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A WORD FROM THE PREZ

by John Culbert, WCC President

Happy 77th Birthday AFTAC

Soon after the end of World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower recognized the need to monitor nuclear testing programs. In 1947 he directed the Army Air Forces to develop technologies capable of detecting "atomic explosions anywhere in the world." In 1949, a particulate sampler aboard an Air Weather Service modified B-29 flying between Alaska and Japan detected debris from the first Russian atomic test – an event experts predicted could not happen until the mid-1950s.

As the Air Force activated AFTAC in 1959 to prepare to monitor compliance with the Limited Test Ban Treaty, AFTAC assumed some responsibilities for the USAEDS and the advancement of Long Range Detection capabilities. Over time, AFTAC's various programs evolved into a unique resource system monitoring compliance with nuclear treaties; supporting our nation's space program; and helping to protect citizens during emergencies involving nuclear materials.



Reprint from 16th Air Force (AFCYBER) Unit Fact Sheets

- John

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A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

By: John Culbert, New Newsletter Editor

It's Hard, Ain't It Hard

Putting together a newsletter longer than one page is a real chore. Yes, there are the "Business of the business" spots, but how do you fill six pages around that information? This is a plea for your stories, special knowledge, and explorations.

Send your entries to jcj.wcc@gmail.com before 1 APR or 1 OCT

Thank you Kathy P for Grammarly

-John

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WEBSITE SEMI-ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

1 Apr 2024 – 30 Sep 2024

By Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

	Visitors	Highest Visitors Week	Total Sessions	Most Popular Page (#Sessions)	Next Most Popular Page (#Sessions)
2Q24:	11,340	05/27 (1,466)	11,679	Departed (797)	Links (139)
3Q24:	12,132**	08/19 (1,822**)	12,648**	Departed (973)	Albums (206)

** I believe these numbers have set new records for these categories of access to our website during any quarter.

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 BUSINESS MEETINGS

Our WCC General Business Meetings are held quarterly at 7pm (Pacific) on the 2nd Monday of March, June, September & December. Our next meeting will be held **IN PERSON: Monday, Dec 9th at the Officer's Club (Lions Gate)**, 3410 Westover St., McClellan Park, CA 95652. Check our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Events" page before the meetings to confirm the details in case of last-minute changes.

Note: **All AFTAC Alumni are welcome, but it'd help if you RSVP to let us know you want to participate so we can reserve enough room in the restaurant area for everyone attending:** Email: Webmaster@AFTACWCC.org.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENT

ANNUAL WCC FALL SOCIAL

Saturday 9 Nov 2024 @ 11:30am ~ 2:30pm

at Brookfields Restaurant, 4949 Madison Ave, Sacramento 95842.

Look for the event flyer & sign-up form in this issue of our Depot Fallout, and on our website "Forms" page! And always check our <http://www.AFTACWCC.org> website "Events" page for up-to-date info & event status.

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER
WCC ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL
SATURDAY, 9 NOV 2024 – 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM



BROOKSFIELDS RESTAURANT

4949 MADISON AVE, SACRAMENTO, CA 95842

Just West of I-80 – See map → [<https://maps.app.goo.gl/gSKE92LvNDAaW3976>].

Each person/family will get to order & pay separately.
(Be sure to ask them if they give a discount to Veterans.)

Please just send us your names and how many will attend, **NLT Nov 2nd**, by:

1) Email to: FallSocial@AFTACWCC.org; or

2) Via USPS mail to: [John Culbert, 237 Quadra Ave, Rio Lindo, CA 95673](mailto:John.Culbert@AFTACWCC.org).

(My reminder: I submitted my/our registration for people on ___/___/2024 via []Email or []USPS)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Allan Pentecost, Membership Chairman

As of September 3, 2024

Total Active Members = 122 Life Members = 120

The Military Branches Explained



The Army, Navy, and Marines are all brothers in a family. Army is the oldest and mom and dad made all their parenting mistakes with him. The Navy is the middle son, they're the explorers who left home and no one cared. The Marines are the youngest who mom and dad let do whatever they want and they still have an inferiority complex due to their small size.

Well, Mom and Dad got divorced once all the boys were grown. Mom got remarried to a rich guy and quickly gave birth to a fourth son, the Air Force. Now she loves him the most, showers him with the best toys, and buys him whatever he wants. When they go on vacation, they fly first class, stay in 5-star hotels, and enjoy the finest meals. the Air Force is spoiled rotten and his three older brothers have bitter resentment toward him for this.

