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JANUARY 2011 EDITION

ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL WELL ATTENDED

by Dave Tarquino, Vice President

We had 32 attendees at our Fall Social at the Chinese Buffet on Saturday afternoon, November 13th. The food was very good and the party room was great for an event like ours. The WCC extends a warm welcome to a new life member, Allan Pentecost. The morning of the Social, Allan was surfing the web looking for AFTAC stuff and came across our website. He noticed that the Social was just about ready to begin as he was reading the article so he hurried over to join us. <u>(See pictures on page 6)</u>

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.

2011 AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION <u>12 May - 15 May 2011</u>

by Charlie Penn, President

It is time to make your plans to attend the 2011 AFTAC Worldwide reunion which is being hosted by the AFTAC Alumni Association - West Coast Chapter. The site selection committee searched throughout the Sacramento region to find the "perfect" location for this event. For nostalgic and practical reasons the Lions Gate Hotel (formerly the "O" Club at McClellan AFB) was selected. This facility offers registered guests complementary buffet breakfasts, will set up transportation to and from the Sacramento International Airport (\$14/person), and has rooms ranging from refurbished BOQ's to the SMAMA General's quarters (4 bedrooms). Prices for lodging range from \$89 - \$349/night with some quarters offering full kitchens and multiple bedrooms. The bar and restaurant facilities are revamped and very accommodating. So, what is on tap for our reunion? (Editor's note: Please use the <u>NEWLY REVISED</u> Registration form that is included in this issue or the one on our website.)

Thursday, 12 May 2011: Early sign-in and hospitality suite activities. George Thompson, the maestro of the hospitality suite, has toured the facility for this function and gives it two thumbs up. It is a former one bedroom base officer's quarters that has a full kitchen, living room, bathroom, and access to a large patio area. This will handle at least 80 sages that want to swap some lies and perhaps imbibe in some liquid refreshments. Any group that would like to have a mini-reunion (Detachments, systems, etc.) can contact George at <u>AsstBdChmn@AFTACWCC.org</u> and he will make sure the proper notification and advertising is accomplished. (i.e., Detachment 202 would like to host an alumni function; done!) Registration for these mini-reunions can be accomplished either in the hotel lobby or at the hospitality suite.

Friday, May 13, 2011: Sign-in continues and there will be a docent guided tour of the Aerospace Museum of California starting at 1:00. This facility used to be located close to the new commissary and has since relocated north of McClellan Park on Freedom Park Drive in a new building and grounds area. The Lions Gate Hotel will provide transportation to and from this museum for those who need it. The reduced price for this guided tour will be \$5.00 that you pay at the entrance to the museum. You will be impressed at this new facility and exhibits; visit their web site <u>www.aerospacemuseumofcalifornia.org</u>. You can get further information by contacting Gary "Steve" Fritts at

DirectorAtLarge@AFTACWCC.org. Starting at 5:00 there will be a no host reception at the "O" Club or General's quarters depending on weather and the number of participants.

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This event will have both cold and hot hors d'oeuvres and will give everyone a chance to mingle and reminisce with their brethren and friends. This event "officially" will close at 7:00 and the hearty will adjourn to the hospitality suite. Dinner, for those who need to put on the feed bag, will be non-hosted and left to your discretion.

Saturday, May 14, 2011: Yes, the hospitality suite is still open and registration continues either at the hotel lobby or the suite. Formally, today starts out with a trip to the Thunder Valley Casino with their free bus(s) arriving in front of the Lions Gate Hotel at 10:00. Transportation will take you to the casino where you will be afforded the opportunity to "recoup your expenses for this reunion". The bus will return to the Lions Gate Hotel around 3:00. This will allow you the time to prepare yourselves for the banquet which formally starts at 7:00. The banquet will be the formal finale of this reunion and a chance, once again, to mix with the folks that were an important part of your life. The banquet will have a no host bar opening at 6:00, pre dinner entertainment, color guard presentation, and keynote speaker. After the dinner you will have further opportunities to mingle with attendees, and yes, once again visit the hospitality suite.

Sunday, May 15, 2011: Time to say goodbye at the no host breakfast. Time is at your leisure. The Lions Gate Hotel will arrange ground transportation to the airport for those who need this amenity.

<u>Hotel Information</u>: Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center, 3410 Westover Street, Sacramento (McClellan), California 95652, <u>Phone:</u> 866-258-5651 Website: http://www.lionsgatehotel.com/

*******Be sure to mention you are attending the AFTAC Reunion *********

REMINDER PLEASE REGISTER EARLY but the DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 01 MAY 2011

My Farewell Edition

by Dale Klug, Editor

Yes, this issue of the Depot Fallout is my final one as your editor. After over ten years serving as editor, I'm stepping down. My first issue was the March 2000 newsletter. It was a whopping one-page edition, printed on both sides and mailed out to all our members, back when first-class postage was less expensive than today. None of them were emailed.

