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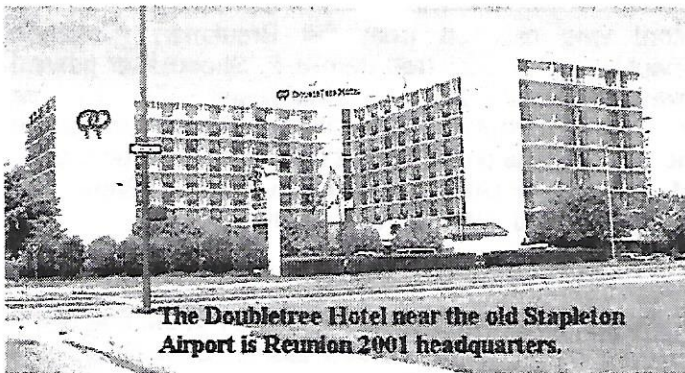
Time for Breakfast



General Membership Meeting

There will be a general membership meeting on April 21, 2001, 0800, at the Plainsman III which is located on Smith road, just east of Chambers. Bring your appetite and stories.

AFTAC ALUMNI 2001 REUNION DENVER COLORADO



The Doubletree Hotel near the old Stapleton Airport is Reunion 2001 headquarters.

The Colorado Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association will host the 2001 reunion at the Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Red Lion Inn) at the old Stapleton Airport. This is the same facility where we hosted the 1996 reunion. The dates are 14 through 17, June, 2001.

"The Reunion 2001 Committee has advised that they can continue accepting reservations for the June 14 reunion until May 15th. The response has been excellent so far with over 150 planning to attend at this time. There is still room for more. So, don't hesitate to join us in Colorado. A registration form is included with this Newsletter and the form can be accessed via the AFTAC home page."

More information can be obtained at the AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado home page (www.aftacco.org), or you can call Ben Vlassick at 303-690-1239 or email him at aftacco@aol.com. Hope to see you there.

Special Note from Chuck Toner: If you are interested in bringing your RV to the reunion and need information on campgrounds, contact Chuck at 303-344-2758 or email at: tonertime@aol.com

Ed: A list of who has signed up so far is attached to this newsletter.

Buckley News

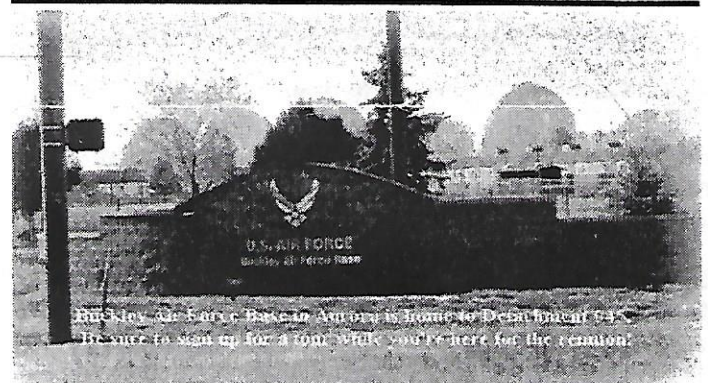


Photo by Bill Harris

The CAMANA Club (Buckley AFB) is now open for dinner due to the recent closure of the Mile High Dining Facility. The grill will be open Thursdays, from 5 - 7 PM and Fridays, from 6 - 9 PM. The club will also be open Saturdays at 3 PM. (From the March 09 edition of the Mile High Guardian News).

AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado is a non-profit organization.

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AAAC Web Site

From Bill Harris, our webmaster:

New Alumni Web Site Debuts; Fire up your Web browser to <http://www.aftacco.org>

That's the address of the AFTAC Colorado Alumni chapter Web site. You'll find links to interesting sites, such as Buckley Air Force Base, the Florida AFTAC site and the official AFTAC site. There's information about our chapter and how to join, and a page full of pictures of our chapter activities as well as great memory joggers. Always something new to see, so check in often.