Finally, there's the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard is the rich stepdad's son from his first marriage and none of the other brothers think or act like he's part of the family.

The Air Force Has a Grateful Dead Connection



Psychedelic rock and the U.S. military don't seem like obvious bedfellows, but in addition to astronauts, aviators and football players, the Air Force produced a member of the Grateful Dead. Keyboardist **Tom Constanten** played with the Dead from 1968-1970 directly after a stint in the Air Force.

AFTACAA-WCC "ARMED FORCES DAY SPRING PICNIC BBQ" – 18MAY2024



Picnic Crew Chief, 'Butch' Kemna & Chef, Butch Kemna



John Culbert, Dale Klug, Dain Leadmon, Ken Breitwieser & Bob Baker



Eva Brietwieser, Donna Fritts & Jane Leadmon



Ken & Cathy Denbleyker, Charlie Penn, Deborah Sanchez & Tony Carvelli



Robin Adair - Dale Klug (End-to-end!)



Robin Adair - Bob Fitzgerald (End-to-end!)



L-R (Front): Tony Carvelli, Cathy & Ken Denbleyker, Bob Baker, Allan Pentecost, 'Butch' Kemna, Dane Leadmon, Ken Breitwieser.
L-R (Rear): Donna Fritts, Dale Klug, Deborah & John Culbert, Charlie Penn, Robin Adair Jane Leadmon, Eva Brietwieser and Bob Fitzgerald.

We thoroughly enjoyed our picnic this year with good weather and great times with good friends.

If you didn't make it, we missed you!

Please plan to attend our Fall Social event on Nov 9, 2014 (Watch our website for the place.)

Plan to attend our Armed Forces Day Picnic next year on May 17, 2025.

Photos by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster

<http://www.AFTACWCC.org>



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 23 November 2024.

Our Guest speaker will be Major Matthew L. Johnson, Commander, Detachment 45.

Dinner selections are Top Sirloin with sauteed onions & mushrooms 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: \$33; Children 10 and under Free; Active Duty Military plus one guest \$25 each.

Dress is business casual.

Please RSVP as soon as possible but no later than Friday 14 November 2023. We need an accurate headcount to plan the dinner.

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.

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!

Note: Following the dinner we will have our traditional raffle. Feel free to bring an inexpensive gift for the raffle (not required).

what?

Can you retire from the Air Force at 15 years?

The FY 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Public Law 112-81, enacted 31 December 2011, authorized the military services to offer early retirement to Service members who have completed at least 15 years of active service.

(but you have to serve 20 years to get a pension)

Regret retiring?

Here's your shot at a second chance in the Air Force.

The service announced Wednesday that it will reopen a recall program to fill as many as 1,000 mid-career commissioned and enlisted jobs, including pilots, combat systems officers, recruiters, air traffic controllers and more. The move comes as the Air Force looks to plug critical staffing holes, facing renewed tensions in the Middle East and possibility of conflict with China.

IN MEMORIAM



"Think about the past and consider the sacrifices men and women in the military have made for us."

— Gary G. Wetzel



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Annual membership fee of \$10.⁰⁰ is due by 01 January each year. LIFE memberships are available for \$75.⁰⁰.
Note: Your last newsletter will be the one following your expiration year. Check your mailing label for expiration year.

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

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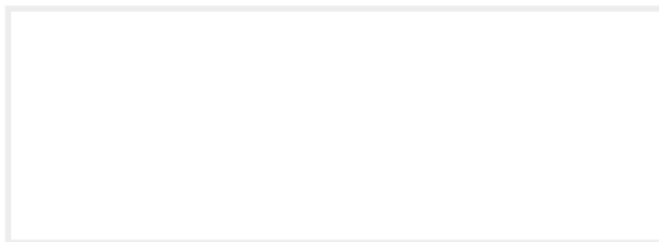
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Support your West Coast Chapter: Please pass a copy of this form to your AFTAC Alumni friends. *[From the Depot Fallout]*

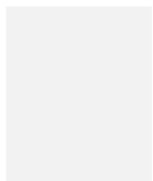
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(updated 11/15/21 ..bf)



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