We are looking for someone to take over as the new editor. I am willing to help all I can. My knowledge gained from my experience is at the disposal of whoever takes on the task. I'm only an email or telephone call away should the new editor want help. I also have the latest updated edition of <u>The Tongue and Quill</u>, originally written by my mentor, Lt Col H A Staley, it is widely used by Air Force military and civilian members, professional military school educators and students, and civilian corporations around the United States. I will donate my <u>Harbrace College Handbook</u> should anyone need it. I will also be available to do any proofreading, a job now performed by that sweet young thing I married 40 years ago.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ

by Charlie Penn, President

It's 2011 and another year is upon us. I hope your Holidays were joyous, fruitful and rewarding. With the New Year there are personal resolutions that are waiting to be broken; I have already given up the massive weight loss regime that has been an annual ritual of mine. The other resolution that I made this year was to have a terrific, successful world-wide reunion which we are hosting this May. This resolution will not be broken; I promise. As of the first of the year we have only received 16 reservations for the reunion. Please, **do not delay** sending in your reservation(s) as facility deposits and planning are dependent on accurate head counts. Also, if you know of any ex AFTACers who may not have the internet or are not members of an AFTAC alumni association please pass on the word about the reunion. Feel free to give out my phone number (916) 391-6956 and I will insure that the uninformed will be mailed all the information needed to register. Let's move on to more important matters.

We received notification that Dale Klug, our Depot Fallout Newsletter editor/guru is stepping down from this position. In fact, what you are reading right now will be his last endeavor as publisher. Dale has served in this capacity for years and has done admirably in its performance. Dale, I'm sure, will provide any and all training needed for the next volunteer to take over this vital avenue of delivering information and articles to our membership. Additionally, our webmaster, Bob Fitzgerald, has been seeking an assistant to aid him in his duties. Folks, volunteering for either of these positions will help guarantee that both the Newsletter and website continue service. If you have a little extra time and limited computer skills take the initiative and volunteer. You will be rewarded by knowing you are an integral component in keeping our Association active and that current, germane information is passed on to the membership.

Happy New Year!

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**.

Editor's Note: This same picture was in the October 2010 Depot Fallout. With the help of Dave Price and Clay Lemire we have determined the picture was taken in 1963. Clay has the same photo with "1963" written on it. More people have been identified also. See caption under picture.



Do you recognize anyone in this 1963, Basketball Team Photo? L-R Back row: Lt Regiera ?, Ray Schulstad?, *(Coach)*Fred Fisher, Ed Slover, Tony Gallo L-R Front row: Lt. Hauschild, McCain?, Clay Lemire

Who Said That??

by Dale Klug, Editor

- >> The noblest of all dogs is the hotdog; it feeds the hand that bites it.
- >> A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew.
- >> Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day; wisdom consists in not exceeding that limit.
- >> Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.

Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: <u>FalloutEditor@AFTACWCC.org</u> First WCC member to send in all four correct answers gets an "Attaboy" or "Attagirl" in the next edition of the newsletter.

October's quotes were from Jim Fiebig, Albert Einstein, Ambrose Bierce and Henry Havelock Ellis. The distinguished "Attaboy" goes to Jim Giordano who was the first to get all four correct. Bob Baker, who's <u>usually</u> the first, also got 4 correct. Lloyd French, with three answers correct, mistakenly credited Dr Laurence Peter with the third quote.

Dr Laurence Peter became widely famous in 1968, on the publication of <u>The Peter Principle</u>, in which he states: "In a hierarchy every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence ... In time every post tends to be occupied by an employee who is incompetent to carry out its duties ... Work is accomplished by those employees who have not yet

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reached their level of incompetence." The <u>Peter Principle</u> became one of the most profound principles of management. From 1985 to his death in 1990, Dr. Peter attended and was involved in management of the <u>Kinetic Sculpture Race</u> in Humboldt County, California. He proposed an award for the race, titled "The Golden Dinosaur Award" which has been handed out every year since to the first sculptural machine to utterly break down immediately after the start. (Editor's note: I had the pleasure of attending a parade of vehicles which competed in that race. The parade was held in Ferndale, California, where the TDY teams from TOD stayed while supporting the portable "O" system during the 1970s. More information on the Peter Principle and how the US Military has adapted to eliminating it can be found online at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Principle .)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman As of 30 December 2010: Active Members = 149 Life Members = 132 Welcome to new life member, Allan Pentecost.

