



# ECHOES

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## Casino Trip

Tom Miller has arranged a trip to Central City on 18 May. This trip is open to all Alumni members, their family and friends. Cost for transportation is to show \$20 and receive \$25 back to spend at Harvey's Casino in Central City. The Bus will pick us up in the parking lot on the northwest corner of Illiff and Buckley, in front of Planet Pizza/Albertson's at 10 AM. The bus will bring us back at the parking lot at 4 PM. The trip is about 1 hour. Contact Tom Miller at 303-755-7044 or email [thmiller3@aol.com](mailto:thmiller3@aol.com) for additional details.

## Alumni Picnic and Golf

The AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado picnic will be held on June 22, at Williams Reservoir, on Buckley AFB. Food and drink will be served at 1130. Prices are \$4 for Adults and \$2 for children (small children are free). Price includes: food steak, bratwurst, hot dog, beans, salads, drinks, and entry for door prizes. Activities will include horseshoes and volleyball. A registration form is included in this newsletter.

With security a big concern at all DOD facilities, we must be attentive to Buckley's security regulations. It would be advantageous to get a decal ahead of time if you can. We will provide the list of attending Alumni members to the front gate for visitor passes.

We could not reserve a golf course for a tournament (they are booked over a year in advance). As an alternative, Alumni members & their families & friends are invited to join us at the Centre Tech par 3 course (located near Buckley AFB off Centre Tech Boulevard). We plan to meet there at 0730 (the course opens at 0630). No reservations are accepted – first come, first served. It takes about an hour and a half to complete the course. The longest drive is 200

yards. For more information contact Lonnie Gibbons at 303-750-9635 or email [lgib14893@aol.com](mailto:lgib14893@aol.com).

## General Membership Breakfast

A general membership breakfast was held on Saturday 23 Feb 2002 at the Plainsman III. Attendees were:

Bill Burroughs	<a href="mailto:bburrough@ecentral.com">bburrough@ecentral.com</a>
Frank Desmond	<a href="mailto:fwdesmond@msn.com">fwdesmond@msn.com</a>
Anthony Ferrise	<a href="mailto:aferrise@netaro.net">aferrise@netaro.net</a>
John Nederhoed	<a href="mailto:jneder@msn.com">jneder@msn.com</a>
Bryce Dunn	<a href="mailto:wbdunn@attbi.com">wbdunn@attbi.com</a>
Rick Phillips	<a href="mailto:rphillip@mitcd.com">rphillip@mitcd.com</a>
Mike Steskal	<a href="mailto:steskal@aol.com">steskal@aol.com</a>
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Ed McKenna	<a href="mailto:ed-ij_mckenna@msn.com">ed-ij_mckenna@msn.com</a>
Bruce Deffler	<a href="mailto:bhdeffler@aol.com">bhdeffler@aol.com</a>
Earnie Long	<a href="mailto:earnie1250@aol.com">earnie1250@aol.com</a>
Earl Pierce	<a href="mailto:emxanadu@msn.com">emxanadu@msn.com</a>
Jack Smith	<a href="mailto:COAFTRMKT@aol.com">COAFTRMKT@aol.com</a>
Bill Schmied	<a href="mailto:bilschmied@aol.com">bilschmied@aol.com</a>
Tom Miller	<a href="mailto:thmiller3@aol.com">thmiller3@aol.com</a>
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Hugo Redlin	<a href="mailto:gerryhugo@msn.com">gerryhugo@msn.com</a>
John French	<a href="mailto:john0896@earthlink.net">john0896@earthlink.net</a>
George Plunkard	
Thomas R. Ware	<a href="mailto:trware1@aol.com">trware1@aol.com</a>
Richard E. Dalton	
Ernest Freeman	
Charles Toner	<a href="mailto:tonertime@aol.com">tonertime@aol.com</a>
Frank Lepus	<a href="mailto:lepus1@aol.com">lepus1@aol.com</a>

The group discussed the upcoming events: Casino trip May 18<sup>th</sup>, Picnic/Golf June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the Winter Social. Earl Pierce told us that we cannot reserve a date at the Camana Club for our Winter Social until after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Our tentative date for the Social is November 9<sup>th</sup>.

John Nederhoed proposed a challenge for the golf tournament: active duty versus the seniors.

## **General Membership Breakfast (continued)**

Bruce Deffler donated some United Airlines 15% discount coupons to the Association. The members agreed to give some of the coupons to John Nederhoed to present to the AFTAC active duty quarterly award winners.

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### **On the Web**

Bill Harris, our Webmaster maintains The AAACO website at: [www.aftacco.org](http://www.aftacco.org). Check it out!

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### **MAIL**

From Bill Schmied:

Mary Welch writes: "Heart-broken to read about the loss of Ben in your latest newsletter. I moved to the mid-West in November, and had not gotten the news until the Newsletter reached me at the end of February. He will be missed. Dues for the next two years are included."