PRESIDENT COMMENT: Have you seen the Colorado Web Site yet? The address was provided earlier and it is definitely a must see. Committee member Bill Harris did an excellent job in constructing the site. Take a look then send Bill a note letting him know what you think at "bharris4@IX.netcom.com". BenV

MAIL

From Dwight McCarty and wife, Bev:

Be advised we missed the deadline but will send in registration shortly (we were in Mexico for a month) also will buy membership shortly.

Student Lowry 1960, wfo 1061, Ankara 1962, Encampment, WY 1963, B systems. Also civilian employee with seismic division of Geotech, Garland, TX, 1968 - 1973. Member of original 4 man civilian team that did the R&D on the Alaskan long period array in Fairbanks.

Ed: Welcome & look forward to seeing you at the reunion. Maybe you can visit the AFTAC museum in Encampment while you are visiting Colorado.

From Msgt Nederhoed:

I recently PCSed into Buckley (566 IOS) after closing Det 301 (finally!). I was web surfing visited the AFTAC web page and the alumni page and saw the annual AFTAC re-union is going to be here in Denver. I would really like to get involved with it and even try to get some of the younger troops involved. I'm sorry I missed the meeting/get together on the 11th at the Camana Club on base. Please let me know if I can help out.

John Nederhoed, Msgt, USAF

Hi Ben:

This is John Whited in Bellevue, Nebraska. I was in AFTAC from 1967 through 1977 (Alexandria, Det 333 and Patrick). I believe Bill Ellingrud is still in the local area here in Nebraska. Also, my wife's ex-boss used to be in AFTAC in Colorado (Gordan Reese). He is a good friend of Lonnie Gibbons.

Received my newsletter today and glad to see that the AFTAC national reunion will be in Colorado next year since my daughter lives in Englewood now. I am retired from active duty in 1992 and work back at Offutt in Civilian Personnel (29 years in military personnel and now 7 years in civilian personnel).

Hope to see you in June or the next time I am in Englewood. Would you give Bob Tomlinson my e-mail address the next time you see him.

Thanks

John M. Whited

Least we forget

Word was received from Bill Braukman (Colorado Chapter) that M/SGT (ret) James F. Shoemaker passed away January 28, 2001, in Westminster, CO. He was born April 29, 1931 at Kent, OH. He served 24-years in the AF. He was buried at Fort Logan, Friday, February 2, 01, with Honor Guard and 21-gun salute. "Shoe" was highly regarded by friends and neighbors.

Michael J. Valent died 27 January 2001 at the age of 54. He lived in Amelia OH. He was seismic. Dave Rice/Delbe Solar's office provided the info.

The following was received from Jeanne and Bob Haslett: Ralph Grogg died last night (March 6) from pancreatic cancer. His wife, Pat, said he was diagnosed in Dec. and that aside from the discomforts of surgery he suffered very little and was able to be home most of the time. He will be taken back to Ohio, his home state, for burial.

Ralph spent almost all (minus a short stay in Vietnam) of his AF career in AFTAC and at TOD. He was a great friend to us.

REUNION 2001 REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print)

Name(s): Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Guests: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

(Please include a head count for each activity, even when there is no associated cost).

****Registration will start Thursday, June 14, at 10 AM in the hotel lobby. Packets with information will be available at that time.****

1. Reunion Administrative Fee (Badges, etc.)@ \$ 5.00/person.X ____ = \$ ____

2. Golf Tournament (Friday, June 15, 7:30 AM) (price includes green fees, carts and prizes). Shotgun start with a minimum of 40-people. An additional \$6.00 will be required for the shotgun start. Transportation will be provided to the golf course if required.
Guests are welcome.....# MEN = ____ # WOMEN = ____ \$ 40.00/person X ____ = \$ ____

