



Depot Fallout

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A WORD FROM THE PREZ

by *Allan Pentecost, WCC President*

My wife Kathy and I just returned from a trip to see the Northern Lights. We have been on a quest (for Kathy especially) to see these for the last few years. In 2018 we went to Fairbanks Alaska (where I had been stationed at Det 207 for AFTAC in '68 thru '71 and saw many of them.) Then we took a cruise to Norway and Iceland in 2019. We never saw them. Our planned trip to Yellowknife Canada in 2020 had to be postponed due to Covid restrictions. This time however, we saw them in Yellowknife, and they were beautiful and exciting!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Social next month, November 12th at Sam's Hof Brau, 1PM to 3PM. Make sure to make your reservation SOON by either sending in the form in this newsletter, or by visiting our website "Forms" page, and follow the instructions for the Reservation.

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Membership News

by *Allan Pentecost, Membership Chairman*

Oct 14, 2022

Total Active Members = 128 Life Members = 134

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. 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.

Each quarter the Depot Fallout needs input. If you have an article you would like to share, feel free to send to tcj.wcc@gmail.com

Website quarterly activity report

1 Jul 2022 – 30 Sep 2022

By **Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster**

<u>Visitors</u> <u>This Quarter</u>	<u>Highest</u> <u>Visitors Week</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Sessions</u>	<u>Most Popular*</u> <u>Page (#Sessions)</u>	<u>Next Most Popular*</u> <u>Page (#Sessions)</u>
4,738	08/08 (560)	4,945	Departed (400)	Links (223)

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 held online on ZOOM only! It will be on **Monday, December 12th**. Always check our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Events" page a before the meeting to confirm format & location of the meeting in case of last minute changes. All members are welcome, but please let us know if you'll participate at: President@AFTACWCC.org, and Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

"FALL SOCIAL"

Saturday, November 12, 2022, @ 1:00pm
SAM's HOF BRAU, 2500 Watt Ave, Sacramento

Look for details, and sign-up form on page 5 of THIS issue of our Depot Fallout and our website "Events" page now!

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

In Loving Memory of Lewis Milligan Jr.



Lewis Milligan Jr. died peacefully on Sept 21, 2022 in Roseville, CA, after a valiant battle with Alzheimer's. He was 91 years old.

Lewis was born in May 1931 to the late Lewis and Mildred Milligan in Cohocton, Ohio.

He graduated from Coshocton High School in 1949.

Lewis Married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Ann Latier on July 2, 1951. They were married for 69 years upon her death on Sept 23, 2020.

Lewis enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in Oct. 1951. He was stationed at Charleston AFB, Bolling AFB, McClellan AFB, Allbrook AFB and finally back to McClellan AFB. In 1972, he retired from the Air Force and continued working Civil Services until 1994.

Lewis loved softball. He pitched for many base teams. He could throw a mean fastball which earned him nickname Hum Lew!

Lewis really enjoyed his time when stationed in the Canal Zone. Fishing the ocean and the lakes in his prized boat with family and friends was his passion.

Lewis always had to have the best lawn on his street and the biggest tomatoes in his garden.

He was the happiest when spending time with his family and communicating with his many friends across the country.

Lewis survived by his three children, Stephanie (Jim), Kevin, and Michael. His three grandchildren, Erika, Elandra, and Keely. His great grandchildren, Tyler and Mason.

To celebrate his life please display your American Flag and have a Rum and Coke, he would really like that.





Dear AFTAC & LRD Alumni, Active Duty, Civilians, Family and Friends,

You are cordially invited to join us at our annual Fall/Veterans Dinner on 12 November 2022.

Dinner selections are Prime Rib or Chicken Picata with twice baked potato and Italian vegetables.

Location/Time: Aurora Hills Golf Course, Tin Cup Banquet Room, 50 S. Peoria St. Aurora, CO 80012; Social hour starts at 1700 (5PM) and dinner will be served at 1800 (6PM).

