



# Depot Fallout

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dave Tarquino, WCC President

This is election year for the WCC. Ken Denbleyker, Chairman of the Board, will head up the nominating committee. More to come from Ken in the near future. We will hold elections at our Fall Social in November. Our spring picnic is just a few weeks away on 16 May. Bring your family and an AFTAC friend with you. To anyone travelling to Florida for the WWR in Florida on 29-31 May, have a great time and a safe journey.

Our business meetings and social events are open to the entire AFTAC family. Put the dates on your calendar and join us if you can. Our next business meeting is 8-June at 7:00 PM at the Lions Gate Hotel, at McClellan Park.

## I'M GOING TO AFTAC?

OR

## WHAT IS AFTAC AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor

We have an incredibly rich heritage! Did any of you enter the Air Force with a goal or dream of doing the jobs that we did in AFTAC? Did we even know that a thing called AFTAC or its predecessors existed? Think of the career fields that we did know about related to being part of the traditional Air Force. They all sounded exciting and part of that third dimension of the air! Pilot, navigator, bombardier, gunner, radioman and tailgunner just to name a few up in the air. And then there was the groundcrew of mechanics, technicians and other "keep them flying" guys, proudly working their hearts out to send their knights in shining armor with their deadly weapons out to vanquish the enemy. Recalling the images in the WWII newsreels of countless B-17's, B-24's, B-29's, P-51's and P-38's covering the sky on their way to destroy the war machine of the enemy, it was easy to imagine being up there part of it all. Yes, we were wearing blue uniforms rather than brown, signaling that a new guard was taking over. And we were all pretty young when the image of a mushroom cloud entered our reality. Some of us heard it real time for the first time ever as President Truman announced over the radio the use of the first atomic bomb against the Japanese homeland. Some heard through our relatives or read it in our history books. It was otherworldly, like something out of Terry and The Pirates or Steve Canyon. But we all knew that we had entered a whole new world where the stakes of war had just gone up at an exponential rate! We didn't see beyond our knowledge that we were to become the roundtable of a worldwide Camelot. Little did we guess what lay ahead as we entered through SPINSTRA or other avenues.

**“DON'T ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING. DON'T ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING. JUST LEARN!”**

It was clear that we were not into something that was run-of-the-mill stuff. The secrecy involved and demanded told us volumes about the importance of what we were embarking upon. It was exciting and caused the adrenalin to surge as we realized that we were part of something far bigger than our preconceptions of our Air Force careers could have conjured up! And we also recognized that we were not just replaceable pegs to be dropped into appropriate holes as needed and then discarded. We were a select few with a mission that was to become unending in the struggle for survival in a dangerous world. How well we did our job meant the difference between keeping a lid on nuclear warfare and its consequences or seeing the world descend into a holocaust magnitudes greater than the despots of the world were already accomplishing with conventional arms. WE ARE AFTAC!

**We have always been a fraternity. We have always been a family. We span 65 years as this highly unique calling. In order to keep this rich heritage prospering, please consider volunteering to serve the WCC in whatever way that you are moved to contribute by filling in the accompanying form.**

**NOMINIATIONS/VOLUNTEER for WCC OFFICE POSITIONS  
for the term Dec 2015 thru Nov 2017**

<b>ELECTED OFFICIALS</b>			
<b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS:</b>	<b><u>NOMINATION</u></b>	<b>or</b>	<b><u>VOLUNTEER</u></b>
<b>COB</b> <i>Chmn of Board Of Directors:</i>	[ ] _____	[ ] _____	_____
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<b>Director At Large:</b>	[ ] _____	[ ] _____	_____
<b>WCC President:</b>	[ ] _____	[ ] _____	_____
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<b>Treasurer:</b>	[ ] _____	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Asst Treasurer:</b>	[ ] _____	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Secretary:</b>	[ ] _____	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Asst Secretary:</b>	[ ] _____	[ ] _____	_____

<b>APPOINTED-VOLUNTEER POSITIONS</b>			
<i>These positions may be added to, changed and/or filled by the newly elected Board Of Directors</i>			
<b>POSITION</b>	<b><u>INCUMBENT</u></b>	<b>or</b>	<b><u>NOMINATION/VOLUNTEER</u></b>
<b>Membership Chmn</b>	[ ] <b>Dave Price</b>	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Asst Mbrshp Chmn</b>	(vacant)	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	[ ] <b>Don King</b>	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Asst NL Editor</b>	(vacant)	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Pub/Distribution Chmn</b>	[ ] <b>Dale Klug</b>	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Website Administrator</b>	[ ] <b>Dave Tarquino</b>	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Webmaster/Asst Admin</b>	[ ] <b>Bob Fitzgerald</b>	[ ] _____	_____
<b>Asst Webmaster</b>	(vacant)	[ ] _____	_____

The names you submit will be included in the election which will be held at the WCC Fall Social in November 2015. Thank you! Fill out and mail this form to:  
**AFTAC-WCC ELECTION COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974**  
*Please be sure your name & address is legible on the outside of the envelope.*

# WEBSITE ACTIVITY REPORT

[www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org)

## Website Activity Report for the period 1 Jan 2015 – 31 Mar 2015

Submitted 01-Apr-2015 by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

<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>
Jan 2015	<b>6,881</b>	01/11 (490)	222	Fallout** (1,642)	Albums** (897)
Feb 2015	<b>6,811</b>	02/26 (597)	243	Albums (689)	Fallout** (290)
Mar 2015	<b>4,924</b>	03/26 (260)	159	Albums** (174)	Departed (174)

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

\*\* The most popular page in Jan was the 2010 July issue of our Depot Fallout newsletter. It was also the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular page in Feb. The 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular in Jan and most popular in March was the **May 2014 Spring Picnic** photo album again. In January, it and the 2010/07 Fallout issue both had more hits that month than our "Home" page.

