



Depot Fallout

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A WORD FROM THE PREZ

by Allan Pentecost, WCC President

Happy New Year and best wishes to all! It is my pleasure to extend a hearty welcome to our newest member Mike Godbey and his wife Patricia. Along with all of the other officers and members, I welcome you to the West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association. We held our Fall Social and Election of Officers event on 13 November 2021 at Sam's Hof Brau. We had a nice turnout of 24 people, including Charlie Penn on Zoom. There were a few changes after the election of officers. We are sorry to see Don King retiring from the Depot Fallout Editor position which he has done such an outstanding job at since 2012. But we are happy to welcome John Culbert, who has agreed to step up and take on that very important position. Ken Denbleyker stepped down from Chairman of the Board and Charlie Penn moved to that position from Assistant Chairman of the Board. Dave Price moved out of state, and I took over the Membership Chairman spot, and Dale Klug took over as Assistant Membership Chairman. Bob Fitzgerald filled in the Vice President position, which was vacant, along with continuing as our super webmaster, thank goodness. Thank you all for stepping up to these offices, and thanks to all the current officers for their efforts that has kept us going so well.

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

By: John Culbert, New Newsletter Editor

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to the West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association. I have recently begun to participate in the Chapter's activities and have found it rewarding. Meeting new friends, re-acquainting with old friends and being able to put names and faces, some not the same as I remember, to names that haunt my AFTAC memory banks.

I am humbled to take over as Editor from Don King. He provided a great talent in the work he has done in the past and set standards that I will need to reach for in providing the community a solid information source.

Thank You Don.

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“www.AFTACWCC.org”

Website Quarterly Activity Report for the period 1 Oct 2021 – 31 Dec 2021
Submitted 13-Jan-2022 by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

<u>Visitors This Quarter</u>	<u>Highest Visitors Week</u>	<u>Total Sessions</u>	<u>Most Popular* Page (#Sessions)</u>	<u>Next Most Popular* Page (#Sessions)</u>
4,675	11/29 (509)	4,895	Departed (519)	Links (200)

Notes: * Does not include our 'Home' page, which almost always is the most popular page.

Visitors: This evaluation shows how many visitors accessed our website. Visitors are uniquely identified on the basis of the IP address and the browser ID. **If a visitor goes to our website more than once a day, only one visitor is counted.**

Sessions: This evaluation shows the number of sessions. A session starts when a visitor accesses our website and ends when he or she leaves it. A session ends automatically after 30 minutes without activity. **If a visitor goes to our website more than once a day, multiple sessions are counted.**



EVENTS CALENDAR

(By Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster)

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

Our quarterly WCC General Business Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of March, June, September & December at **7:00pm** Pacific. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, March 14th** and may be online using ZOOM, or perhaps **IN PERSON** at the Lions Gate Restaurant at McClellan Field? Always check our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Events" page a week before the meeting to confirm the format and location of the meeting in case of last-minute changes. All WCC members are welcome to come.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, 21May2022, 11:30am-2:30pm: "SPRING PICNIC BBQ & POTLUCK" Armed Forces Day.

The WCC always provides the BBQ meat, soft drinks, condiments and paper products. Attendees provide a potluck dish and good "BS" (*barely substantiated*) tales for sharing. Always a great time!

(Look for details, & sign-up form in the March issue of our Depot Fallout and our website by early to mid-April.)

[Please check our website "Events" page for up-to-date plans & event status.]



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MeryInd "Mert" & Terry Schffler with Irene Goodreau



Dale Klug with Corinne & John Miner



Kathy & Allan Pentecost with Ken & Cathy Denbleyker and Eva & Ken Breitwieser



Tony Carvelli (guest) with Darlene & Bob Fitzgerald



Cordell Gehling, Butch Kemna, Donna Fritts, John Culbert, Denise Pothier, Don Lemmon, Danny & Roberta Beach



WCC Officers Elected for 2022-2023 Term

Allan Pentecost, Pres; Bob Fitzgerald, VP; Dale Klug, Asst. Membership Chmn; Ken Breitwieser, Asst Scy; Butch Kemna, Treasurer & Charlie Penn, Chmn of the Board (on PC ZOOM) [Not shown, Bob Baker, Scy]

