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Annual Dinner and Dance

The Alumni annual dinner dance will be held on 9 November at the Buckley CAMANA club. Social hour will start at 6 PM and Dinner will be served at 7PM. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes grilled steak or baked chicken, salad, desert, wine, coffee, and door prizes. Music will be provided by Debbie (Bill Harris). The minimum attendance required to have two entrée choices available is 30 people. So please get your registration in as soon as you can but **no later than 24 October**. Reservation forms are included in this newsletter. If you do not have an ID card, please send Bill Schmied your SSAN so he can provide it to the Buckley gate guards. See you there.

General Membership Breakfast

A general membership breakfast will be held in February. Exact date and time is TBD.

From the Florida Post-Monitor

John & Chris Horsch, editors:

At our 10/4 Golf n'Gettogether and General membership meeting our new board was elected, effective immediately: John Caban, President; Joe Marshall, Vice (previous year's President); Secretary, Al Moy; and Treasurer George Mirda (previous year's Vice).

Appointed members remaining: Activities, CMSgt Steve Armitage; Heritage Hall, TBD; Hospitality, Judy Milam; Internet, Mike Black and Clark Creery; Membership, Jim Payne, Newsletter, John and Chris Horsch; Publicity, Swede Swansen; Reunion, Carl Gailey

National Reunion, May 30th-Jun 1st, 2003. Details are at the website and will be published in the Post-Monitor. Current best info (from the website, www.csihq.com/aftacalumni;

2003 Reunion in Florida (Tentative Information)

30 May 2003 - Golf Tournament (Patrick AFB, Florida)

30 May 2003 - Cruise to No Where - (10-4:30) A free cruise on the Sterling Casino line. Free hors d'oeuvres are served during the cruise. Free cocktails are served to all gaming participants. On board entertainment is provided by Legends in Concert. Free transportation MAY be provided - depends on the response. At least 53 must be signed-up to qualify.

30 May 2003 - Icebreaker - (7-10) Radisson Resorts Convention Center. Informal mixer - heavy hors d'oeuvres - cash bar - casual dress.

31 May 2003 - Family Day - (8-3) Tour of the AFTAC building to include. Hall of Heritage and an unclassified briefing. Shuttle bus transport will be provided from the Radisson and the building. 11AM to 2PM the AFTAC boosters club will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for a nominal fee at the Outback behind the building.

31 May 2003 - Banquet - (6-7) Cocktails (Cash Bar) (7-9) Sit down dinner with a choice of prime rib or Florida lemon grouper baked and topped with citrus sauce. Dinners include house salad, seasonal vegetables and when appropriate potato or rice, desert and coffee or tea.

(9-?) Program - guest speaker and dancing.

1 June 2003 - Breakfast Buffet (6:30-11) - A chance to wish all a final farewell and a safe trip home.

From the West Coast Chapter - The Depot Fallout

E-mail Dale Klug at klugdale@juno.com for West Coast Information.

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Good Health Wishes

This is a new section suggested by Jack Smith to let our friends know that our thoughts are with them and we wish them to get well.

Good health wishes to Jerri Toner, Bill Braukman, and Alberta Dalton.

Long Range Detection Alumni Association Worldwide Directory

From Jim Payne's email: ...We just completed the generation and publication of a 2d edition of our World Wide Directory; want to have current addresses, email, etc etc. of everyone that was ever a member of AFTAC, or the 1035th, or the 1009th, (or prior to that). Hence, your input will be included in the first revision. Also, our membership encourages active duty AFTAC personnel to join the alumni as we are all part of one large family. As a point of info, anytime a member makes a change to their data on the homepage, an email is kicked out to me (and a few others) and I take the data and update our alumni database. That database is a stand alone ACCESS DB that 2 of us (Carl Gailey and I) maintain separately to cross ck each other. We use this for our mbrship info, mailing lists, dues, reports, queries, etc etc. Hence, if you are not an alumni member, you might want to consider a mbrship in the Florida chapter....we have > 650 active members; dues are \$10/yr or \$20/3yrs (first time mbr), or \$75 for lifetime. We publish a quarterly newsletter-the Post-Monitor, plus we have various activities thru-out the year.

