



# ECHOES

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## General Membership Breakfast

A general membership breakfast will be held on Saturday, **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at the Plainsman III at 0830. The Plainsman is located just east of Chambers on Smith road in Aurora. Please call Jack Smith at 303-428-1812 or email to [COAFTRMKT@aol.com](mailto:COAFTRMKT@aol.com) if you plan on attending (so he can reserve sufficient space). Come enjoy a good breakfast and camaraderie with some of the Air Force's finest. Upcoming Aftac Alumni events to discuss are the picnic on June 21<sup>st</sup>, and the Dinner Dance on November 8<sup>th</sup> (tentative).

## 2003 Worlwide Reunion in Florida

**30 May through 1 June.** See the information and registration form in the attached packet.

## From the Florida Post-Monitor

John & Chris Horsch, editors. send your inputs to [chrisjohn@juno.com](mailto:chrisjohn@juno.com).

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

[Ed: Here are two articles from Chuck Conrad and Tony Calenda that I would like to "borrow" from the Post Monitor (for those of you in the Colorado Chapter that do not receive the Post-Monitor). Dues are \$10 a year and John and Chris do a super job on this newsletter. How is that for a pitch Chief?]

### Chuck Conrad

As I retire from the Air Force and move on to a new way of life, I have many things to say about my career, which was filled with great assignments (10 in all), great people to work with, and great missions to support. I leave with many fond memories, especially of the 'early' days during assignments to the small detachments. I took great joy in being able to make a difference and see the results first-hand. As many of those on the address list can attest, we worked hard and partied

harder. There were some trials and tribulations but, at the end of the day, we got the job done and took care of each other. That is how my career began--working with great people who had a passion for the mission, a passion that drove us to see to it the mission would not fail. In the course of the job, we became friends, had fun, and made memories that endure. Some of those memories we recall and revisit often, others we would not dare. It's hard to believe some of the things we did! In the last few years, I've been proud to be associated with a group of people who work with "Technical Sensor RADARs" and other detection systems. Thanks to them, my career ends as it began--great jobs, great people. As I type this message, I'm feeling very lucky. In sliding down the banister of my career, most of the splinters were pointing the right way. Lots of fun, very little pain!

When I joined, I had no plan for a career, I didn't even know about 'Air Force Specialties,' and I knew little about the AF retirement system. I joined simply because it seemed like a good thing to do. I wasn't a hard sell for the recruiter. If he could have told me half the things I would get to do in the Air Force, I would have been left with one word: "WOW"

When I signed up I had no idea my 'hitch' would be 25 years, that I would be given a job I would love and truly believe in; that I would meet and brief US Ambassadors, Air Force Chiefs of Staff, and Secretaries of the Air Force; that I would live in 5 different countries--on exotic plantations and in remote towns. I could not have imagined that one day I would lead a small formation marching through Alice Springs, Australia to the applause and admiration of the crowd. It would have been enough to convey the satisfaction I would gain by being assigned to a tight-knit team overseas that started with nothing and left behind a fully operational unit. I could go on and on. To me, it has been absolutely amazing! WOW!

I didn't know it at the time, but having the opportunity to join the '99' career-field was roughly equivalent to hitting the lottery. As a '99' we were afforded great training and great opportunities. Now, I know we 99s are known to brag, perhaps a little too much. But don't expect me to hold back right now. It's more than just a career field.



The 9S1 ODs are a fine bunch of people! There is a certain magic about being a part of that group. Being a 99 / 9S will always be a source of pride for me.

Without a doubt, people are wonderful. I can't even begin to tell you how important it is to me that I've come to know such great people. Just last week a friend, Jerry, whom I worked with in Australia in 1984 called me. He left the Air Force back then, but still remembered our group and took the trouble of finding my number just to say hello. We talked about things old and new. In no time at all we were caught up as if the last time we talked was last week, not 16 years ago. I could tell similar stories a hundred times over.

So, the myth is debunked! We often say we "can't get rich in the Air Force". Money aside, I'm richer than I ever imagined, just because I have had the experience to know people like you!

