



# Depot Fallout

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

*by Dave Tarquino, WCC President*

**A CALL TO ALL ALUMNI TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE DEPOT FALLOUT:** Whether it is a "Way Back When," "What Are They Doin' Today," or just something you think is interesting, share it with us. It's another way of keeping in touch....

It's time for our spring picnic!! Join us on **17 May** at Tempo Park in Fair Oaks for free hot dogs, hamburgers, and many delicious side dishes and desserts. Bring your stories and tales and...don't be shy... reach out and bring another AFTAC'er with you. We're not getting any younger. Let's see those smiley faces and hear those stories of days gone by.

The West Coast Chapter hosts a Spring Picnic and a Fall Social as our annual social events. We are always looking for new ideas for a change of venue or other socials. Share your ideas with us for other fun things to do or places to go.

## NEW AFTAC BUILDING OPENS AT PATRICK AFB

*by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*



*Joan Singlevich (seated) and Terry Ciambrone (holding scissors) cut the symbolic ribbon March 11, 2014, officially marking the opening of the Walter Singlevich Headquarters Building and the Ciambrone Radiochemistry Laboratory, both part of the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan A. Romano)*

## NEWS REQUEST

by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor

I need "One Of Our Own" features to give interesting info about one of our talented members ( all of you ). Please feel free to submit neat things that you do. Remember that we are a fraternity! Also, there must be a lot of untold stories out there. They need not be humorous, just something interesting for AFTAC insiders. Don't be paranoid about the classified issues. I will sanitize it based upon advice from knowledgeable advisors.

## WEBSITE ACTIVITY REPORT

Submitted 01-Apr-2014 by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

"www.AFTACWCC.org"

1 Dec 2013 – 31 Mar 2014

<u>Month</u>	<u>Unique Visits</u>	<u>Highest Visit Day(#Visits)</u>	<u>Mo. Average Visits/Day</u>	<u>Most Popular* Page (#Visits)</u>	<u>Next Most Popular* Page</u>
Dec 2013	<b>6,267</b>	12/14 (409)	202	Departed (130)	Links (114)
Jan 2014	<b>6,923</b>	01/23** (468**)	223	History*** (836)	Departed (144)
Feb 2014	<b>5,228</b>	02/03 (413)	187	History*** (634)	Departed (134)
Mar 2014	<b>5,592</b>	03/31 (266)	180	History (398)	Albums**** (352)

Notes:\* "Most Popular" page does not include our 'Home' page, which **almost\*\*\*** always is the most popular page.

\*\* Unusual: In January there were 4 days with over 400 visits: 1/02 (427); 1/06 (452); 1/16 (433); and 1/23 (468).

\*\*\* Highly unusual: In January & February our 'History' page had more direct hits than even our 'Home' page.

\*\*\*\*Albums: Our May 2006 Picnic photo album had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest access rate for March 2014.

Your [Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org) is always open to suggestions for new content, new page designs, & any help offered. Tnx. Bf

## WHO SAID THAT?

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

- >> The secret for staying married for such a long time? One of us talks and the other doesn't listen.
- >> Youth and vitality is no match for old age and treachery.
- >> Setting a good example for the grandkids takes all the fun out of old age.
- >> Life is like a grapefruit. It's yellow-orange and squishy, and it has a few seeds in it, and if you're not careful, it will squirt you in the eye
- >> When you can put your foot on three dandelions at once, its spring.

Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: [dkconsulting@juno.com](mailto:dkconsulting@juno.com)  
January 2014's quotes were from Joe Theisman, Brooke Shields, Marion Barry, Al Gore, Dan Quayle and the Greenville SC, Dept of Social Services. I received responses from **Bob Baker, Don King, Clark Creery, Ron Carpenter and Jim Giordano.**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 10 Mar 2014

**Total Active Members = 146 Life Members = 136**

**This is a reduction of 6 active members.**

**Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year.** Check your mailing label, or check the "WCC Roster" from our website "Forms" page. Life memberships are available for \$75. You can use the "Membership Application/Roster Update" form on the last page of this newsletter or the one from our web site "Forms" page to send with your dues. Don't let your membership lapse. **Those alumni who are not current with their membership dues will be dropped from the "active" roster along with our newsletter distribution & email notification lists.** (See our web site "Forms" page, "WCC Roster" link to check your status.)



## **IT'S NOT WHERE YOU GO, IT'S WHERE YOU GROW**

**By Chief Master Sgt. Craig A. Neri/AFTAC/CCS**

I know all you sages out there have heard that phrase before: “**Bloom where you grow.**” In my opinion, it’s a metaphor that applies so much to military life, and I think it’s important to keep it in mind throughout one’s career.

Some of you may already know that I was selected to become the command chief for the 45th Space Wing. You ‘more sage’ members may know that position as the ‘senior enlisted advisor.’ No matter what the title, I was honored to be chosen and really look forward to what the future holds, both personally and professionally.