3. Ice Breaker with Hors D'Oeuvres/Cash Bar (Friday evening, June 15, 2001)@ \$ 20.00/person X ____ = \$ ____

4. Banquet Dinner and Dance/Cash Bar (Saturday evening, June 16, 2001).....TOTAL NEXT TWO LINES = \$ ____

a. Roasted Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish and Aus Jus.....\$ 32.50 X ____ = \$ ____

b. Chicken stuffed w/Rock Shrimp and Scallops w/Basil Cream Sauce...\$32.50 X ____ = \$ ____

5. Tour - Detachment 045, Buckley ANGB, (Saturday Day, June 16, 2001)(no charge).....# people ____
Transportation will be required from the hotel: YES ____ NO ____ # people ____

6. Tour - Central City/Blackhawk (Sunday, June 17, 2001). Transportation will be provided from the hotel. A fee is collected on the bus in exchange for tokens to be used in the casinos.....# people ____

7. Brunch, Monday morning (June 18, 2001), hotel cafe (pay at the event).....# people ____

8. For the total of items 1, 2, 3, and 4 I have enclosed a check in the amount ofTOTAL \$ ____

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This registration form must be received no later than **February 1, 2001**. Mail your form and check to
Bob Tomlinson, P.O. Box 471344., Aurora, CO, 80047.
Make checks payable to **Bill Schmied** and include your check with the registration form.

HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The reunion will be held at the **Doubletree Hotel**, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. (The Doubletree was formerly the Red Lion where the 1996 reunion was held across street from Stapleton - old airport). A special room rate of \$ 78.35 (includes taxes) is available for the reunion. Toll free number: 1-800-222-TREE (8733) Local: 303-321-3333.

When you call the hotel for reservations, be prepared with a credit card and tell them you are participating in the AFTAC Reunion. Reservations must be made prior to May 25, 2001. Special rate may not be available after May 25. You will be given a confirmation number; record that number. Hotel reservations must be canceled 24-hours in advance if your reservation is to qualify for a refund. Contact the hotel directly if you need to cancel.

SHUTTLE: The hotel's shuttle service to and from DIA airport runs 7 days a week from 4:30 am to 12:30 am rotating every 30 minutes. At DIA, West Terminal pickup is Door 512; East Terminal pickup is at Door 505. The hotel also offers a shuttle service to Downtown Denver and the Cherry Creek Mall 7-days a week. Information is available at the Guest Service Desk. From DIA, you can call the hotel at local number 303-321-3333 (ten digits are required) for shuttle info if necessary.

Airline travelers that will be renting a car should compare fares to Colorado Springs airport. Often, a better fare is possible.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car has a booth in the hotel lobby. The only advantage in using the hotel booth at this mailing is a tax savings. A group rate cannot be negotiated at this time.