(Mary now lives in Rapid City, South Dakota. I would have to say that's part of the real West and not too far from Denver. Welcome and hope you can make it down here for our picnic in June.)

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Fellow AFTACers:

Greetings from Booger Woods (a.k.a. Corsicana), Texas. We sure do miss Denver but we are really enjoying things like less people, less traffic, and less noise. We are still renting in town while our retirement home is built out on Lake Richland Chambers. The lake is over 44,000 acres of water with a 300-mile shoreline and is still in the early stages of development. Lot preparation is going slow but we hope to be in by the end of August. We are tentatively planning a trip back to Denver in June to include the AFTAC picnic.

Ya'll come and see us, hear. We'll treat you so many ways, you're bound to like one of them.

Dick & Gayla Platt

## **From the Florida Post-Monitor**

John & Chris Horsch, editors:

Ben is gone, he will be sorely missed. The alumni association, and in particular the Colorado chapter, had no greater friend. He was instrumental in its beginning and its upkeep.

We worked with Ben at headquarters and replaced him at the 1157th but we really got to know him and Ginger in our common work with the alumni association. He would go to any extent to help in any alumni endeavor and proved it over and over again.

Ben knew how to work, and he knew how to play-although in his later days it was almost work for him to play. Chris and I talked with him at the last reunion (Colorado, '01) - he poured his heart into that reunion and was so proud to have been selected as the 'Alumni of the Year 2000' and it meant so much to him that the AFT AC Commander personally presented him the award. Even then, we, and Bill Schmied had to reassure him he was not taking too much of the spotlight away from the other chapter members who had also worked very hard to make the reunion a success-that's the kind of guy he was. Uncomfortable being recognized but so appreciative of this honor.

We'll bet that right now Ben is snooping around his new locale, finding all the other AFTACer's he can, and trying to organize an '03 reunion that will be truly 'out of this world.'

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## **From the West Coast Chapter - The Depot Fallout**

Dale Klug

West Coast Chapter Spring Get-together - Garden Party Our next event will be a Garden Party to be held at Pavik's (9371 Troy Way, Granite Bay, CA) at 4:00 P.M. on 18 May. We'll test the golf and horseshoe skills of those who want to participate. Left and right handed golf clubs and golf balls available-only have to hit it 68 yards. We will cook hamburgers, hot dogs and have drinks available. Everyone, including anyone from the Colorado Chapter who will be in the area, is invited, members and nonmembers. We are asking for notification by 14 May so we know approximately how many people to plan for. E-mail Dale Klug [klugdale@juno.com](mailto:klugdale@juno.com) or call Al Pavik at 916-797-1472.

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## **PICNIC 2002**

**June 22, 2002, starting at 11 AM, we will gather at Buckley ANG Base, Lake William's recreation center for our annual picnic.**

**There will be Steaks, Brautwurst, and Hot Dogs along with coleslaw, potato salad and beans served at noon. Drinks will be provided along with door prizes. There will be a horseshoe tournament, volleyball and camaraderie. Price is \$4 for Adults and \$2.00 for children.**

**Mail the following reservation to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010 by June 12, 2002. Any questions, call Bill at 303-367-0625.**

**Yes, Count on me to attend the June 22, 2002, picnic, starting at 1100, at Lake Williams at Buckley ANGB and to join the fun. Enclosed is my check payable to Bill Schmied to cover the people in my party. I understand that the money will not be refundable after the food has been purchased.**

**NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**ATTENDEES: \_\_\_\_\_ ADULTS (\$4 each) \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN (\$2.00 each)**

**Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO**  
c/o Bryce Dunn



**MAIL FLORIDA DUES (\$10 PER YEAR or \$75 Lifetime)**

**TO: AFTAC Alumni Association**  
**P.O. Box 254892**  
**Patrick AFB, Florida 32925-0892**

**MAIL WEST COAST DUES (\$5 PER YEAR or \$50 Lifetime)**

**TO: AFTAC Alumni Association**  
**West Coast Chapter**  
**161 Southcreek Circle**  
**Folsom, CA 95630-1510**

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**FOR COLORADO DUES SUBMISSION  
OR ADDRESS CHANGE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Unless advised to the contrary, personal information listed above is  
releasable to other AFTAC members.

**DUES ARE \$6.00 PER 12-MONTH PERIOD PAYABLE DURING  
EXPIRATION MONTH. (SEE ADDRESS LABEL FOR INDIVIDUAL  
EXPIRATION MONTH).**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BILL SCHMIED.**  
**MAIL TO: BILL SCHMIED, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010.**  
**Membership questions may be directed to Bill Schmied at**  
**(303) 367-0625 or email Billschmied@aol.com**

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