



# ECHOS

September 4, 2004

## Summer Picnic—2004



Cooking duties passed from the OLD (Bryce Dunn / Rick Phillips) to the NEW (Msgt Kline / Major Jack Merchant)!

The annual AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado picnic was held 19 June at the Buckley Recreational Complex. Although the weather was somewhat cool, it didn't stop the horseshoes or dampen the fun. Det 45 provided the cooking skills, while Bryce and Rick looked on, watching how the 'new guys' did it.



Catching up with friends.  
Golf stories & other tales...

Can I have seconds?



Coats were part of the uniform of the day!

## Fall Dinner

Saturday November 13, 2004



This year make your plans to come to the **Aurora Hills Golf Club**. The menu will include a choice of PRIME RIB or SALMON, with twice baked potatoes, asparagus or green beans casserole, salad to start and appetizers, with a choice of cheese cakes for desert. Bar with well drinks available for \$3.00. Price is \$25.00 per person, please send check and choice of Prime Rib or Salmon to Bill Schmied. We need final count by 1 Nov, 2004. The Aurora Hills Golf Course is located at 50 S. Peoria, just north of Alameda on Peoria. Mixer starts at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm.

Thanks to Earl Pierce, our Vice President, for finding this one! We're asking for members to contribute door prizes and to dig through their closets and bring any pictures or memorabilia from their AFTAC assignments.

## Alumni Breakfast/Meeting

18 Sep 04 Sat 8 AM to 10 AM. Note 8AM. Country Buffet, 1026 S. Sable Blvd, Aurora. Northeast corner of Mississippi and Sable. Pay at the entrance, the room in back is reserved for AFTAC. RSVP to Jack 303-428-1812 or Email COAFTRMMK@AOL.com. Bring an item/photo/something from an AFTAC assignment. Bring your checkbook and pay Bill for the Dinner in November.

## National Air Force Memorial

The Colorado AFTAC alumni organization made a \$100.00 contribution to the Air Force Memorial Foundation. Below is a copy of the letter and certificate listing the Colorado AFTAC chapter as a **Charter Sponsor**. Additional information is available at [www.airforcememorial.org](http://www.airforcememorial.org).

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June 21, 2004

AFTAC Alumni Association- Colorado Chapter  
C/O Bill Schmied  
2078 Kenton Street  
Aurora, CO 80010


Dear Mr. Schmied:

On behalf of the entire United States Air Force family, please thank the members of the AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado for their very generous contribution of \$100.00 to the Air Force Memorial Foundation.

For your information, the chapter's name will be posted on the Air Force Memorial Charter Sponsor's Web site [www.airforcememorial.org](http://www.airforcememorial.org), so that future generations may properly recognize this contribution and commitment to service and our country.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our nation is to honor those that have served, those that are serving, and inspire those yet to serve. To this end, we thank you so much for your continuing friendship and support.

Sincerely,

  
Edward F. Grillo, Jr.  
Major General, USAF (Ret.)  
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**LONG RANGE DETECTION  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
P O BOX 254892  
PATRICK AFB FL 32925-0892**

19 August 2004

Colorado Chapter  
AFTAC Alumni Association  
c/o Bill Schmied  
2078 Kenton Street  
Aurora CO 80010

**Dear Members:**

It was with great pleasure that we received your check for \$25 to add to other AFTAC Alumni donations for the Air Force Memorial. We have consolidated all contributions and added a donation from the Florida Chapter for a total AFTAC-LRD (Air Force Technical Applications Center - Long Range Detection) Alumni Association donation of \$535.

On behalf of the Florida Chapter of the Long Range Detection Alumni Association, thank you for honoring this memorial with a donation. The memorial ground breaking/site dedication is planned for 15 September, and you can monitor the progress by logging onto the web site at [www.airforcememorial.org](http://www.airforcememorial.org)

Sincerely,

Juditha E Milam

JUDITHE E. MILAM  
President  
Florida Chapter of the LRDA

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## AFTAC World-wide Reunion

The next reunion will be hosted by the California Chapter May 12 – 14, 2005. It is not too early to start planning for this event. The three chapters alternate hosting this event every two years (the Colorado chapter is planning to host the event in 2007). The California chapter has signed a contract with the Holiday Inn, Northeast, Sacramento. They have 50 rooms reserved each night with checkout on Sunday, the 15<sup>th</sup>; all rooms are "Kings" with possible switch to or addition of doubles, triples and double/doubles. All rooms are \$89 per night plus 12% tax. The cut-off date for individuals to make their reservation is 4/21/05. Additional details can be found on their website: [www.AFTACwest.org](http://www.AFTACwest.org) or contact Dale Klug at 916-338-0303.

## Good Health Wishes

Ginny Gibbons  
Tom Miller  
Hugo Redlin  
Tom Ware

## Editors Corner

There is a nice write up on Randy Vlassick, (Ben's son) in the June issue of the Post—Monitor. Randy is described as a "Second-Generation Sage" and is very active in the Florida AFTAC alumni as a board member. It must be in the Vlassick blood, both AFTAC and board member!

The next issue of ECHOS is scheduled for 1QT 2005, in time for the Spring Breakfast. In the mean time I would like to solicit input from members. The Florida Post-Monitor has a number forums for members, if you have a AFTAC memory / picture you would like to share please forward to me at [bhdeffler@sudiweb.com](mailto:bhdeffler@sudiweb.com).

## Yearly Membership dues

Are only \$5 per year. If you have not paid your dues, please send it in. MAIL TO: BILL SCHMIED, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010. Membership questions may be directed to Bill Schmied [BilSchmied@aol.com](mailto:BilSchmied@aol.com). Please make checks payable to Bill Schmied.



Buckley AFB

## For your convenience, here are some contact numbers:

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American Red Cross	303-343-1294
Auto Registration	720-847-9381
Base Exchange	720-847-9628
Casualty Assistance	720-847-6123
Chapel	720-847-6411
Commissary	720-847-7100
ID Cards/Deers	720-847-9159
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Operator	720-847-9011
Outdoor Recreation	720-847-6101
Pharmacy	720-847-7455
Ticket/Tour Information	720-847-6853
Tri Care for Life	888-363-5433
Veterans Administration	800-827-1000

## Lest we Forget

### *Darley Hofmann*

Today I received a card from Darley Hofmann in Montrose, Colorado informing us of the death of her husband Nils. I quote:

"Just a note to let you know that Nils passed away on June 21, 2004. He had lung surgery on May 4th for fluid that had congealed around his right lung. We thought he was doing so much better after he came home as he was able to do some work in the yard. So it was very unexpected. He had very fond memories of his time with AFTAC."

Nils has been a member of the Colorado chapter since its beginning in Feb 1991, and along with the card I got today, Darley enclosed a check for current dues. I thought this was noteworthy. Thank you, for your continued support. Her address is: 59253 Spring Creek Rd, Montrose, CO 81401. FYI, Montrose is located about 260 miles WSW of Denver.

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