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## A FAMILY AFFAIR

### LRD FAMILIES ... OVER THE YEARS

PREPARED FROM READER INPUTS. Some families have served the mission over several generations. With this column we ask those families to share that history. Forward to us at 'chrisjohn@juno.com' or ATTN Family Affair column, to the Florida Alumni Address - we will publish them in the order received and as soon as we can. Thanks for your help.

### Tony Calenda

Foreword: Recently we asked Tony to write an 'A Family Affair' feature article. Tony replied that he would, even if we had given him short notice-several days later he replied, 'This is what I have put together ... not sure it's what you're looking for.' We replied, 'Tony, it's perfect, it's great and you have written a walk down memory lane in a most readable manner.' We also noted when we made the call his phone number even has '99' in it, not unusual since both he and his wife Val are/have been 99's. He also gave us leads on additional 'Family Affair' possibilities-Vlassick, Smith, Miner, and Kappel. So, if you know these guys, tell them to please get in touch with us.

TONY CALEDA, 2002.12.01

I never figured I'd join the Air Force and I never could have guessed what a huge impact AFTAC would have on my life. I can remember living in some very different places. Just when I got used to them, I had to move again to a new place. I remember playing in the snow and camping in the mountains. Of course this is when my dad, Frank Calenda, was going to tech school in Denver. I liked the snow and loved the mountains. We moved next to Sacramento. Dad was always gone, but I was young and only really cared about my bike. From Sacramento, we moved to Florida right next to my grandparents in Cocoa Beach. Dad set us up there while he left for a year to a remote overseas location. I sure

did love the beach and I can remember listening to audiotapes of my dad when he sent them to us. We got to talk to him a couple of times on the phone and I can remember him coming home one time for a couple of weeks. When he finished that tour, we moved to the Philippines.

What a great place for a kid of 9 to be. Our house was on the 12th tee of the golf course and my brother and I played golf every day. I also got to caddy for President Ferdinand Marcos on one of his visits.

From the Philippines, we moved to Virginia. Still not knowing, or really caring, what my father's job was, I was interested in playing with my friends and watching Speed Racer on TV. Then we found out we were going back to Florida! Of course, this is when HQ moved down here from Telegraph Road, but I didn't care about any of that grown up stuff, we were going back to the beach! After about a year, we moved to Japan. I was now about 13 years old, dad started showing me what he did at work. Occasionally I would get to go to work with him so I could see what he did. Boy, did we get good at playing Ping-Pong and pool. I remember I started thinking; this would be a cool job.

We were only in Japan for a year before we moved again to the most memorable assignment for me. Unfortunately, I can't talk about it in this newsletter, but the most vivid memories of my childhood are from that place. By this time, I had a good idea of what my dad did, and thanks to a couple science projects and some help from "the single guys in the barracks", I had a good understanding of how it all worked. I was 16 years old when we moved back to Florida, back to the land of beaches and bikini's. Shortly after our return, dad retired from the Air Force (I found out later that it was because he didn't want to take a remote to Korea). We stayed in Florida, where I graduated from Satellite High School in 1980. I still had absolutely no intention of joining the military.

After a year of floundering, I grew tired of "13th grade" and tired of being a waiter at the local Denny's. My dad talked me into joining the Air Force on the condition that he would be able to get me into AFTAC. Because he still had contacts in the AFTAC family, he was able to get me a slot in the AFTAC tech school. My first assignment out of tech school was none other than HO AFTAC at Patrick AFB. I don't know how many times I heard "Aren't you Frank Calenda's kid?" I think it was payback time for a couple people who I worked for that had worked for my dad, the likes of Wally Murray, Bill Ferguson, Russ Fortenberry, and Denny Schutz to name a few. Chief Bill "Mac" McClellan, who had to take that remote to Korea that my dad retired for, got his pay back by "helping" me get my first overseas assignment to Det 452. Not the AFTAC garden spot, but what a wonderful assignment for a young, up and coming 99104 to get (Thanks Chief)! From Korea, I was



assigned as the maintenance tech for the schoolhouse. Imagine my surprise to be working for Walt **Hartley** and Chief Bill **Schmied**, who, by the way, helped me with one of my science projects when I was a kid in the Philippines.

