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WWC ALUMNI'S REVERED ANNUAL PICNIC

by Charlie Penn

Yes folks, it's getting close to the warm weather and the aroma of burnt meat. We will be hosting the annual spring picnic on May 15th, 2010 at a new venue. We are moving this prestigious event to Tempo Park, 13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights (just north of Greenback). Why the change? Better restroom facilities, ample parking, and no conflicts with clubhouse events that we have previously encountered. We will be lighting the BBQs at 11:00 and wind things up around 3:00. Once again the association will supply the basics; hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks; we ask that you bring a side dish, dessert, or chips to help out. There will be a container on site for cash donations to help with expenses. There has been a change to the park district's policy on alcohol; it's a no-no so please, adhere to their policy. All members and their guests are cordially invited but please sign up early so the logistics can be tweaked. Don't forget to bring your stories and appetite.
Editor's Note: Sign-up form & more details on last page in this issue.

AFTAC ALUMNI DAY AT THE MUSEUM

by Steve Fritts, Director at Large

The Aerospace Museum of California and I invite you to attend a free special presentation of the museum's facilities, operations, programs, and exhibits, on Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 1 PM. During this presentation you will see and hear about the museum's service to the community; amplification of the educational system's science and mathematics subjects; aerospace subject teaching, including aviation, meteorology, navigation, and flight simulation. AFTAC Alumni Association members have expressed their enthusiasm for building an AFTAC historical exhibit to be placed in the museum. Attending this presentation will show you what we have already built for other organizations, and it will show you the potential of our facilities. As added attractions, you will see the entire museum's displays and exhibits, hear about our programs for volunteers, aircraft restoration, memorial park, membership and donation program. You will be given opportunities to ask questions and participate in discussion. Refreshments will also be provided.

Please respond to this invitation by April 9, 2010, letting us know if you will attend, so that we may plan accordingly. Contact me: sfritts@surewest.com or 916-726-3177 as soon as possible. The Aerospace Museum of California is located at McClellan Park, 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan, CA 95652, (916) 643-3192.

Thank you for your interest. Steve Fritts, Aerospace Museum of California, Board of Directors- Secretary

2010 FALL SOCIAL PLANNING IN PROGRESS

by Dave Tarquino

We are looking for your thoughts/ideas for our Fall Social. If you have a favorite restaurant/cuisine with good pricing and separate room for 40-60 guests....and might still be in business in November, let me know. All comments/ideas are welcome. Call me at 916-723-7634 or e-mail: dtarquino@surewest.net.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ

by Charlie Penn, President

I remember way back when my youngest son, born in 1984, and I used to visit the old air museum at McClellan AFB while his mother went to the commissary. My son and I both thoroughly enjoyed our quality time together and the museum offered us a chance to get close to some of the Air Force's old aircraft and interesting exhibits. Well, the old museum is long gone and has been replaced by the Aerospace Museum of California which I, sorry to say, have never visited. Steve Fritts, our chapter's Director at Large, has invited all of our membership and guests to a unique opportunity to listen to a presentation of the museum's facilities, operations, programs, and exhibits along with their goals for education and community service. After the presentation we will be able to tour the complete museum. This rare opportunity will allow the attendees to ask questions and participate in discussions. The cost is free and refreshments will be served. This all happens on Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 1300 hours in the Aerospace Museum of California which is located at McClellan Park, 3200 Freedom Park Drive. Please RSVP by April 9, 2010; the phone number is (916) 643-3192. Hope to see you there.

Another free event is our upcoming annual picnic which will be on May 15, 2010 at Tempo Park in Citrus Heights. In the past this extravaganza has been the arena of lies, war stories, and camaraderie. As usual our chapter will supply the burgers, dogs, condiments, and soft drinks for members and guests. You are asked to bring a side dish, salad, dessert or chips & dips. Please, no alcoholic beverages; it is against the park district's new policy. The coals will be ready to incinerate the meat at 11:00 and we have the park until 3:00. Don't forget to sign up so we have some idea who is bringing what and have enough grub for everyone. You can't defend yourself if you aren't there!