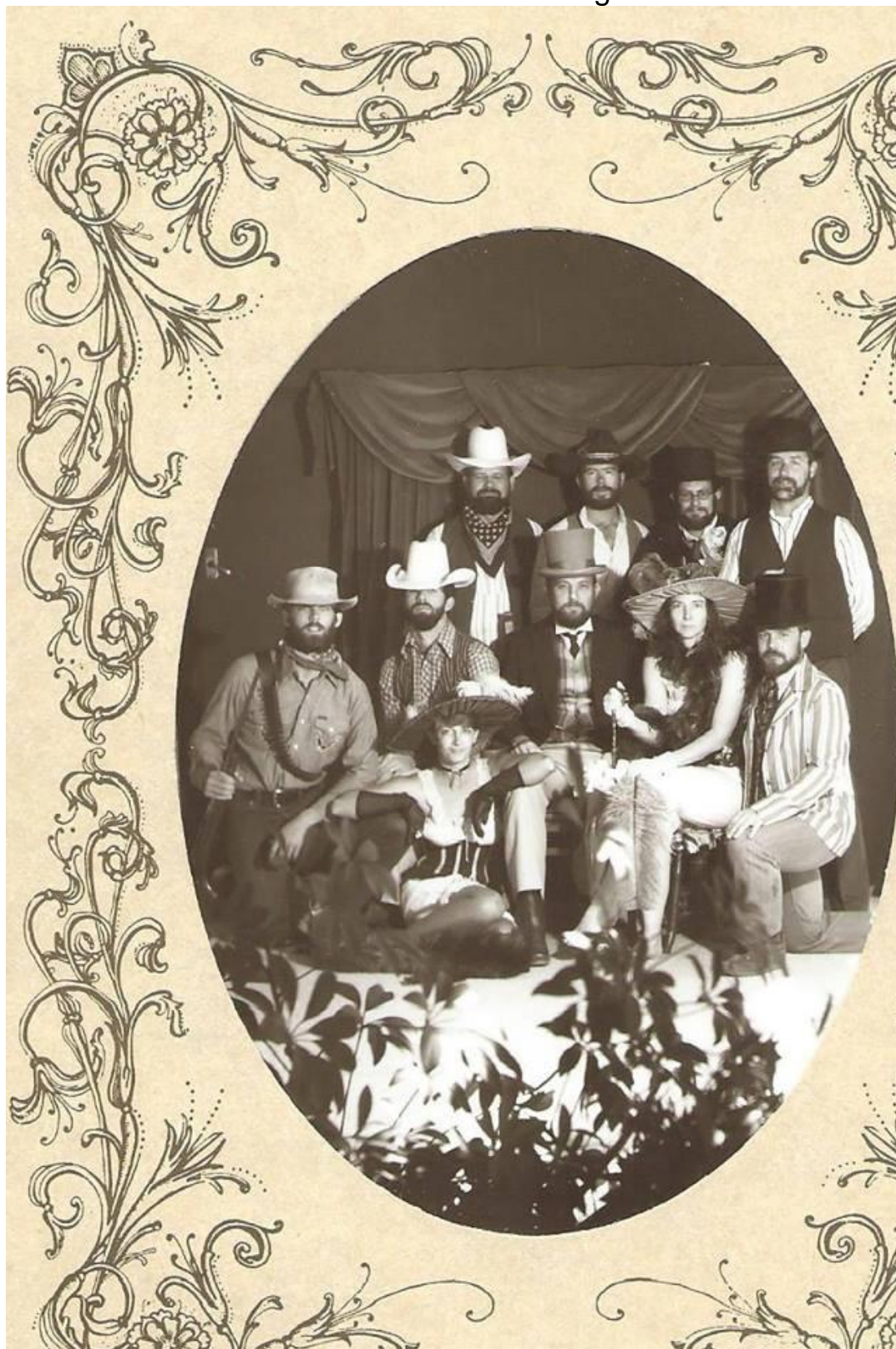
Returning back to the bloom-grow analogy, as I look back at my time as AFTAC’s superintendent, I realize that I have grown some incredibly deep roots with this organization. Unlike many senior NCOs who have been fortunate enough to spend an entire career associated with AFTAC, my career path was different, and it wasn’t until January 2012 that I came to be a part of the nuclear treaty monitoring mission. But despite my tenure being shorter than most, I have truly enjoyed blooming where I have been planted. I have learned a great deal from the Airmen in this organization – Airmen who are superstars in every sense of the word. They are academically gifted; possess knowledge and skills that set them apart from the vast majority of their Air Force peers; and they strive for excellence in all they do – a tenet of the Air Force Core Values. I have also learned a great deal from AFTAC’s senior scientists, analysts and engineers. I began my Air Force career as a computer maintenance apprentice, so with my somewhat limited technical background, seeing what these folks produce on a daily basis is mind-boggling. And I have also learned the importance of heritage – and I learned that by networking with AFTAC alumni at monthly meetings, the annual Snow Ball, and even at the Winter Social. You have taught me how critical it is to remember our past, learn from those who have served before me, and to carry on the unique and proud history that AFTAC is known for. It has been a distinct privilege to be a part of AFTAC, and an even greater privilege to call many of you ‘friends.’ Donna and I want to thank all of you for your kindness, friendship and well wishes as we venture across the base for our newest adventure. We won’t be too far, so if you’re ever on that side of the base, please make sure to stop by!



