orv Pritchard and Ken Denbleyker. **Special Projects Committee Volunteers:** Charlie Penn, Tom Wentz, Al Pavik, Rosalie Allison, Butch Kemna, Steve Fritts, Gayle Johnson and Laura Horne.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ

by Charlie Penn, President

With a new decade upon us our association has the formable task of hosting the AFTAC reunion in 2011. Thanks to many volunteers it looks like the ground work of setting up this event will go smoothly. It must be noted that our lady members have really stepped up for this event and many have jumped in to help in this endeavor. Thank you ladies, and to all the volunteers for the reunion you will be getting an email later this month to establish a meeting in February to get this pig rolling. If you haven't yet volunteered, and are interested, please email me at president@aftacwcc.org.

Last year was a tough year of attrition for our membership roster. My elected predecessor, Jack Allison, was one of the departed and I personally would like to thank Dennis Nolan, the elected vice president in the 2007 election, who adroitly filled the president's position for the latter part of Jack's term. It is a reminder that due to the closure of the 1155th, WFO, TOD that we no longer have a viable pool of potential new members and our roster will continue to decline. This makes the upcoming reunion more important to us here on the West Coast as a venue to reunite with our alumni brethren while the membership and participation is still available.

Our next annual picnic, which is scheduled on May 15, 2010, will be held at Tempo Park in Citrus Heights. This venue has better parking and rest room facilities so we decided to move this event. Hope to see all of you at the picnic and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and yours.



DEPOT FALLOUT NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org

Our **Depot eFallout** newsletters are no longer be sent as E-mail attachments. Instead they will be posted in full on our www.AFTACWCC.org web site where you will find links to them on our “Fallout” page. There you can read, print or download any of our newsletters in full color. We will send you an E-mail alert each time a new edition is posted. So, **please** notify us at TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org when your E-mail address changes.

Each complete edition will be available on-line shortly after it is issued. You can get to all our newsletters anywhere there is Internet access. We know you will appreciate this easy access, as well as the time and money we will save distributing the newsletters. We will continue mailing the **Depot Fallout** to those who do not have access to the Internet. Thank you for your support.

WEST COAST CHAPTER WEB SITE

by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster

Since my last website report in the July issue, we are sad to say that we added two additions to our “**Departed**” page: **Bobby Jones** (d. 02Aug2009) and **Col. Franz “Herb” Dettmer** (d. 16Nov2009). Our “Departed” page garners the highest number of hits (*Unique Visits*) other than when a new issue of our “Fallout” is published. Your comments, ideas and suggestions for our web site are solicited and are always welcomed. ... *Bob*

Activity Report for the period 1 July – 31 December 2009

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Unique Visits</u> | <u>Highest Visit Day(s)</u> | <u>Most Pages Viewed Day</u> | <u>Most Popular Page*</u> | <u>Next Most Popular Page*</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| July '09 | 1,645 | 7/28 (115) | 7/20 (469) | Fallout** (203) | Departed (87) |
| August '09 | 1,259 | 8/10 (155) | 8/10 (654) | Departed (141) | Albums (91) |
| September '09 | 1,050 | 9/08 (56) | 9/13 (344) | Departed (72) | Forms (53) |
| October '09 | 1,434 | 10/06 (80) | 10/16 (600) | Fallout** (159) | Departed (83) |
| November '09 | 1,286 | 11/17 (132) | 11/23 (565) | Departed (233) | Forms (71) |
| December '09 | 1,452 | 12/06 (169) | 12/29 (348) | Departed (100) | Albums (80) |

Notes: * (The “Most Popular Page” Does not include our ‘Home’ page, which always is the most popular page.)

** Direct access to the Depot Fallout July & October issue documents were the most popular at 112 & 89 times respectively, added to the ‘Fallout’ page itself (where folks could find all the past issues) which was accessed 91 times in July & 70 times in Oct.

E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATES NEEDED

by Dale Klug

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: TOD.Alumni@AFTACWCC.org** We will acknowledge your message and ensure our roster is corrected. **Thank You Very Much!**

The West Coast Chapter Fall Social – 15 November 2009 – at the Luau Gardens Restaurant



Left-side: Rose Lee Dunn, Jean Charles, Suki & Dave Tarquino
Right-side: Ken & Eva Breitwieser, Rosalie Allison, Laura Horne



Tommie & Bob Baker, Ken & Cathy Denbleyker



Bob & Patti Land, Dennis Nolan



Charlie & Debi Penn, 'Butch' & Laurie Kemna, Steve & Donna Fritts



Left-side: Virginia Chamberlan & Debi Rand (dau.), Sue & Tom Wentz
Right-side: Al & Ann Pavik, Dick Chamberlan



