



ECHOES

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PICNIC 1999: The seventh annual picnic is planned for June 5, 1999 at Lake Williams on Buckley ANG Base. A reservation form will be provided all current AAAC members when all information is firm.

EVENING FUNCTION : Our first annual evening function at the Camana Club on Buckley ANG Base November 21, 98 was a success. Thirty-seven people attended for the evening of fun, food, dance and merriment. DJ Debbie brought back many memories with swing and fifties music. And the steak and chicken were excellent. So.....many suggested we do it again. Therefore, Saturday, November 20, 1999, has been reserved for the second annual evening function. Watch this space for more on this subject in subsequent Newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP & MEETING: Our membership total for December 98 was 114 current members. February is our fiscal year month so this may be a good time to catch up on your dues and invite someone to join. This years' General Membership breakfast will be on March 20, 1999, at Marie Callendar's, 15500 E. CentreTech Pky, Aurora (corner of 6th & Chambers). We have reserved the lounge area. Bring a friend. A non-alcoholic beverage of choice will be provided. Call Bill Schmied, (303) 367-0625, for our required head count and a confirmed reservation. And, if you have any questions, contact Ben Vlassick, (303) 690-1239, e-mail "AFTACCO@aol.com" or Bill Schmied, via telephone or e-mail at "bilschmied@aol.com".

CALIFORNIA REUNION: The California Reunion Committee sent out a four page newsletter to names they had on record. (Bill Schmied provided them names of Colorado members). Within the newsletter was a drop dead date for registration of February 01, 99. However, Joe Johnson, Reunion Chairman, called and advised that reservations are still available for anyone that wants to attend. So ignore the February 01 date and call Joe Johnson, (916) 783-8676. Tell him you are coming! For more information, review the information at AFTAC Home Page, address "www.csihq.com/AFTAC/activities".

SNAIL MAIL

Bill - Looking forward to seeing some of the Denver group

in Sacramento this April. Gene Killey, Nevada.

Bill - Sorry I haven't kept up with my dues. I retired from civil service on 2 Jan 98 and my wife, Gerry, and I have traveled some and are involved in volunteer work here in San Angelo.

Gerry and I were in the local Walmart and met Willy Osteen who is now living in the area.

Always enjoy reading the news about the alumni. Now that I have retired, maybe Gerry and I will be able to make some of the Colorado get-to-gethers; one of these days. Hugo Redlin, San Angelo, TX.

Hi Chief -

Here are our dues to cover us for this past year and next year. Sorry the check is so late. I really wish we could attend the function coming up on the 21st (November) at Buckley, but a previous commitment won't allow us.

I'm still working for the Methodist Church at 11th and Newark (been with them for five and a half years) and really enjoy my job. Alan left working for Ratheon (Hughes) and now works for a company called Information Handling Systems down in the Tech Center. (Do you remember a 99105 instructor named Brad Hunter? Well, Brad also works at IHS.)

Life is good and we are all well. Hope the Schmied Family is well, too!

Maureen Darrah-Hampson, Aurora, CO.

Dear Bill -

Enclosed is a check for \$10 so please add me to the AAAC roster.

I was in the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron from 1951 thru 1954 and was located in Wash D.C. at the NOL; in Las Vegas, NV; Ft. Myer, VA; Ft. Sill, OK; and Douglas, WY.

We just recently returned from a trip where we visited with Leo Cotter and his wife Dot in GA and Jim Lyon and his wife Ruby in LA. We now plan to see many more old friends in CA in April 99. Thanks,

Ray and Arlone Hild, Grand Junction, CO. (Ed Note: Welcome aboard Ray and Arlone. Hope to see you at some local alumni affairs).

Dear Bill - Another year has slipped away. Here's my dues; just realized I was late. Please note new address for future mailings. Thanks, Bruce Deffler, Parker, CO.