From Denver, it was back to Florida, where I heard more "Hey, aren't you Frank Calenda's kid?" Despite that, I was bound and determined to make a name for myself. Like my wife, Val (who, by the way, was a 99104 Master Instructor and depot-engineering technician), so fondly reminds me, "Your dad got you into AFTAC, the rest of us had to work for it." By the time I got my next assignment to Det 415, Chiang Mai, Thailand, I think I had made a name for myself. Besides, by this time, most of the people who knew my dad were retired and AFTAC was changing. After 5 years in Thailand, it was back to Florida. I didn't hear the usual "Aren't you Frank Calenda's kid?" anymore. The 1<sup>st</sup> generation AFTACer's were all gone.

My next assignment was to Det 301, Ankara, Turkey; 15 months there and I was back in Florida. A funny thing happened when I returned from Turkey; I started asking "Aren't you **Smitty's** kid, or aren't you **Kapple's** kid?" to the younger airmen. They will keep the legacy of 2nd generation AFTAC alive. There are not many of us left; Randy **Vlassick** and Karl **Miner** are two that come to mind.

As I wind down my career and look back on my AFT AC adventure, I begin to think, AFT AC has been my life. I don't know life without AFT AC. Literally all my friends and family have been associated with AFTAC one way or another. Since I can remember, AFTAC has gone through many changes, but the one thing that hasn't changed is the people, the closeness, and camaraderie of the AFTAC family. I am truly thankful that my dad pulled some strings to get me into the family. My son is 15 years old now, will there be a 3rd generation? Only time can tell.

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## On the Web

The Colorado Alumni Group Web site is alive and well at [www.aftacco.org](http://www.aftacco.org). You'll find pictures of alumni activities, useful information about facilities in the area for active and retired folks and a new addition. With the assistance of fellow alums, your Webmaster has posted a number of previous printed newsletters for your reading pleasure. If you don't see the ones you are looking for, drop a line to Bill Harris at [bharris4@ix.netcom.com](mailto:bharris4@ix.netcom.com) and I'll find it for you.

Thanks, Bill

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## Good Health Wishes

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

## Buckley AFB Contacts

For your convenience, here are some contact numbers at Buckley AFB:

Buckley Pharmacy: 303-677-7455.

Buckley ID and DEERS: 303-677-9159 (Jack Smith suggests you call before you go over there, their computer may be down and you could waste a trip).

Federal Credit Union: 303-360-8200

Buckley Air Force Aid Society: 303-677-6718

Base Exchange: 303-340-1100

Buckley Barber Shop: 720-859-0933

CAMANA Club: 303-677-9840

Casualty Assistance: 303-677-6123

Chaplain Services: 303-677-6411

Commissary: 303-677-7100

Pass and Vehicle Registration: 303-677-9381

Outdoor Recreation: 303-677-6101

Retiree Affairs Office: 303-677-6693

TRICARE Service Center: 303-676-3400

Buckley Operator: 303-677-9011

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## From the West Coast Chapter – The Depot Fallout

E-mail Dale Klug at [klugdale@juno.com](mailto:klugdale@juno.com) for West Coast Information.



Guess the name of this Alumni member and win a coveted AFTAC ALUMNI 2001 Reunion Golf Ball. First email response to [bdunn@qadas.com](mailto:bdunn@qadas.com) will win. AAACO Board members excluded (sorry).

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# AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO – CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LIST