Lastly, the AFTAC reunion, which our Chapter is hosting next year, is in its early stage of planning with several of the local hotels being questioned as to cost and availability for this event. One of the venues we are considering for the banquet is the before mentioned Air Museum of California. Their facilities will be checked out during April 18, 2010 event at the museum. Hopefully, most of the Reunion Committee will be attending this event and the picnic where further planning will transpire. Please try to keep the dates free on your social calendar as we would like to see all of you at these two events.



Above satellite photos taken over Patrick AFB golf course 19th hole.

DEPOT FALLOUT NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org

Our **Depot eFallout** newsletters are no longer 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. *Editor's Note: This issue **WILL** be sent out as an email attachment for you to read until our webmaster returns from a vacation in Ireland. It will then be posted on our website..*

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!**

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@AFTACWCC.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**.

IN MEMORY OF

JOHNSON, Allen J, "AJ", USAF, Retired. In an email message dtd 17Jan2010 from **Morgan Harper Johnson**, "methodmatics@yahoo.com", (*which she sent to Tom Riley who forwarded it to us on 22Jan2010*), Morgan says this about her husband, AJ:

"We regret to inform you that Allen J. "AJ" Johnson died on Monday, 11 January 2010 of natural causes. He was 62, a licensed pilot, Expert class HAM radio operator, a professional photographer and a senior programmer. Specially selected and trained in nuclear physics, AJ served in the U.S. Air Force from 1965 through 1971 during Viet Nam stationed at Det 4xx. An Honors Graduate of Centennial High School, Pueblo, Colorado, AJ worked with IBM for 22 years, JP Morgan Chase Bank for 10 and, most recently, was employed as a Middleware Specialist by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas . His family is holding a memorial with military honors in Pueblo on 23 January. He is survived by his wife, Morgan Harper Johnson, his son, Allen J. Johnson II, his brother, Ed Wheeler, and his sisters, Van Pace, Noelle Faricy, Evera Wheeler and Deidre Mihelich, together with their families. His loss is mourned by friends and colleagues and his step-daughters, Laura Edwards and Heather Hancock."

Tom Riley added: "**AJ**" went through the class at Lowry in the fall of '65. From there to 510L and the 1155th at McClellan, and then to Det 4xx sometime in '67."

PRESSLEY, Gerald E, USAF, Retired. Gerald Pressley, 80 of Smartsville, CA passed away February 8, 2010. Private Services. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Memorial Services. *The above notice appeared in the **Yuba City, CA APPEAL-DEMOCRAT** on Saturday, 13 Feb 2010*

In an email message on 13 Feb 2010 from John Lanigan, John says: "I talked to Gerry's daughter, Ruth Pressley Thayer who told me there would be a cremation and without any formal services. Gerry was a long time member of 1009th SWS, 1035th USAF FAG and AFTAC. I do not know his service history but I believe his final assignment in AFTAC was in the 'Q' system."

Who Said That??

by Dale Klug, Editor

- >> During my service in the United States Congress, I took the initiative in creating the Internet.
- >> The Internet is the most important single development in the history of human communication since the invention of call waiting.
- >> If Al Gore invented the Internet, I invented Spell Check.
- >> The day I made that statement, about inventing the Internet, I was tired because I'd been up all night inventing the Camcorder.

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.
January's quotes were from Robert Frost, John Southard, Arnold Bennett and Orison Swett Marden. The esteemed "Attaboy" goes to Bob Baker who got all four correct. Bob wishes to thank the Academy, his family and Al Gore, who invented the Internet. Bob did not know however, that I got those quotes from solving the daily Cryptoquote in the Sacramento Bee.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 2 March 2010: Active Members = 158 Life Members = 133

Welcome to new life member, John McAuliffe of Nashville, NC.