Orville Pritchard, Joe & Gayle Johnson with Alumita (Gayle's caregiver)



George Thompson, Dottie & John Lanigan



Jean & Bob Haslett, Peggy Rheault, Darlene Fitzgerald

The West Coast Chapter Fall Social – 15 November 2009 – at the Luau Gardens Restaurant *(continued)*



Bob Fitzgerald, Nancy & Dave Price
First 10 photos & captions by Bob Fitzgerald



33 of the 42 WCC Members at the Luau Gardens Fall Social
This photo by Steve Fritts



2011 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion Committee Volunteers
(We are looking for more volunteers to join our group)

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 Alumni Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974. Please note on envelope it's for **Newsletter Editor**.

The following advertisement appeared in the Sacramento Bee and, I suspect, several other newspapers in the Melbourne FL and Denver CO areas about 15 years ago. Who knows, there may still be a job opportunity available.

HELP WANTED

ENGINEERS – Seismic Technicians WANTED for support of modern, digital, seismic stations located in remote areas world wide, Recent 99104 type experience with digital stations desired. 5 positions available soon in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Send resume and salary history to Norm Ruotanen, Geophysical Services & Products (GSP) 401 Cypress St. Suite 426, Abilene Texas 79601 (915) 677-1933 fax (915) 677-4015

The picture on the next page comes from the website John Shampnoi turned us on to.



Official Lockheed Photo, Courtesy of Air Force Weather History Office

In the photo above, we see Pat Rainwater, Miss Lockheed-Georgia, standing next to the U-1 air sampling foils mounted on the forward bomb bay doors of a WB-47E. The U-1 foils (for collecting particulate debris from nuclear tests) made up just part of the atmospheric sampling suite.

IN MEMORY OF

DETTMER, Franz Herbert, Colonel, USAF, Retired Herb, as he was fondly known, passed away at home on November 16, 2009 at the age of 89. Born in Oslo, Norway, he immigrated to the United States with his parents at the age of two. They settled in Seattle, Washington. He attended West Seattle High School and the University of Washington where he obtained his degree in Chemistry and Physics. In 1942 he met and married Anne Jane Beckman who would be his sweetheart for 63 years. Herb proudly served his country for 34 years in the United States Air Force. He received his master's degree in Physics at the Navel Post Grad School. He spent his final years of service in the Commander position at Eielson AFB in Alaska, RADC in Rome, New York, and FDT at Wright Patterson in Ohio. He was honored to be recognized with many Air Force medals and awards. Herb was most proud to be awarded the Legion of Merit medal with Oak Leaf Clusters.

Upon retirement, they were happy to return to the Seattle area where they enjoyed family, church activities, Lions club and numerous hobbies. They especially enjoyed traveling across the country visiting family and friends. In 1998 Herb and Jane moved to Folsom where they became active in the Pinebrook community.

Herb is survived by his sister, Marion Stenberg of Bellevue, Washington; three loving daughters and sons-in-law: Lannie and Jim Hayes of Folsom, Cathy and Wayne Zahm of Arvada, Colorado, and Connie and Martin Dourte of Albuquerque, NM; as well as four grandchildren: Stephanie Moss of Folsom, Michelle Hanson of Arvada, Colorado, Krista Dourte of Austin, Texas, and Katie Dourte of Nashville, Tenn.; and three great-grandchildren: Katelyn and Austin Hanson and James Moss. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Jane, his daughter and son-in-law, Krista and William Martin and grandchild Sara Jane Martin.

The family would like to thank Esther Rogoyawa for her loving care of Herb for the past five years. Services will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 5881 Walnut Avenue, Orangevale on Tuesday, November 24th at 10:00 AM . In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Christ the King Memorial Fund for Herb Dettmer. *Published in the The Sacramento Bee on November 21, 2009*

Who Said That??

by Dale Klug, Editor

- >> A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.
- >> The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you.
- >> The gain in self-confidence of having accomplished a tiresome labor is immense.
- >> All men who have achieved great things have been great dreamers.

**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 four correct answers gets an "Attaboy" or "Attagirl" in the next edition of the newsletter.
EXTRA CREDIT if you can name the local Sacramento source I copied all four of these quotes from.**

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 8 December 2009: Active Members = 157 Life Members = 132

No new members this quarter.