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. **Check your mailing label or look for an email showing your membership 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 2011 membership dues will be dropped from the "active" roster and newsletter distribution list.**

EVENTS CALENDAR

Business/Member meetings are 1st Tuesdays quarterly at the Lions Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park:
 1 Mar 2011 - 7 Jun 2011 - 6 Sep 2011 - 6 Dec 2011

(Call ahead to our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at <www.AFTACWCC.org>.)
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MAIL CALL

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Joe Amerena Email: 14 January 2011. I remember Chick very well. I worked with him before AFTAC when we were both working as job-shoppers. When I went to work for 1155, in 1968, Chick was already there! They were just forming the technical writing section. Chick worked for 1155 for probably 5-6 years before he was transferred to McClellan ALC, I think it was because there was a RIF, and we had to loose a writer or two. I remember we lost Chick and a guy named Jack Younce. We lost them in the RIF. We got Younce back, but not Chick, He retired from McClellan ALC. JoeA

John Lanigan Email: 15 January 2011. I am very sorry to hear of Chick's passing. He always seemed to be able to go on forever. The age of 91 is good and I admire him for that. I came to the 1155th in December 1967 and Chick, along with the other writers was already there. Only guessing, but they may have been there since June of that year. I went to the ALC in 1974 on a reduction in force and as I recall Chick preceded me there by just a few months. I believe he retired from Civil Service in 1975. He would have been in the 1155th for about eight years. I enjoyed Chick's company very much and admired him for his energy with all his different activities. He was almost unflappable. Talkative, sociable and always busy. The Coast Guard was a very important part of his life and I believe it shaped his life in many ways.

After his retirement, he worked for an electrical tool repair company in North Sacramento. After that, for many years, he transported cars for different dealerships in Central and Northern California. You might say, "He kept going because he kept going." John

IN MEMORY OF

CELICK, Arnold (Arne) Col. Ret. USAF Arne passed away unexpectedly on 23 Nov, 2010. He had not been in the best of health. Arne wanted a simple Irish wake with family and close friends, but a full honors ceremony at the cemetery as he had served in the for 32 years. Arne will be buried at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon on Jan 14th, 2011 at 11 AM. *Editor's Note: There were no plans to publish an obituary in any newspaper.*



CHIGAZOLA, Fred (Chick), USCG & GS-11, USAF, Ret. Passed away on December 28, 2010, in Santa Rosa, CA, at the age of 91. Chick was born in Mobile, Alabama on October 2, 1919. After joining the U.S. Coast Guard at the age of 18, he proudly served his country as a radioman on both USCG ships and aircraft. Station assignments included Port Angeles, Washington, Annette Island, Alaska, and San Francisco, CA. It was during his assignment in San Francisco that he met his bride Doris Elaine Lybrand. Chick and Elaine lived in Millbrae, CA, Annette Island Alaska, and Port Angeles, WA, where he retired after 23 years in USCG. Following Chick's retirement, they moved the family to Citrus Heights,

CA in 1962. Chick and Elaine were very active in community groups including the San Juan and Daylight Masonic Lodges and the Carmichael Elks Club. Chick and Elaine were married until 1998 when Elaine passed away. He remained in Citrus Heights enjoying his many friends and his music. Chick enjoyed a lifelong passion for music and played multiple instruments including the clarinet, saxophone, piccolo, and flute. He especially loved the sounds of Dixieland Jazz and Big Band Era. Chick was a member of multiple bands throughout his life, including the Sacramento Shrine Band. Most recently he played with the Capital City Concert Band in Sacramento, CA. Ham radio was another favorite hobby and daily activity. W6JWW had acquaintances around the world. His loving daughter Laureen Dunn predeceased Chick. He is survived by sons Robert Chigazola and his wife Frances of Somerset, CA, Don Chigazola and his wife Debbie of Santa Rosa, CA; and son-in-law Jerry Dunn of Sacramento, CA. Chick is also survived by grandchildren Stacy Ricks, Christopher McElroy, Cara Chigazola, Tony Chigazola, Angela Chigazola; and great-granddaughter Taylor Lani. A memorial to honor Chick's life will be planned for the later part of January in Sacramento, CA. In lieu of flowers, Chick requested that donations be made to the Shriner's Childrens' Hospital in Sacramento, CA. Arrangements under the care of: SANTA ROSA MORTUARY EGGEN AND LANCE CHAPEL. 707-545-3747 Published in the Press Democrat from January 2 to January 5, 2011 Editor's Note: Chick was a member of the 1155th Tech Ops Sq technical writing section in the late 60s/early 70s. See emails from Joe Amerena & John Lanigan above)

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CHECHON CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Family:

Another busy year for us at CCH, many new changes at the Home and for the children who have left us. Many trials – knowing God is always with us and all of my "Special People" were still backing me-us with love, support, and prayer we have come through right side up. As 2010 comes to a close we are thankful for His abundant Blessings which have out numbered our trials, and all our "SPECIAL PEOPLE" who have continued to help and pray for us another year.

