



# Depot Fallout

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## A WORD FROM THE PREZ

by *Allan Pentecost, WCC President*

We held our Spring Picnic at Temp Park in Citrus Heights on 20 May. We had a very good turnout of 24 people, and everyone had a great time chatting with old friends and reminiscing, and especially the BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, along with all of the food everyone brought. Thank you for everyone that participated!

I'm looking forward to our Fall Social on Saturday, 11 Nov 2023 –1:00 pm to 3 pm at "ROUND TABLE CLUBHOUSE" 7700 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights. Please sign up if you have not already done so. There is a form in this newsletter to sign up, or just email the number attending to [FallSocial@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:FallSocial@AFTACWCC.org).

Also, this is an election year, and the election for officers will take place at the Fall Social. We are still looking for nominations to fill offices. Please, please nominate a WCC member and/or Volunteer for an office yourself. Send to [ElectionCommittee@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:ElectionCommittee@AFTACWCC.org).

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by *Allan Pentecost, Membership Chairman*  
Oct 12, 2023

**Total Active Members = 128    Life Members = 126**

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*Each April and October, the Depot Fallout needs content. If you have an article you would like to share, send to [jcj.wcc@gmail.com](mailto:jcj.wcc@gmail.com)*

## WEBSITE QUARTERLY ACTIVITY REPORT

1 Apr 2023 – 30 Sep 2023  
By Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

	<b>Highest Total</b>	<b>Most Popular*</b>	<b>Next Most Popular*</b>		
	<b>Visitors</b>	<b>Visitors Week</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>Page (#Sessions)</b>	<b>Page (#Sessions)</b>
<b>4Q22:</b>	4,823	06/05 (821)	5,270	Departed (478)	Links (186)
<b>1Q23:</b>	4,486	07/17 (550)	4,814	Departed (409)	Links (153)

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 WCC General Business Meetings are held Quarterly at 7pm (Pacific) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of March, June, September & December. Our next meeting will be held online on ZOOM on **Monday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**. Check our [www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org) website "Events" page before the meetings to confirm location of the meeting in case of last-minute changes. All AFTAC'ers are welcome, but it'd help if you let us know you want to participate. Email: [President@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:President@AFTACWCC.org) & [Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org).

### UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

**WCC FALL SOCIAL & ELECTION: Veteran's Day, November 11, 2023, @ 1:00pm ~ 3:00pm.**

To be held at "Round Table Clubhouse", 7700 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

After we eat together, those present will vote in the Elections for WCC offices for the 2year term 2024-2025. (Look for event details & sign-up form in this issue of our Depot Fallout, and our website "Events" page!)

[Note: Always check our <http://www.AFTACWCC.org> website "Events" page for up-to-date plans & event status.]



### **A Star for Buzz Aldrin**

Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin, the second man to set foot on the lunar surface, has been promoted to Brigadier General.

As space.com reports, the longtime Air force colonel received the one-star rank during ceremonies at Los Angeles Air Force Base. Aldrin also added an Honorary Space Force appointment, "Guardian", to his lifetime of achievements.

In addition to serving in NASA's Apollo and Gemini programs, Aldrin flew 66 combat missions during the Korean War and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Congressional Gold Medal, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, two Distinguished flying Crosses and three Air Medals.

Reprint from The American Legion magazine, July 2023



**AFTACAA-WCC "ARMED FORCES DAY SPRING PICNIC BBQ" – 21MAY2023**



**Tempo Park Picnic Pavilion**  
A perfect site for an Armed Forces Day Picnic with really great weather to boot!



**BBQ Chefs: Ken Breitwieser & Charlie Penn + Picnic Guru Butch Kemna**  
We wouldn't have an annual picnic without these great guys!



**Richard "Dick" Anderson, Ken Denbleyker, Bob Baker & Rod Hinkle**



**Cathy Denbleyker, Tae Ja & Tom Hickey, Betty Jo Hinkle & friend**



**Ken & Eva Breitwieser with Kathy & Allan Pentecost**



**Dick Anderson, the Miners and the Denbleykers selecting goodies at the condiments & potluck table**



*Front Row* Danny & Roberta Beach, Betty Jo & Rod Hinkle, Ken & Eva Breitwieser, Donna Fritts.  
*2nd Row* Don Lemmon, Dick Anderson, Tom & Tae Ja Hickey, Cathy & Ken Denbleyker,  
Bob Fitzgerald, Charlie Penn, Butch Kemna, Bob Baker, Kathy & Allan Pentecost, John & Corinne Minor

The "Mighty 21" enjoyed a really nice BBQ Picnic & Potluck with good friends & perfect weather this year.