Annual membership fee of \$10 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. 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 2010 membership dues will be 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 March, 1 June, 7 September and 7 December 2010
(Call ahead to our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at www.AFTACWCC.org.)
- 10 May 2010 Deadline for reservations to attend Spring Potluck Picnic at Tempo Park
- 15 May 2010 Spring Potluck Picnic at Tempo Park 11 AM to 3 PM Citrus Heights CA

MAIL CALL

Don't forget our Mail Call E-mail address: fallouteditor@AFTACWCC.org

Betty Havlik Email: 23 Oct 2009. Hi, just want to give you my e-mail address so that I will receive the Depot Fallout letter via e-mail instead of US Post Office. I do enjoy reading it but not a lot of names that I recognize anymore, as it has been 41 years since CJ retired from the 1155th. He passed away 8 years ago so don't have him to discuss the ones that I do know. Thanks for sending it to me, E-mail address follows. bacjh@wctc.net

Gary Hamm Email: 17 Nov 2009. I am saddened by the news of Colonel Dettmer's passing. I served under him at Det 202 along with Bob Fitzgerald from Nov67 to Mar69. Even after all these years I remember what a kind gentle person he was. To Bob and all who knew him, I extend an upraised hand to toast Col Dettmer and those magic years. Sincerely, Gary Hamm, Westminster, CO. gchamm@comcast.net

Jane White Email: 13 Dec 2009. Thanks Dale, that was very special to me. You know how I feel about the US troops away from home. Not very many at Camp Long any more, it will probably close in 2010. The Det will still be there but they will be living in Wonju. There is no officer any more, just a Det Chief and about eight men. No one really knows about these men and women now, too - unless you have been hugged by them. I am very thankful that God has allowed me to be a Grandmother, Mom, and older sister to many of you. All US troops are always in my prayers. Love and Prayers – Jane cchjane@yahoo.com *Editor's Note: Jane is still at the Chechon Children's Home, if you would like a copy of her very informative 2009 Christmas newsletter with pictures, just email me & I'll forward it to you.*

Ken Smith Email: 18 Sep 2009. In memory of Lt. Col. Jack Allison. Major Allison interviewed me for Special Weapons in March of 1965. He told me that there were more qualified people for the four slots available. I told him I could get through any Air Force school with flying colors. He believed me. I spent 9 months at Lowry, 14 months at Det 207, and 4 years at AFTAC headquarters where I met my wife of 39 years. The officers I worked for at AFTAC encouraged me to get out and go to school and helped me find a job in Santa Barbara. I got a degree in physics from UCSB and have been a research scientist for the last 32 years. Thank you Major Allison for setting the direction of my life. I am sure you did the same for many others. SSGT Kenneth S. Smith 99125 (E) Feb 1965 - Mar 1971, Senior Scientist, Metatech Corporation, Goleta California solol@gte.net

Fred Wilkenloh Email: 3 Jan 2010. Hi - hopefully Bob Fitzgerald will read this somehow and we can establish some contact after 50+ years. My name is Fred Wilkenloh and I served with the 1009th in Korea and in Encampment from 1957 through 1960. I have had no contact with anyone in the group in all this time and would like very much to be in touch if possible. Thank you. Fred Wilkenloh in Durham, NC wlnlo@nc.rr.com
Editor's Note: Fred was sent info on how to join ours and the Florida alumni chapters.

Dan Fadness Email: 29 Dec 2009. Here it is nearly the end of the year and I need to renew my dues. I couldn't sleep tonight and everything in God's world was running through my head. AFTAC popped up and I realize it is probably too late to meet the year end deadline. HOWEVERI'll get a check in the mail tomorrow, but I wanted to let you know I often think on my years assigned from the 1155th TOS and think of all the years we were told to forget we were even in it, what we did and where we were. It is refreshing to know we can remember and think. Someday, I would really like to visit one of the AFTAC "outings" and share what we all share. If I were anywhere close to the home area, I would be quite active but ,I am simply too far out in left field to do much. My wife and I are considering selling the place we have and getting a smaller place. We are actually both in pretty good shape yet, but I keep getting a bigger number when my birthday comes around and I am getting pretty darn tired of moving 40 foot sections of irrigation pipe around my 5 acre pasturage. I don't ride much any more and the horses and mule are more pets than transportation. I could go on until it wouldn't be fun any more but I wanted to let someone know that the "check is in the mail". Take care and I'll touch base later. Dan Fadness. *Editor's Note: Well Dan, here's a special invitation to the 2011 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion, right here in Sacramento.*

John Champnoi Email: 25 Aug 2009. I am not sure if you have seen this link, but take a look. <http://www.awra.us/gallery-feb09.html> John Champnoi AFTAC 1962-1966 jshamp@tylerridge.com *Editor's Note: Very interesting John, and well worth the look. Thank You!*



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