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:
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>.)
- 18 April 2010 Aerospace Museum of California special event for AFTAC alumni.
- 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
- 1 - 4 July 2010 Amazing Roswell UFO Festival. The city of Roswell NM invites UFO enthusiasts and skeptics alike to commemorate one of the most controversial incidents in history.

MAIL CALL

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

Air Force Sergeants Association News Service: The recently released 2010 Military Handbooks are now available. Each handbook contains helpful information for military members, retirees, veterans, and their families. You can download the following as free .pdf files.

[After the Military Handbook](#), [Military Children's Scholarship Handbook](#), [Getting Uncle Sam to Pay for Your College Degree](#), [Guard and Reserve Handbook](#), [Base Installation Directory](#), [Benefits for Veterans and Dependents](#), [Veterans Healthcare Benefits](#), [U.S. Military Retired Handbook](#)

Just go to: <http://www.militaryhandbooks.com/>

Air Force Times, Staff writer, Karen Jowers: Most of the military community no longer will have to wait for a special holiday discount to buy their home improvement needs. Retailer Lowe's has expanded its 10% military discount to all day, everyday, for active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retiree and disabled service members, and their families, company officials announced Wednesday, February 10, 2010. Those wanting a discount must present a valid military ID card. The discount is available on in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000. "Lowe's was founded on the heels of World War II by veterans Jim Lowe and Carl Buchan and has always been a supporter of the military," said Larry D Stone, Lowe's president and CEO, in a statement announcing the new policy. "The year-round discount policy is one way we are reaffirming our commitment to the thousands of men and women who are serving throughout the world, as well as their family members at home.

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER

SPRING PICNIC - 15 MAY 2010

Tempo Park, 13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

ATTENTION TO ORDERS

Yes, folks, it's getting close to the warm weather and the aroma of burnt meat. We will be hosting the annual spring picnic on 15 May 2010 at a new venue. We are moving this prestigious event to Tempo Park in Citrus Heights (*just north of Greenback*) [see address, above]. Why the change? Better restroom facilities, ample parking, and no conflicts with clubhouse events that we have previously encountered. We will be lighting the BBQs at 1100 hours and wind things up around 1500 hours. Once again your association will supply the basics: hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks & water. We ask that you bring a salad, side dish, dessert, or chips to help out. **Note: There has been a change to the park district's policy regarding alcohol: It's a no, no! So please adhere to their policy.** All members and their guests are cordially invited, but please sign up early so the logistics can be tweaked. Don't forget to bring your stories, goodies & appetite to the picnic, and fill out the sign-up form and mail it in now.

VITAL DETAILS:

When: **15 May, 2010** (*Armed Forces Day*)

Where: **Tempo Park**

Address: **13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights, 95610**

Hours: **1100 Hrs -1500 Hrs (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)**

Cost: **Nada** (*If you would like to help defray the costs, your donation will be gratefully accepted at the site.*)

DIRECTIONS:

From I-80: Go East on Greenback, turn left (North) on Fair Oaks Blvd, the park will be on the left side.
From Hwy 50: Go North on Sunrise Blvd, turn right (East) on Greenback and left (North) on Fair Oaks Blvd.

The 2010 Spring Picnic is being arranged by Butch Kemna, WCC Treasurer, and Charlie Penn, WCC President. If you have any questions, call Butch at (916) 722-8509 or Charlie at (916) 391-6956.

PLEASE FILL IN and MAIL YOUR SIGN-UP FORM TODAY TO:

AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

For your records:

I mailed my form on ___/___/2010. I said there are ___ of us coming & that I'd bring for potluck: _____

(cut here & mail or copy the form & e-mail it!)

Picnic Sign-up Form

(cut here & mail or copy the form & e-mail it.)

(Please print)

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

Add'l Guest(s): _____

_____ Total Number Attending [____]

I/We will bring for the potluck:

Salad [] Side Dish [] Dessert [] Other _____

Your Ph#: (____) ____ - _____ Email Addr: _____



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / ROSTER UPDATE

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