## WHO ARE THESE DISTINGUISHED AFTAC PEOPLE?

*by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*

Det 421 in one of their lighter moments.  
Professional demeanor at its highest level!



*Courtesy of Chuck Conrad*

## **THE BUFF AND THE POD**

*by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*

I first became involved with the B-52 Pod integration when I made a quick flight from McClellan to Fairchild to help the contractor solve an issue with no sensor communication from the pod through the B-300 to the ECM station. Having solved that one, we proceeded to load the pod into the bomb bay. We discovered quickly that the motorized hoisting winches wouldn't work with enough precision, so we hand cranked it into place. Everything worked flawlessly on that first flight, and it was a real hoot to be up there at 40,000+! I just hoped that the EWO would not be in the seat if we had to bail out. I would have had to make my way below and roll out of either the radar or the navigator hatches while the airplane would have been doing strange things! I flew many more flights and had no problem of any kind.

**The Following Courtesy of John E. Vaught**

January 14, 2014

And who can forget bouncing a refurbished pod off the ramp at Carswell one nice Texas evening. I got to meet all the senior staff; Wing Commander on down! The only thing we didn't replace on that pod was the cables!!! That's when we found out next day delivery isn't!



\*\*\*\*\***Sage SHOP**\*\*\*\*\*

Check out the neat stuff that is available on the Florida Post Monitor Newsletter.

Mail orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range  
Detection Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, Steven Revels/IG,  
PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892, Questions  
concerning Sage Shop items can be sent to Steve by  
phone:321-494-6867 or Email: steven.revels.1@us.af.mil



## EVENTS CALENDAR

Just a reminder that our business meetings are held the **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** of March, June, September, and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel on McClellan Park. The meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome.

*(Always check our 'Events' page at [www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org) or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)*

## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### 1971

*by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*



**David Jarman Playing His Guitar On The Steps Of His Barracks At Lowry AFB in 1971.**

**Look through your photo archives and send me people pictures from your active duty service. All of us will enjoy seeing people we know or, good grief, ourselves!**

# AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER ANNUAL PICNIC – 17 MAY 2014 – 11AM-2PM

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

## ATTENTION TO ORDERS

Once again it's time for our annual Spring get together. We will be hosting our annual WCC picnic on **17 May 2014**, Armed Forces Day, at the same venue as May 2013's picnic. Good restroom facilities, ample parking, and a covered pavilion. We will be lighting the BBQs at 1100 hours and wrap things up by 1400 hours this year. Once again the West Coast Chapter (WCC) of our alumni association will supply the basics: hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks/water, utensils & paper products. We ask that you bring a salad, side dish, dessert, or chips. **Please remember that due to current county regulations there is no alcohol consumption allowed at this facility.** 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. Please fill out the sign-up form & send it to us. **SIGN UPS ARE NEEDED BY 12 MAY 2014.**



### VITAL DETAILS:

When: **Saturday, 17 May 2014**

Where: **Tempo Park**

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

Hours: **1100 Hrs -1400 Hrs (11:00 am – 2:00 pm)**

Cost: **Nada**

*(However, if you would like to help defray the cost of this event, there will be a container at the picnic for your donation.)*



### 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 2014 Picnic is being arranged by **Butch Kemna**, WCC Treasurer, and **Charlie Penn**. If you have any questions, call Butch, **(916) 722-8509** or Email them: "**PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org**".

**PLEASE FILL IN & MAIL, or SCAN & EMAIL, YOUR SIGN-UP FORM BY 12 MAY 2014 to:**  
**AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974**

I  mailed /  Emailed my form on \_\_/\_\_/14. There will be \_\_ of us coming & we'll bring \_\_\_\_\_ for potluck.

*(The upper part is for your records, so keep it as a reminder)*

*(cut here & mail or scan the form & e-mail it to: "**PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org**"*

**Picnic Sign-up Form**

### ANNUAL WCC PICNIC – 17 MAY 2014

*(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

Annual membership fee of \$10.<sup>00</sup> is due by 01 January each year. Check your mailing label for expiration date. Your last newsletter will be the one following your expiration date. Life memberships are available for \$75.<sup>00</sup>.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Street, Apt #, etc. City State Zip Code*

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Active Duty: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Branch of Service From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy Branch of Service From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy*

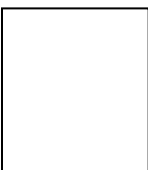
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*From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy*

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