Antonio	George P. & Harriette	Warner Robbins	GA	93+9	200207EXP
Bennett	Ed & Sandi	Shiloh	IL	98+6	200402EXP
Brauchle	Ken & Mary	North Pole	AK	92+10	200202EXP
Braukman	Bill & Marge	Denver	CO	91+12	200302EXP
Burroughs	Bill & Denise	Aurora	CO	99+4	200306EXP
Carfora	Edward R.	Rio Linda	CA	92+12	200405EXP
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Cauda	Jerome E.	Ocala	FL	97+6	200302EXP
Chambers	Jordan Marian	Kings Beach	CA	93+10	200304EXP
Chesnut	Paul J. & Judy	Burkburnett	TX	92+14	200603EXP
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Cotter	Leo J. & Dot	Gainesville	GA	93+13	200609EXP
Creamer	Randy L. & Phyllis	Chesapeake	VA	98+5	200307EXP
Cronin	George & Sherry	Ames	IA	01+1	200209EXP
Dalton	Richard E. & Alberta	Denver	CO	91+13	200402EXP
Deffler	Bruce H. & Susan	Parker	CO	96+8	200409EXP
Desmond	Frank & Enola	Aurora	CO	94+9	200305EXP
Dodds	William G.	Lincoln	NE	93+9	200208EXP
Doughty	Al & Margaret	Lakewood	CO	92+12	200403EXP
Dunn	Bryce & Sue	Aurora	CO	92+14	200612EXP
Ellingrud	Bill & Peggy	Gretna	NE	92+10	200202EXP
Fahlenkamp	Lanny & Carolyn	Aurora	CO	92+14	200603EXP
Feakes	Glen A. & Joncee	Denver	CO	93+11	200403EXP
Ferrise	TSgt Tony & Katarina	Bolling AFB	DC	01+1	200207EXP
Freeman	Ernest & Betty	Aurora	CO	92+12	200410EXP
French	John G.	Aurora	CO	00+3	200308EXP
Funa	Frank	Poway	CA	99+4	200301EXP
Futrell	Bobbie J.	Centennial	CO	91+L	INDEF
Gardiner	Edward T.	Aurora	CO	91+12	200302EXP
Gibbons	Lonnie E. & Ginny	Aurora	CO	91+13	200404EXP
Gielen	Marv & Linda	Colorado Springs	CO	02+4	200606EXP
Goodreau	Francis M. & Irene	Orangevale	CA	93+10	200302EXP
Hall	Jim & Minnie Mae	Ft Worth	TX	92+12	200403EXP
Hampson	Alan & Maureen	Aurora	CO	94+10	200404EXP
Harris	Bill & Garneth	Denver	CO	98+8	200602EXP
Harris	Tom & Sally	Aurora	CO	91+14	200502EXP
Havlik	Betty	Nekoosa	WI	01+1	200206EXP
Hoffee	Jeanne & Bob	Aurora	CO	01+1	200206EXP
Hofmann	Nils & Darley	Montrose	CO	91+13	200402EXP
Hopkins	Richard & Marty	Knoxville	TN	98+9	200707EXP
Johnson	C. Dean	Evergreen	CO	94+8	200304EXP
Jones	Leonard & Ruth	Casper	WY	99+4	200306EXP
Jordan	Terry L. & Ginger	Potomac Falls	VA	93+9	200203EXP
Killey	Gene & Sally	Las Vegas	NV	94+8	200211EXP
Kimball	Jack & Wanda	Greenville	TX	93+12	200509EXP
Kinman	Glenn D. & Lillie	St Joseph	MO	92+10	200203EXP
Kvamme	Orville J. & Shirley	Mesa	AZ	91+12	200302EXP
Lachner	Gerald O. & Mattie	Palisade	CO	91+12	200302EXP
Lemois	Linda M.	Aurora	CO	01+2	200307EXP
Lepus	Frank & Diana	Aurora	CO	91+15	200602EXP
Long	Earnie & Joyce	Denver	CO	91+12	200302EXP
Long	J.M.	San Jose	CA	01+1	200201EXP
Lyslo	Elling O. & Mary	Broton	MN	93+11	200412EXP
Mallard	Ray & Janet	Aurora	CO	98+5	200305EXP