Cost: \$33; Children 10 and under Free; Active Duty Military plus one guest \$25 each. Dress is business casual.

Please RSVP by email or phone and include your dinner selection and payment method to Maureen Hampson. You can email to treasurer@aftacco.org or leave a message at 303-695-0477.

Please RSVP as soon as possible but no later than 5 November 2022. We need an accurate headcount to plan the dinner.

Payment can be made by one of two methods:

- PayPal (we will send an invoice to your email) or,
- Payment will be collected at the dinner by cash or check made out to Maureen Hampson

We look forward to seeing you there!



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

by John Culbert, New Newsletter Editor

There I Was ...

for Dale Klug

... 20 feet AGL (Above Ground Level) at Castle AFB, Atwater, Calif.

Steve Fritz and I were pre-flighting the SEO Equipment before a B-52H training flight. He was on the top deck in the Gunner's Seat where, the sampling Control Panel is, and I was in the 10th man position (on the floor facing the cockpit) with my back to him working through a parachute fitting.

At one point, Steve called for my attention, and I turned to see what he wanted. As I spun around, the "Gold Key" of the parachute hung on a radio rack and a clicking sound rang-out throughout the plane. Steve and the Radio Navigator both turned around and laughed at me. Then I felt a bump against my back and realized the parachute had been deployed.

When I turned around, again, the whole cockpit was filled with silk.

Lessons learned!



Both Red Cross and Vitalant (*Blood Source*) are begging for donations to refill the blood banks from the Covid epidemic. Step Up and Help; if you can.