WCC FALL SOCIAL – 13 Nov 2021 – at Sams Hof Brau. Sacramento. CA



Standing: Bob Fitzgerald, Cordell Gehling, Eva & Ken Breitwieser w/Charlie Penn (on PC), John "Butch" Kemna, Denise Pothier, Don Lemmon, Corinne & John Miner, Mert & Terry Scheffler, Cathy & Ken Denbleyker, Dale Klug, Kathy & Allan Pentecost and Danny & Roberta Beach.
Sitting: John Culbert, Donna Fritts, Irene Goodreau, Darlene "Leilani" Fitzgerald, and Tony Carvelli (guest).

Photos by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster

IN MEMORIAM

*Notified by Sean Ryan, AFTACAA Treasurer, of posting on FB Page, 'AFTAC Alumni ...'
Also by **Eric Young Larson** who also passed along the following information*

'Col Michael H. Wonner passed away on 24 August 2021 from an intestinal blood clot. Col Wonner was the commander at The Technical Operations Division, McClellan Air Force Base, CA during the construction and move to the new TOD building among other milestones. Some will remember the Dining Out video shown after the building dedication with tributes to TOD by Bob Hope, Paul Harvey, and Lee Greenwood among others.'

NOTE: There are additional tributes to Col Wonner on the FB Page.

Obituary: [Col Wonner Obituary](#)



Michael Henry Wonner passed away to be with his Lord and Savior on August 24, 2021. He is survived by his beloved wife, Virginia L. Wonner, his two daughters, Tracy L. Lane (Mark) and Renee M. Castro (Mike); four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All are so very dear to his heart.

Michael was born in Cleveland, Ohio to Sophie A. and Henry M. Wonner on June 12, 1942. He grew up in North Olmsted, Ohio, and graduated from Bowling Green State University, Ohio in 1964. He was then commissioned into the United States Air Force as a 2nd Lt. He served in many states and countries during his 26 ½ years of service. Colonel Michael H. Wonner retired in 1991. He retired in Bluewater Bay, FL and later moved to Green Valley, AZ in 2007.

Mike enjoyed the out of doors his entire life and depending on where he lived, he took advantage of the water, snow, and all-terrain. He loved golf, trail riding in his Polaris, and traveling to new places. His hobbies were many, but in his last several years he really liked working with mesquite wood and equally enjoyed making toys for children's hospitals.

God, country and family, and friends were most important to him. Mike was always his happiest when he could make someone smile or laugh with him. He will long be remembered and forever loved by us.

In lieu of flowers, Mike would have liked any donations to be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to wounded Warriors.