Mann	Frank	Mabelvale	AR	01+4	200507EXP
Martin	Tedd P. & Norma	Oceanside	CA	95+8	200306EXP
McAllister	Wilbur C. & Lois	Grand Junction	CO	91+11	200202EXP
McCarter	Harold D. & Cindy	Colorado Springs	CO	98+5	200301EXP
McKenna	Ed & Ima Jean	Lakewood	CO	91+14	200502EXP
Metcalf	Norm	Boulder	CO	91+12	200308EXP
Miller	Mary E.	Pagosa Springs	CO	91+11	200202EXP
Miller	Tom & Monique	Aurora	CO	91+14	200502EXP
Milnor	Bill & Deanna	Littleton	CO	98+7	200502EXP
Minamoto	Mike & Shirley	Aurora	CO	93+10	200305EXP
Moffat	Harold L. & Katy	Colorado Springs	CO	97+6	200303EXP
Moore	Kellis D. & Madge	Seguin	TX	92+10	200205EXP
Moran	Tim & Hye Yong	Las Vegas	NV	93+14	200709EXP
Moxley	Jurell A. & Helga	Littleton	CO	91+13	200402EXP
Mullen	Dave & Susan	Winchester	KY	92+11	200309EXP
Nargoski	Leon E.	Ashley	PA	92+14	200605EXP
Nederhoed	MSgt John E. & Shelley	Aurora	CO	01+2	200303EXP
Negrete	Norm & Jan	Douglas	WY	98+4	200209EXP
Nicholes	Forrest H. & Pat	Phoenix	AZ	00+2	200206EXP
Osteen	Willie & Dee	San Angelo	TX	91+11	200202EXP
Overley	Bill & Nadine	Aurora	CO	99+5	200406EXP
Pabst	Herb & Verny	Sun City	AZ	91+11	200202EXP
Phillips	Richard S.	Aurora	CO	95+11	200610EXP
Pierce	Earl & Marianne	Aurora	CO	91+15	200603EXP
Platt	Dick & Gayla	Corsicana	TX	91+15	200602EXP
Plunkard	George	Aurora	CO	91+13	200402EXP
Powell	Oliver Curtis	Rocky Mount	NC	96+8	200401EXP
Preston	Dean & Janet	Casselberry	FL	92+10	200205EXP
Proctor	William W. & Zola	Highlands Ranch	CO	95+8	200311EXP
Ramrath	Thomas J. & Jeri B.	Albuquerque	NM	92+14	200603EXP
Redlin	Hugo & Gerry	Aurora	CO	91+13	200402EXP
Romanchuk	Pete	Aurora	CO	91+18	200902EXP
Rubincam	Richard H. & Anne	Aurora	CO	92+10	200202EXP
Schmied	Bill & Sue	Aurora	CO	91+13	200402EXP
Shipp	Gene & Barbara	Fairfield	CA	96+6	200201EXP
Siegismund	Charles R. & Ramona	Jacksonville	AR	92+10	200205EXP
Sladek	Bob & Claudia	Castle Rock	CO	91+13	200402EXP
Smith	Jack F. & Helen	Westminster	CO	91+14	200502EXP
Soucia	Charles J. & Joan	Austin	TX	01+1	200201EXP
Stern	Warren G. & Beth	Milford	PA	94+14	200810EXP
Steskal	Mike	Aurora	CO	00+3	200308EXP
Strock	Robert E. & Esther	Dalton	OH	95+9	200410EXP
Tasto	Dennis C. & Doris	New Braunfels	TX	92+12	200405EXP
Tetrick	John W.	Aurora	CO	99+4	200303EXP
Tomlinson	Bob & Sandy	Castle Rock	CO	99+4	200306EXP
Toner	Chuck & Jerri	Aurora	CO	91+15	200602EXP
Vlassick	Ginger	Aurora	CO	91+L	INDEF
Ware	Tom & Barbara	Aurora	CO	91+12	200302EXP
Waters	George & Gennie	San Marcos	CA	96+7	200305EXP
Weis	Bud & Geri	Monument	CO	93+13	200604EXP
Welch	Mary D.	Rapid City	SD	92+12	200405EXP
Winter	Frank & Monai	Big Rapids	MI	98+5	200304EXP
Zoratti	Ron & Golda	Aurora	CO	91+12	200303EXP

The last two columns represent membership renewal year plus number of years paid at that time and year and month of membership expiration.