MAIL (Continued)



Dear Bill - I saw in the last newsletter where another old 1009th buddy, Norm Negrete of Douglas, WY, has joined the AFTAC alumni. We BUSTER JANGLE members are hoping to join most of you in Sacramento this April. We have been keeping touch via e-mail and land mail. Talking up the Reunion. During our period (1951-54) our training consisted of: Naval Ord. Labs, White Oak, MD, guarded by Marines, to the desert at Mercury, NV. Ft. Myer, for the best food in the military, then back to the Army food at Ft. Sill, OK. We lived in tents in MD, NV, and OK., but in a wing of the WAF barracks at Ft. Myer, for two months. They didn't want us to associate with the "others". Those were the "good old days". We were in the Stone Age of AFTAC. Where is the Brooklyn cowboy Bob Fernandes, these days? Haven't seen him since Douglas, 1954. Leo J. Cotter, Gainesville, GA.

Dear Ben - Noticed my membership has expired so am enclosing a check for same. I noticed in the last newsletter that one of the old AFTACers reported that Ernest Relac was living in Colorado Springs. In case you haven't heard, I regret to report that Ernie passed away several years ago. He was buried with full military honors at Colorado Springs with many of his old comrades in attendance. Best regards, George G. Waters, San Marcos, CA.

Dear Bill - Enclosed please find our check for this years dues. We are still hoping to contact more of my former teammates (B-204, 421AA). Thoroughly enjoyed the newsletters, and looking forward to this year's issues. Thanks again for your work over the past year. Wishing you and Ben and your families a very happy and prosperous New year. All the best Harold and Cindy McCarter, Colorado Springs, CO

NEW MEMBERS

William L. DeRycke, Douglas, Wyoming.

Frank Funa, Poway, California
e-mail: Frank@Funa.com

Phil & Carol Korzilius, Franklin, Massachusetts

RENEWALS

Ed and Sandi Bennett, Shiloh, Illinois
E-mail "sandied@apci.net"

Mac 'n Cindy McCarter, Colorado Springs, CO



E-MAIL



Editors Note: **Setting the record straight.** In the last Newsletter an e-mail message was printed from Dwight McCarty. A typo signed off the e-mail as "McCartyde". Should have been "Dwight McCarty, Hansville, WA"; e-mail: McCartyde@aol.com. . Our apologies Dwight.

I was at Lowry 2/58 - 1/59 (in two different F/L classes). Was in hospital from 4/58 -7/58 with rheumatic fever; joined a different class finishing DC electronics. Just ran across alumni groups yesterday. Have run into a few alumni through the years - one a b-b stacker of the big ones who also trained at Lowry. It's strange how they stand out. Have run into some Q's and E's. Went to college for one year with a fellow F (troop).

Vaughn Hathaway, e-mail: "Pastor Von@aol.com".

Hi - I just retired in June ('98) with 20-years in AFTAC. If you have an email listing of exAFTACers, can you add me to it? Don't know what else to say right now. I'm surfing the AFTAC site now. Maybe any questions I have will be answered there. Charles Milne, e-mail: "milnec@spacecom.af.mil". (Ed Note: I sent your address to Judy Milam. Also, while in the AFTAC Home Page, I'm sure you found information there for adding your name to the E-List that they have.)

Hi Ben, This gentleman's name came up in some e-mail correspondence with yet another former AFTACer. I don't see him on the list, Arnold Brauer, Aurora, CO. The other guy is Steve Fisher, former "B", was on Attu, in from '60 - '80, now lives in Connecticut. Bill Harris, e-mail: "bharris4@ix.netcom.com" (Ed note: Will get something out to Arnie).

February 26 e-mail from "Bob.Fitzgerald@teale.ca.gov", CA Reunion Member. Reservations for the April 8 - 12 reunion in Sacramento and the TOD inactivation ceremonies have been arriving daily. At this time, February 16, we have about 400 registered to attend the Ceremony and Banquet. Although the official cut-off date for registrations was Feb 1, the committee has voted to continue to accept registrations as late as March 25th, provided that anyone sending their registration in after March 3rd contact the committee either by email to "TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com" or by phone call to Joe Johnson, 916-783-8676, to let us know you plan to attend. You will still need to follow-up your contact with your registration forms to arrive at our address no later than March 25th. Hotel reservations at the Holiday Inn Hotel NE can be accepted until April 8th at 1-800-388-9284. Our block of hotel rooms are guaranteed only until March 3rd.