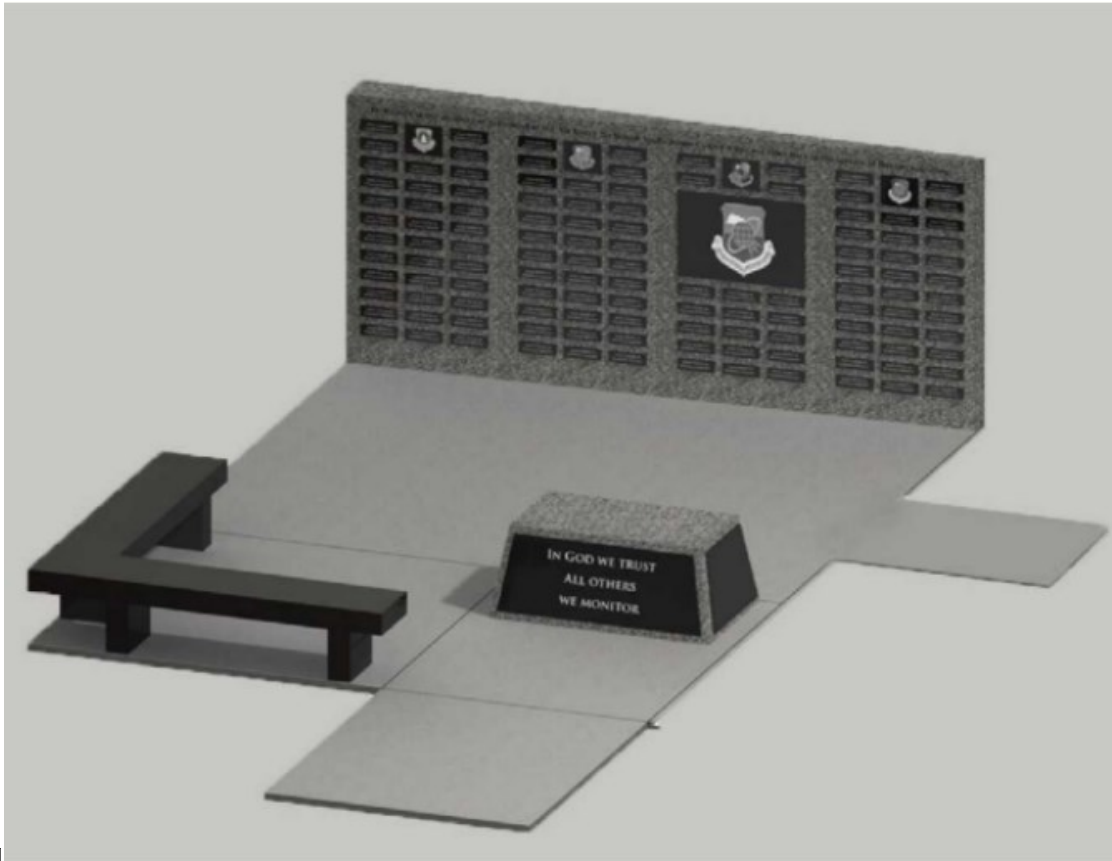
To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Michael Henry Wonner please visit our Sympathy Store (https://www.evergreenmortuary-cemetery.com/store/funeral-service?icn=desktop_memorial_obituary_link#).

NOTE: This information will be posted on the AFTACAA Webpage, www.aftacaa.us, and published in the Post-Monitor.

AFTAC Memorial

Reprint from January 2022 AFTAC Alumni Colorado Chapter

"This memorial is dedicated to all those who have given their lives in support of the Long Range Detection mission, and the Air Force Technical Applications Center. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten."



With all cost estimates in for the construction and installation of the memorial, we are currently more than halfway there with \$53,000 in the building fund, but we need a final \$40,000 more to be able to sign contracts for completion of the project. Once the contracts are signed, the memorial is scheduled to be completed within 6 months of contract sign. For all of those who have contributed to date, a hearty thank you! For those yet to contribute, please consider how you can help to honor your comrades who have passed while serving the AFTAC mission.

You can make a straight donation of cash or purchase a brick for the walkway. Every donation helps, no matter the size. A little amount by a large number can get us there. Thanks for your consideration.

A direct donation by check made out to "AFTAC Memorial Corporation," and mailed to:

AFTAC Memorial Corporation

P.O. Box 372012

Satellite Beach, FL 32937

A brick may be ordered through the web site: <https://brickmarkersusa.com/donors/aftacmc.html>





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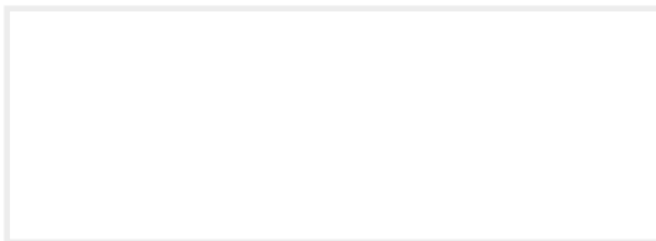
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Support your West Coast Chapter: Please pass a copy of this form to your AFTAC Alumni friends. *[From the Depot Fallout]*

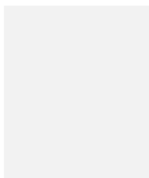
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(updated 11/15/21 ..bf)



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