## Long-Range Detection Alumni Worldwide Reunions—History and Overview

JUDY MILAM

Everybody loves a reunion – time to get together with old friends, make new friends, and see what everyone has been up to in recent years. As most of you already know, for a number of years, we've tried to hold a reunion about every two years, alternating between California, Colorado, and Florida. In 1998, the reunion was held in California and coincided with the closing of Tech Ops Division (a great weekend with a somewhat sad ending). In 2001, the reunion was in Colorado (another great weekend). In 2003, the Florida Chapter of the Alumni Association will host another reunion, and we're ready to start taking reservations. Included with this issue of the POST-MONITOR are the AGENDA (page 17-18) and REGISTRATION FORM (page 19). The agenda and registration form will also be included in the Colorado and California alumni chapter newsletters and can be found on the Florida Chapter Alumni Long-Range Detection (LRD) home page ([www.csi-inc.com/aftacalumni](http://www.csi-inc.com/aftacalumni)). Be sure to pass the word along to other LRD (AFTAC, AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, and 1035th FAG) alumni who might not be members of one of the chapters of the Alumni Association.

Now is the time to pull out your pen(cil), your 2003 calendar, and your checkbook. Next, you need to write in "LRD ALUMNI WORLDWIDE REUNION" on the dates 30 May – 1 June on your calendar. Last, but not least, you need to fill in the following REGISTRATION FORM, write a check for the appropriate amount, and RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION PACKAGE TO US. If everyone will do that, it will make our job a lot easier. Early registration will make the planning simple. Remember that some functions are limited by the size of the facility, and even though we don't anticipate filling up, you can assure your spot by getting your registration in early (while doing us a big favor).

We have a terrific Reunion Committee, headed by **CARL GAILEY**, but we can always use more help. If you would like to volunteer to work on the committee, please notify Carl via telephone at (321) 777-0569 or email at [gaileyc@juno.com](mailto:gaileyc@juno.com). If you would like to volunteer to work in the Hospitality Room during the reunion, please contact **Swede Swanson** by phone at (321) 773-8297 or email [swansenr@earthlink.net](mailto:swansenr@earthlink.net). If you would like to volunteer to help at the Registration Table during the reunion, please contact **Pat Snyder** by phone at (321) 494-6867 or email at [patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil](mailto:patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil)

To summarize what we need from you:

- Register early for the 30 May – 1 June 2003 LRD Alumni Association Reunion by completing the enclosed registration form, and returning it with your check
- Volunteer for the Reunion Committee, the Hospitality Room, and/or the Registration Table.
- Attend the Reunion and have a great weekend.
- Pass the word along to other alumni and encourage them to attend the reunion

### LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION AGENDA

30 MAY-1 JUNE 2003

**30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)**

#### WORLDWIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**1100AM Signup/Lunch** We will kickoff the Worldwide Reunion festivities with a golf tournament at the Manatee Cove golf course on Patrick AFB-play will start at 1230/1300 hours. Lunch will be served prior to the beginning of the tournament and for about two hours as each foursome comes by the clubhouse. With this approach, people attending the icebreaker will have adequate time. We will have a short program awarding prizes immediately following play.

Cost is \$35.00 for dues paying 'Alumni Association' members of any chapter (CA/CO/FL) and \$40.00 for nonmembers. This fee will cover the cost of golf, carts, food and prizes. The format will be Select Shot (Scramble) with handicapping by teams. If you do not have a team, that is not a problem. You can sign up as a single player and be placed on an open team. In fact, we will like to have lots of single players, as this will give us the opportunity to meet and greet our friends from the past.

We will be limited to 144 players. We believe that we will have more than 144 players so please get your reservations in early. Reservations can be made by completing the registration form in this issue, or by contacting **Frank Hall** (major arranger of this tournament) @ 321-773-2430/[bevcol@aol.com](mailto:bevcol@aol.com) or **Pat Snyder**, 321-494-6867/[patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil](mailto:patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil). See you on 30 May 2003.

**FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.**

**30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)**

#### CRUISE TO NO WHERE

**930AM-4:30PM** A free cruise on the Sterling Casino Line is being offered for those who are not golfers. 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 depending upon response. Must have at least 50 people sign up to qualify.