Currently, we are in the planning stages for the World Wide reunion which is schedule for 'end of May '03. Also, and closer to home for you, there are separate chapters located in Denver and Sacramento which have a different structure of dues; they also have a newsletter and each one has frequent get-togethers. I have included the Colorado Chapter Pres., Jack Smith on this email. Again, thank you for your input to the homepage and stay in touch with your alumni members.cheers....jbop

ps. The name of the FI Chap alumni organization has changed and is now called "LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOC" and the rationale for that change was spelled out in a recent issue of the Post Monitor (that info might be avail on the website).

This Directory contains over 4100 names and addresses of former members of the Long Range Detection Alumni organization and a significant number of current AFTAC members who also belong to the alumni association. We continue to search available records and unit scrapbooks for the names/photographs of personnel previously assigned to this organization. Some of our

current association members have loaned us copies of their personal files to aid us in our search. Special orders and unit telephone/locator files have been our greatest source of information for personnel names and time periods.

This Directory has been constructed in a format that, hopefully, will cause minimum upkeep for our subscribers. To submit an address change or make a change to your personnel data, we recommend you log on to the web at <http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni> and go to "member locator/ change your info"; changes may also be submitted to the alumni postal address.

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I have a typed copy of the 2nd edition Worldwide directory. E-mail or call me at 303-428-1812 if you have questions or input. The directory is available at any of our functions through the year.

Jack Smith

On the Web

Bill Harris, our Webmaster maintains The AAACO website at: www.aftacco.org.

Gents,

I have renewed the domain name www.aftacco.org for another two years as it was due to expire in November. At this writing, hosting of the Web site remains free.
Bill Harris

Thanks Bill for doing a great job!

Least we Forget

The following email was received from Ray Copeland

It is with deep sadness that I report the death of James R. (Jim) Fishler. Jim died in his home in Brighton, Colorado on 14 July 02. Jim served his entire 20+ year career in AFTAC. He was assigned to several overseas locations but spent much time in the maintenance section at the school at Lowry. Jim was a hard worker, devoted father and husband. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and all around outdoorsman, noted for his strings of pack animals, (donkeys, horses or mules) and the best Elk Camp in Colorado. Jim had an extraordinary sense of humor. He could laugh at anything and make you do the same. He retained this quality even until death. Jim was truly one of a kind, cut from the very fabric of our country and prideful of all he did. Admired and respected by all who knew him. He will be deeply missed by friends and family. He is survived by his Wife Del, Son Paul, Daughters Barb and Karen and 7 grandchildren.

Least we Forget (continued)

Pictures by Bill Harris

From the Post Monitor:

George Meyers 02.7.2

Would you be kind enough to place a note in the next 'Post Monitor' that Louise Walker, wife of the late Col William L Walker, died at Anaheim, CA, on Memorial Day '02. I am sure that the many friends of this gracious lady would like to be informed.

email, Rita J. Franks, 02.7.8

This is to notify the AFTAC Alumni Association that my husband, Walter L. Franks, died on July 2, 2002. Your help is appreciated.

email, John R. Johnson, Jr., July 10, 2002

I have just received word from Jean Johnston that her husband William D. "Bill" Johnston, P.O. Box 1623, Grass Valley CA 95925, died on the morning of 9 July 2002 after a long battle with prostate cancer aggravated by diabetes. One of the Alumni of AFTAC, Bill was a former member of MCL. He and I had many fun days flying together in the T-33 and Gooney Birds. He will be missed by his many friends and peers. Because of our similar names, Bill and I were known in the "flying group" as "The Band-Aid Twins."

AFTAC Alumni Picnic 2002

Once again, we had a great picnic, supported by the Colorado AFTAC Alumni. Fifty-nine of our 113 members registered:

Bill & Denise Burroughs & guests (no shows)
Bryce & Sue Dunn & son
Ernie & Betty Freeman & guest
Lonnie & Ginny Gibbons
Marv & Linda Gielen & guest (from Colo Springs)
Alan & Maureen Hampson & son (no shows)
Bill & Garneth Harris & guest
Leonard & Ruth Jones (from Casper, Wyoming)
Earnie & Joyce Long & guests
Norm Metcalf
Tom & Monique Miller & guests
MSgt John Nederhoed & daughter
Bill & Nadine Overley
Rick Phillips
Dick & Gayla Platt (no shows from Texas)
Hugo & Gerry Redlin
Bill & Sue Schmied & grandkids
Jack & Helen Smith
Chuck & Jerri Toner
Ginger Vlassick
Tom & Barbara Ware
Ron Zoratti