December is always a busy month for us. The children practice for the Christmas programs they give for some of our "Special" guests. Santa continues to come each year in the blue vans of the Det. Air Force people with gifts for each of the children. The Senior High students who will graduate in February will have had the influence of these people since they were babies. We are thankful for all the special gifts, extra food, treats, and visitors. We also have a gathering for those who help to keep White Children's Services going – our Caregivers and Social Workers. At CCH we had ninety children (including thirty-eight teenagers!) and thirty-one caregivers who do our best trying to meet the needs of our children. At our Child Abuse Protection Center we have seven Social workers and two helpers – they often work 24 hours a day. PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS.

We Thank Him and You for Blessings Abundant

MAY THE QUIETNESS OF CHRISTMAS,

EASE THE STRESS OF TROUBLED HEARTS IN THESE TROUBLED TIMES WITH HIS PEACE AND QUIETNESS. MAY HIS LOVE, JOY AND PEACE GUIDE YOU THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR.

Jane and Chechon Children's Home

Editor's Note: Jane is still at the Chechon Children's Home, if you would like a copy of the full text of her very informative two-page 2010 Christmas newsletter, with pictures, just email me & I'll forward it to you.

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEST COAST CHAPTER FALL SOCIAL

13 November 2010

at CHINA BUFFET in Citrus Heights, CA

Dave Tarquino, Arranger/Coordinator



Ken & Eva Breitwieser, Tommie & Bob Baker, Suki & Dave Tarquino, Allan Pentecost



Cal & Alice Brown, Dick & Virginia Chamberlain, Laura Horne, Peggy Armintrout, Ann & Al Pavik



Dale & Rose Klug, Ken & Cathleen Denbleyker, Joe Johnson, Tom & Sue Wentz, Marge Iske



John "Butch" & Laurie Kemna, George Thompson



Bob Fitzgerald, Nancy Price, Peggy & Lowell "Satch" Satterlee, Dave Price, Darlene Fitzgerald

Thirty-two smiling alumni.

If you weren't there, you missed a good dinner and chatting with friends.

Photos by Bob Fitzgerald

See enhanced color versions of all these photos on our web site: <u>www.AFTACWCC.org</u>



AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION 12-15 MAY 2011 REGISTRATION REMINDER

Names:
Our reminder: I/we paid & signed up for the following number of people and reunion events: Fri, 13 May Guided tour of Aerospace Museum x people (pay \$5.00 at museum) Sat, 14 May Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Casino x people (free) Sun, 15 May Farewell Buffet at Lion's Gate x people (pay at Lion's Gate) Reunion Admin Fee people x \$5.00 = \$ Fri, 13 May Cocktail Party/Reception people x \$25.00 = \$ Sat, 14 May Banquet Dinner people x \$45.00 = \$
My Check # for \$ was made out to " AFTAC-WCC " and I/we mailed check & the registration form on//201_ <i>(before 01 May 2011 deadline)</i> to:
AFTAC Alumni AssocWCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974
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AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION 12-15 MAY 2011 REGISTRATION FORM Please Print
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(Note: We need to have a head count for every activity listed as follows:)
Reunion Admin. Fee <i>(for Badges, Forms, Mailing, Reunion Programs, etc.)</i> \$5.00/person x=\$
Friday Guided tour of the Aerospace Museum of California [Pay \$5.00 at the museum] (# of guests =)
Friday Cocktail Party/Reception (no host bar with hors d'oeuvres)\$25.00/person x=\$
Saturday bus trip & 4 hrs at Thunder Valley Casino [Freebee but limited bus seats] (# of players =)
Sat. eve. Banquet (enter # of each) Salmon [] Chicken[] Steak[] Vegetarian[]\$45.00/person x=\$ (All Meals Include: Salad, Chef's Selection of Potato or Rice, Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert & Coffee)
Farewell Brunch Buffet (Sunday 9:00am - ?) [No host or agenda, Lions Gate Hotel guests eat free] (# of guests =)
Total = \$ Make your check payable to "AFTAC-WCC" and mail it along with this form to: AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974
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