**Sorry if you weren't there.**  
**We missed you!**

We hope to see you at our picnic next year on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18, 2024.

We also hope to see all of you at our Fall Social on Veterans Day, Nov 11, 2023 in Citrus Heights.

(See the "EVENTS CALENDAR" in this issue of the Depot Fallout, or in our [www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org) website "EVENTS" page.)

*Photos by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster*

# WCC ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL & OFFICER ELECTION\*

Saturday, 11 Nov 2023 –1:00 pm to 3 pm

at “**ROUND TABLE CLUBHOUSE**” 7700 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610  
*[ Just south of Antelope Road ]*

Each person/family will need to get in line to order and pay the cashier.  
**Be sure to ask them if they give a discount to Veterans.)**

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

Please just send us your names and how many will attend, **NLT Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**, by:

- 1) Email to: **FallSocial@AFTACWCC.org**; or
- 2) Via USPS mail to: **AFTACAA-WC c/o 6605 Sweet Gum Ct., Citrus Heights, CA 95610.**  
*(My reminder: I submitted my/our registration for \_\_\_ people on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2023 via [ ]Email or [ ] USPS)*

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**\*There will also be an Election of WCC Officers held at this event.** Nominate a WCC member and/or **Volunteer for an office yourself.** *(Refer to the list of Offices on page 1).* **The WCC needs you! The duties are simple & don't require much time.** Please do volunteer. Just send your name and/or nominee(s) with the office(s) chosen to **ElectionCommittee@AFTACWCC.org** or via USPS to the address shown in “**2**” above.







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

You are cordially invited to join us at our annual Colorado Chapter Fall/Veterans Dinner on 11 November 2023.

Dinner selections are Prime Rib or Chicken Parmesan 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: \$35; Children 10 and under Free; Active Duty Military plus one guest \$28 each.

Dress is business casual.

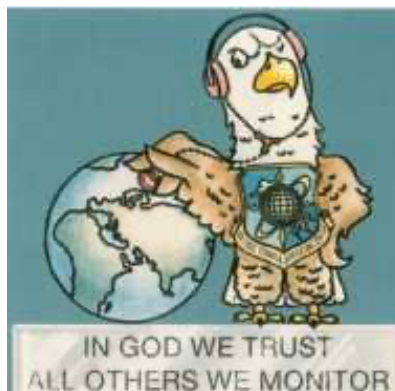
Please RSVP by email or phone and include your dinner selection and payment method to Maureen Hampson. You can email to [treasurer@aftacco.org](mailto:treasurer@aftacco.org) or leave a message at 303-695-0477.

Please RSVP as soon as possible but no later than 4 November 2023. 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!



Remember Veteran's Day on November 11, 2023



#### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

My entire life has been centered around the military. My dad was in the Navy for 30 years as an Enlisted Pilot, my brother was in electronics aboard a ship, my sister was also in the Navy, and is now a Commander in the Reserves. They didn't understand why I joined the Air Force, but I had a good go at it.

It wasn't until recently that I connected with the veteran's world when I joined the American Legion, here in Rio Linda. I have learned a great deal about things I am missing, I didn't know, didn't understand and didn't know about services I had access to.

I have now reconnected with a friend of mine from long ago. He is a veteran and disabled. I find myself on his front porch weekly to share our stories and memories and laughs. I call it my Buddy Check.

One day, my dad handed me a little plastic bag with the star from a US flag on it. There was a little note inside that read: "I am part of our American flag that has flown over a home in the U.S.A. I can no longer fly. The sun and winds have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me as a reminder that you are not forgotten."

I have the flag that flew over my dad's house for many years and will be using it to duplicate the gift, then handing these out in my community on Veteran's day.

Celebrate your career and those still serving on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

-john c