I am pleased to see that you are consistently making good use of access to your favorite organizations via our "Links" page.

**Would you like to see your favorite organization linked from that page?** If so, contact me with the URL. Your Webmaster, [Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org), is always open to suggestions for new content, page designs, & any help offered.

Thanks, bf

## WHO SAID THAT?

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

- >> Personality has power to uplift, power to depress, power to curse, and power to bless.
- >> Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard.
- >> Don't let the fear of striking out hold you back.
- >> Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice.
- >> If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse.

**Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: [dkconsulting@juno.com](mailto:dkconsulting@juno.com)**  
**January 2015's** quotes were from Robert Heinlein, Anonymous, Anonymous, Agatha Christie, Lana Turner, Anonymous, Rex Stout, Will Rogers, Sophia Loren, Marilyn vos Savant, Robert Frost and Anonymous. I received a response from **Bob Baker** who got them all correct except for the third and eighth ones.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 1 Mar-2015

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

Activity included one annual membership converted to lifetime (Dickson), deleting one lifetime member (George Thompson), adding one new annual member (Kruse), and placing two lapsed members in the "lapsed members" area.

**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.)

## **MEMORY TIME**

*. by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*

What is the most amusing thing that you can recall from your time in AFTAC? Who do you remember as a special AFTAC person? How would you compare AFTAC to other assignments that you have had? Did you meet your spouse while at AFTAC and, if so, how? Are there any AFTACers from the same family? Who was your favorite commander and why? What were some of the humanitarian things that you did while with AFTAC?

## **IN MEMORIAM**

*by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*

Additional details are on the WCC Website



**LOWELL J. SATTERLEE**

**BORN 03 FEB 1940**

**DIED 10 MAR 2015 IN SACRAMENTO**



**ALFRED J. "AL" GOMES, MSgt USAF RETIRED**  
**BORN 22 JUL 1933**  
**DIED 28 FEB 2015 IN SACRAMENTO**



**GEORGE J. THOMPSON, SMgt USAF RETIRED**  
**BORN 14 JUN 1930 IN WHITE PLAINS, NY**  
**DIED 13 JAN 2015 IN CLEARLAKE, CA.**



**GERALD R. "JERRY" LaBARRE, SMSgt USAF**  
**RETIRED**  
**BORN 05 JUL 1931 IN WOONSOCKET, RI**  
**DIED 5 JAN 2015 IN SARASOTA, FL**



**THOMAS RENZO BRESSEN, MSgt USAF RETIRED**  
**BORN 16 DEC 1942 IN WOONSOCKET, RI**  
**DIED 28 JAN 2015 IN FAIR OAKS, CA**

## **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.)*

# **AFTAC 2015 WORLDWIDE REUNION**

## **Standing on the Shoulders of Giants**



### **COL WORLEY, AFTAC COMMANDER**

Greetings AFTAC Alumni! I hope everyone is gearing up for the Worldwide reunion just around the corner. We are thrilled the Space Coast is hosting this May 2015 event, and even more pleased many alumni have expressed an interest in attending.

I know many who call Brevard County home were able to join us at AFTAC's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on March 11, 2014 – the day we officially opened our brand new, \$158 million dollar facility. More than 150 people took advantage of the “Open House” and toured the campus, complete with a state-of-the-art radiochemistry laboratory – something missing from AFTAC since the old McClellan days. It was an historic day for AFTAC, and the start of a new chapter in the future of the center and its nuclear treaty monitoring mission.

For those who weren't able to make it in March, I encourage you to consider making the trip to the reunion so you can network with other alumni, see the new campus, visit the Doyle Northrup Conference Center, and enjoy an AFTAC tradition: a burger burn in your honor! You'll also have the opportunity to tour Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, something everyone should experience at least once in a lifetime.

We will also be presenting a mission briefing to the reunion attendees with an accompanying video to illustrate all the great things going on each and every day in the center. My goal is to make it dynamic and exciting for those making the investment to attend and participate. My staff and the reunion project officers are committed to achieve this goal and make this reunion the best we've ever held.

Throughout my Air Force career, I've never experienced a more active, robust or engaged group of alumni as I have with former AFTACers, so I feel it's my responsibility to raise the bar and make this an event to remember, and an absolute honor to serve those who made it possible over the past 68 years! I look forward to seeing you all in May ... Col Worley

# AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER ANNUAL PICNIC – 16 MAY 2015 – 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 **16 May 2015**, Armed Forces Day, at the same venue as May 2014'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 11 MAY 2015.**

### VITAL DETAILS:

When: **Saturday, 16 May 2015**

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 2015 Picnic is handled by **Butch Kemna**, WCC Treasurer, with help from **Charlie Penn**. If you have any questions, call Butch, **(916) 722-8509** or Email them: "[PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org)".

**PLEASE FILL IN & MAIL, or SCAN & EMAIL, YOUR SIGN-UP FORM BY 11 MAY 2015 to:**  
**AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974**

I  mailed /  Emailed my form on \_\_/\_\_/15. 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](mailto:PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org)")*

**Picnic Sign-up Form**

### ANNUAL WCC PICNIC – 16 MAY 2015

*(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>.

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