AFTAC Alumni Reunion - Colorado 2001 - Registered Guests

LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	CITY	STATE
Black	Richard C. & Sharon	Sacramento	CA
Braukman	Bill & Marge	Denver	CO
Bridges	William H.	Live Oak	CA
Bruner	Griffen L. & Karen	Papillion	NE
Burke	Whitney P. & Susan	Sunnyvale	CA
Butler	Doris I.	Melbourne	FL
Byrd	Lee B. & Elaine	Rancho Palos Verdes	CA
Calenda	Frank S. & Edna	Indian Harbour Bch	FL
Carter, Jr	Allison B.	Jacksonville	AR
Cauda	Jerome E.	Ocala	FL
Cline	Lee E. & June	Hesperia	CA
Chapman	Butch & Rose	Pittsfield	NH
Colton	Milo L. & Garnet	Grand Junction	CO
Cotter	Leo J. & Dot	Gainesville	GA
Cronin	George & Sherry	Ames	IA
Currier Jr.	Lewis W.	Boynton Beach	FL
Deal	Richard A. & Barbara	Las Vegas	NV
Deffler	Bruce H. & Susan	Parker	CO
Doughty	Al & Margaret	Lakewood	CO
Dunn	Bryce & Sue	Aurora	CO
Feakes	Glen A. & Joncee	Denver	CO
Ferris	Clifford & Patricia	Redding	CA
Fiener	James B. & Jahron	Arlington	VA
Reeman	Ernie & Betty	Aurora	CO
Gailey	Carl W. & Mayme	Satellite Beach	FL
Gardiner	Edward T.	Aurora	CO
Genzler	Albert & Mary	Gilbert	AZ
Gibbons	Lonnie E. & Ginny	Aurora	CO
Goodreau	Francis M. & Irene	Orangevale	CA
Harris	Bill & Garneth	Denver	CO
Horsch	John T. & Chris	Satellite Beach	FL
Hutchinson	Clarence K. & Diane Sheridan	Sheridan	WY
Johnson	Joe M. & Gayle	Roseville	CA
Johnson	Robert D. & Joyce	Holdrege	NE
Jones	Max H.	Anderson	IN
Jones	Leroy & Ruth	Sheridan	OR
Kimball	Jack & Wanda	Greenville	TX
Lachner	Gerald O. & Mattie	Palisade	CO
Lemois	Linda M.	Aurora	CO
Long	Earnie & Joyce	Denver	CO
Lyon	James F. & Ruby	Monry	LA
Lysio	Eiling O. & Mary	Brooklyn	MN
Mann	Frank	Mabelvale	AR
McAllister	Wilbur C. & Lois	Grand Junction	CO
McCarty	Dwight E. & Beverly	Hansville	WA
McGuire	Frank & Donna	Sioux Falls	SD
McKenna	Ed & Ima Jean	Lakewood	CO
Metcalf	Norm	Boulder	CO
Milam	Judith E. & Auburn M.	Melbourne	FL
Miller	Tom & Monique	Aurora	CO
Minamoto	Mike & Shirley	Aurora	CO
Mosley	Don & Verna	Joplin	MO
Nargoski	Leon E.	Ashley	PA
Nicholes	Forrest H. & Pat	Phoenix	AZ
Normington	W.E. & Reiko	San Antonio	TX
Pabst	Herb & Verna	Sun City	AZ
Pavik	Al & Ann	Granite Bay	CA
Phillips	Richard S.	Aurora	CO
Pierce	Earl & Marianne	Aurora	CO
Platt	Dick & Gayla	Aurora	CO
Preston	Dean & Janet	Casselberry	FL
Proctor	William W. & Zola	Highlands Ranch	CO
Ramrath	Thomas J. & Jeri B.	Albuquerque	NM
Richardson	Jon & Violet	Deer River	MN
Romanchuk	Peter	Aurora	CO
Rose	Thomas H.	Roswell	GA
Schmied	Bill & Sue	Aurora	CO
Smith	Jack F. & Helen	Westminster	CO
Soucia	Charles J. & Joan	Austin	TX
Spencer	Susan	Gaithersburg	MD
Stern	Warren G. & Beth	Milford	PA
Strock	Robert E. & Esther	Dalton	OH
Tasto	Dennis C. & Doris	New Braunfels	TX
Thompson	George J.	Clearlake	CA
Tomlinson	Bob & Sandy	Castle Rock	CO
Toner	Chuck & Jerri	Aurora	CO
Vernon	Donald L. & Ann	Kansas City	MO
Vlassick	Ben & Ginger	Aurora	CO
Ware	Tom & Barbara	Aurora	CO
Waters	George & Gennie	San Marcos	CA
Williams	George M.	Charles Town	WV
Winter	Frank & Monai	Big Rapids	MI
Zahn	Wayne & Catherine	Arvada	CO

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AFTAC Alumni 2001 Reunion Souvenirs

Golf Shirts (white) with pocket:	\$17.00
Hats (light blue):	\$ 8.00
Coffee Mugs:	\$ 5.00
Golf Balls:	\$ 2.00

An order form will be sent out to all reunion registrants