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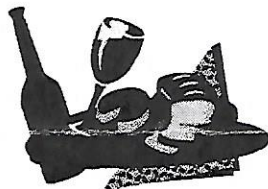
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Time for Breakfast



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A general membership meeting will be held October 28, 2000, at the Plainsman III restaurant located on Smith Road east of Chambers. The meeting will start at 8:00 AM (0800). A breakfast drink of choice will be provided. Please call Bill Schmied, 303-367-0625, no later than October 21, 2000, to confirm your reservation.



ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE: The annual AAAC dinner/ dance is on November 11th at the historic Buckley CAMANA Club. People that have attended past functions say they really enjoy the evening. Don't miss this one. Details and registration information is included in this newsletter.



NATIONAL REUNION 2001: The Colorado Chapter is hosting the next national reunion. A contract has been negotiated with the Doubletree

Hotel. Registration Forms have been distributed via California, Colorado and Florida newsletters. A printable copy of the Registration Form is available on the AFTAC Web Page and can be printed from one of three programs:

- ♦ <http://www.csihq.com/aftac/coloradoreg.pdf>
PDF format (Adobe Acrobat).
- ♦ <http://www.csihq.com/aftac/coloradoreg.html>
HTML Format.
- ♦ <http://www.csihq.com/aftac/coloradoreg.doc>
MS-Word format.

To date, the Committee of volunteers that are working the reunion are:

- Chairman/co-Chairman:
Ben Vlassick/Earl Pierce.
- Treasurer: Bill Schmied.
- Data Processing: Bob Tomlinson.
- Facilities: Chuck Toner, Ed Gardiner, Ben V
- Registration: Frank Lepus, Bill Braukman
- Hospitality: Lonnie Gibbons, Tom Miller,
Jack Smith, Dick Platt.
- Golf Tournament: Jack Smith
- Souvenirs: Bryce Dunn, Rick Phillips
- Newsletter, Recorder: Bryce Dunn
- Entertainment/Photographer: Bill Harris
- Tours: Earl Pierce, Tony Ferese
- MC: Dick Platt

If you wish to join the reunion committee, please call Ben Vlassick, 303-690-1239.

Note: When the AAAC hosted the National reunion in 1996, the Golf Tournament had to be canceled due to a lack of participation. Jack requires your support if we are to have one in 2001.

Buckley is now an active Air Force Base



Effective 1 October, Buckley ANGB became Buckley Air Force Base. Over 8,000 military (including active duty and reserve Army, Navy, Marine, Air National Guard, civilian and contract people work on the near 4,000 acre military base. Buckley started out as Army Air Corps Technical School, offering B-17 and B-24 bombardier and armorer training on July 1, 1942. Buckley Field was named in honor of 1st Lt. John Harold Buckley, a World War I flier from Longmont, Colorado. Buckley was shot down during the third day of the Argonne offensive, on September 17, 1918. The Arctic Training Command was transferred to Buckley Field in 1943 and a separate training facility was opened at Echo Lake, Colorado. When the war ended, Buckley became an auxiliary field for Lowry, which in turn transferred it to the Colorado Air National Guard in 1946. The Department of the Navy took charge in 1947, renaming the installation Naval Air Station-Denver, Colorado. The Navy decommissioned Denver's Naval Air Station on June 30, 1959, and it once again became the property of the Air Force, which licensed it to the state of Colorado.

Buckley has served as a primary military airfield since its inception in the glory days of World War II, through the Navy years on into the Vietnam era, which saw an increase in Medical Evacuation traffic for Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center. Today, it acts as the hub for all Colorado Air National Guard and military air traffic transiting through the Denver metropolitan area.

After 40 years in hands of the Colorado Air National Guard, Buckley once again changed hands on 1 October, 2000, when the U. S. Air

Force Space Command took over the base and assumed host responsibilities.

A commissary and BX complex is scheduled for completion in November 2001. Det 45, an AFTAC unit, is located on Buckley AFB. (from an article by John Spann, Buckley Public Affairs Officer, appearing in the 'Mile High Guardian, 28 September, 2000')

Least we Forget

The following was provided by MSgt Tess Ailshire:

MSgt Gary V. Clawson (ret), 45, of Newburgh, NY passed away on 19 Sept 2000.

Gary spent many years at the ATC schoolhouse at Lowry, and the AETC OL at Patrick, in addition to at least two tours to Det 452.

INDIAN HARBOUR BEACH Ronald P. Lindner of Indian Harbour Beach, died Thursday, September 28, 2000, at his residence. Mr. Lindner was born in El Dorado, Ark. He was a retired Master Sgt. from the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife Betty Lindner of Indian Harbour Beach; son, Paul Lindner of Orlando; daughter, Janece Van Wart of Charleston, S. C.; and brothers, Allan Lindner of California, Daniel Lindner of Texas and Thomas Lindner of Melbourne.

Sad news, Col Ronald Bird died Oct 4, 2000 of a massive stroke. His funeral was held at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery, Ft Lincoln.

May they rest in Peace

Editor: Please sent in any stories, newsclips or pictures that you would like to see in our newsletter. You can send them to Ben Vlassick 18207 E. Loyola Dr. Aurora, CO 80013-3314, email aftacco@aol.com or to Bryce Dunn, 3562 S. Jasper Way, Aurora, CO 80013, email bdunn@qadas.com.

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The location is the Camana Club at Buckley ANG Base. Music will be provided by "Tempo Techniques" featuring DJ Debbie Waddill. Cocktails will be served from a pay as you go bar between 1800 and 1900 hours (6 - 7 PM). Menu selection features two entrees: 8 oz. Sirloin Steak with baked potato or Roasted Chicken with rice pilaf. Each entree is \$15.00 which includes tip, dessert (dessert is usually apple crisp or tort) and wine by the carafe at the table. Dinner will start at 1900 hrs (7 PM). Dancing until ?? will follow dinner. Clip and complete the form below and mail with your check to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010-

1310, no later than November 4, 2000. Questions: Call Ben Vlassick,

303-690-1239. And.....Bring a friend!

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GUESTS NAME(S): _____

Sirloin Steak, 8 oz (all steaks cooked medium).....Total Nbr. _____ @15.00=\$ _____

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