**American
Red Cross** | Blood
Services

<https://www.redcrossblood.org>
1-800-733-2767

vitalant.
Blood Donation

<https://vitalant.org>
1-877-258-4825

Retirement of a Legend



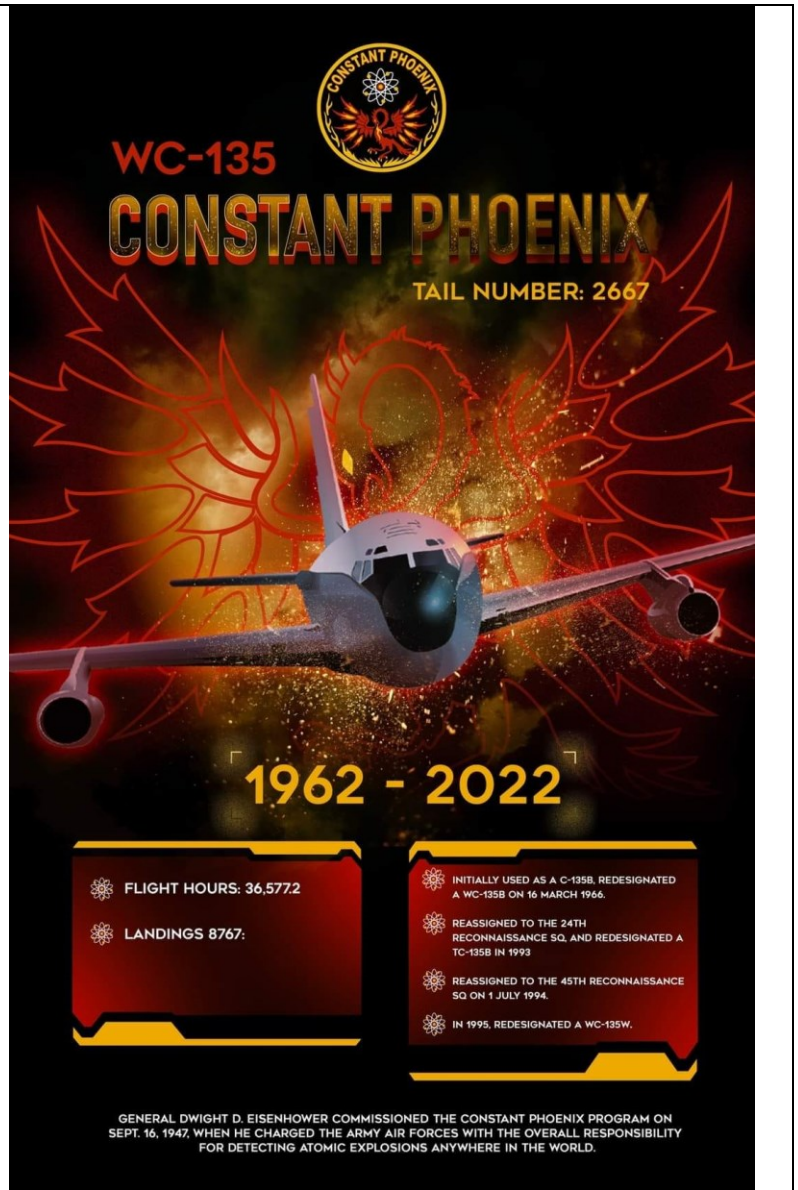
WC-135W 61-2667

September 7, 2022, a ceremony was conducted at the 55th Strat Recon Sq at Offutt AFB, retiring AFTAC Resource Aircraft WC-135W 61-2667.

The aircraft was put into service in March of 1967; logged 36,577.2 hours of flight time and 8,767 landings.

The video of the ceremony is available at

<https://www.offutt.af.mil/News/Video/videoid/856613>



Why I Like Retirement

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied Shoes.

WCC ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL
Saturday, 12 Nov 2022 –1:00 pm to 3 pm
at SAM'S HOF BRAU RESTAURANT
2500 Watt Ave, Sacramento 95821

(In the Country Club Bowling Lanes area, but nearer to El Camino Ave.)

Note: Each person/family will need to get in line to order & pick up your custom meal, salad, dessert & drink, then pay the cashier – **be sure ask them for their discount to Veterans.**

Bring* your meal to the party room in the back near the restrooms.

*(*If handicapped, ask the cashier for someone to bring your meal back to the room for you.)*

Please fill out the following registration, then copy & paste the data to Email it, NLT Nov 6th to:

FallSocial@AFTACWCC.org

[My reminder: I submitted my/our registration for people on ___ / ___ /2022 via _____]

WCC FALL SOCIAL REGISTRATION FORM

(Deadline for Registration is Sunday, November 6, 2022.)

Name: _____ Spouse/Other: _____
(First & Last Name – Please PRINT!) (First & Last Name, if different)

Guest Name(s): _____ Total#:
(First & Last Name – Please PRINT!) (First & Last Name, if different)

All Federal, State, County & Local COVID restrictions, if any, will apply so please be prepared.

Form created: 08/18/2022 by Bob Fitzgerald, V.P. & Webmaster of www.AFTACWCC.org [from the Depot Fallout Oct '22 Issue]





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Note: Your last newsletter will be the one following your expiration year. Check your mailing label for expiration year.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____
Last, First MI Last Rank Held Nickname Name of Spouse

Addr: _____
Street, Apt #, etc. City State Zip Code

() - () _____
Home Phone Work Phone E-mail Address

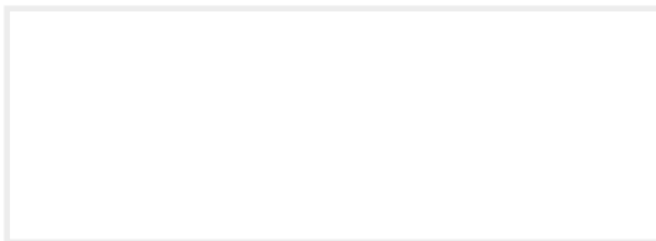
Active Duty: _____
Branch of Service From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy Branch of Service From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy

AFTAC Dates: _____
From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy

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

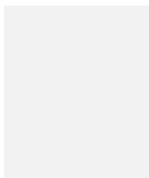
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(updated 11/15/21 ..bf)



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