**Photo ID is required to board cruise.**



**30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)**

ICEBREAKER (casual dress)

**6-10PM** At the Radisson Resorts Convention Center, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral FL 32920. (Phone 321-784-0000)  
Informal mixer—heavy hors d'oeuvres—cash bar

**31 MAY 2003 (SATURDAY)**

FAMILY DAY

**8AM-3PM** Tour of the AFTAC building to include, Hall of Heritage and an unclassified briefing. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided from the Radisson to the AFTAC building and back.

**11 AM-2 PM** The AFTAC boosters club will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for a nominal fee at the outback area behind the AFTAC building.

**31 MAY 2003 (SATURDAY)**

BANQUET (coat and tie preferred; service uniform for active-duty)

**6-7PM** Social at the Radisson Resorts Convention Center, Cocktails (cash bar) followed by

**7-9 PM** Sit down dinner with a choice of prime rib or Florida lemon grouper baked and topped with citrus sauce. Dinners include salad, seasonal vegetables and potato or rice, dessert and coffee or tea.

**9-?** Program, guest speaker and dancing.

**1 JUNE 2003 (SUNDAY)**

BREAKFAST BUFFET (\$7 per person)

**6-1030 AM** At the Radisson Resorts Convention Center: A chance to wish all a final farewell and a safe trip home. If you wish to attend, pay cashier and make food selection and proceed to the Jamaica room where tables will be set up for our use.

**NOTES:**

—**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** The reunion will be held at the Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral FL 32920. A block of rooms have been reserved at the rate of \$85.00 per night. Be sure and ask for the AFTAC reunion rate. The toll free number for reservations is 1-800-333-3333, local number is 321-784-0000. Reservations must be made prior to 30 April 2003 to receive this rate. The hotel does not have shuttle service from the airport. Avis car rental has an office at the hotel. Call 1-800-331-1600 and give them the AWD number K825442 to check their rates.

—**REGISTRATION PACKAGE:** Registration will be set up in the Convention Center lobby 29-30 May 2003. If you cannot pick up your package on the 29 or 30 May, your package will be available in the Convention Center lobby prior to the banquet. Nametags will be issued in the packages and your name tag will be your entry to paid activities. **Please wear your nametag to all activities.**

—**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** Is located in the Bonaire room located off the Convention Center lobby. Operating hours will be posted

—**BANQUET SEATING:** To ensure attendees will be seated with friends, a display showing table arrangements will be located in the Conventions Center lobby at the Radisson 29-30 May 2003. Each table will seat 10 people.

—**CANCELLATIONS:** Please call or write immediately if you must cancel. Because of contractual commitments, no refunds will be made after 1 May 2003 unless we have someone waiting to sign up. To cancel contact: James Payne (321-777-4731) [paynejb@juno.com](mailto:paynejb@juno.com) or Carl Gailey (321-777-0569) [gaileyc@juno.com](mailto:gaileyc@juno.com) or mail to LRD Alumni Association, PO box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892

## REGISTRATION FORM-

LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION (30 MAY-1 JUNE 2003)

P.O. BOX 254892 PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE,FLORIDA 32925-0892

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT  
TO ADDRESS ABOVE NLT 25 APRIL 2003

## PLEASE PRINT

NAME:LAST,FIRST,MI \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY,STATE,ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	COST	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT OF MONEY
REGISTRATION FEE	\$5.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
ICE BREAKER (FRI,30 MAY 03)	\$20.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
FAMILY DAY (SAT,31 MAY 03)	NONE	_____	
BANQUET (SAT,31 MAY 03)	\$30.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
BANQUET FOOD SELECTION	PRIME RIB _____ OR BAKED GROUPER _____		
GOLF TOURNAMENT (FRI,30 MAY 03)	**** PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
	**** Dues paying alumni members (\$35.00), all others (\$40.00)		
BREAKFAST BUFFET (SUN,1 JUN 03)	\$7.00 PAY cashier	_____	
CRUISE TO NOWHERE	NONE	_____	
TOTAL AMOUNT SENT:			\$ _____

**PLEASE NOTE: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**  
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**NO REFUNDS MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS/CHANGES AFTER 1 MAY 2003**

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