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April, 2006

Next Event ! Colorado Chapter Picnic June 2006

Colorado Chapter Events 2006

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- June 3, 2006 Det 045 and AFTAC Alumni Picnic Lake Williams - Buckley AFB, Co.
- September 23, 2006 General Membership Breakfast - 08:30 am at the Aurora Hills Golf Course.
- November 12, 2006 Dinner Aurora Hills Golf Course - menu and details TBD

Picnic Details: Any member or non member, family and friends are invited. The food will served around 11:00 AM. A small fee for each person will be collected at the picnic. If you do not have a military ID or base decal contact Bill Schmied, e-mail bilschmied@aol.com or call Jack Smith.

Briefing by
Major Robertson
General Membership
Breakfast
March 25, 2005



The September breakfast had a large turn out. During the breakfast TSgt Randy Blomstedt (Det 45 NCO of the year) and SrA Jacob Rundel (Det 45 Airman of the year) were presented with Gift Certificates by the Alumni for their outstanding work and dedication to Det 45. SMSgt Frank Woodard was introduced as the new Detachment Superintendent. The buffet breakfast featured a large choice of eggs, bacon, and sausage. After the breakfast Major Robertson presented a slide briefing of Det 45's organization and current mission. The sides featured new versions of the GFU, gaseous collection systems and particle analysis system. He also passed around a promo flyer from AFTAC with a prominent picture of an 'air burst'. How things have changed! For the 'old timers' watching the briefing brought back memories of their first 'mission briefing' when all of the above would have been done behind closed doors with the utmost of secrecy. I suspect more than one cold chill went down the spines of the Alumni.

June 7 - 11, 2007 Mark your calendars!

The Colorado Chapter AFTAC Alumni will be hosting the World Wide reunion in Denver. Planning for the event is already started with details on lodging and activities to be finalized later this year. Although the event will be posted to both the Florida and California Chapters take a moment to get the word out to Alumni you know, but who may not be members of any of the chapters. More on page 3.→

Yearly Membership dues

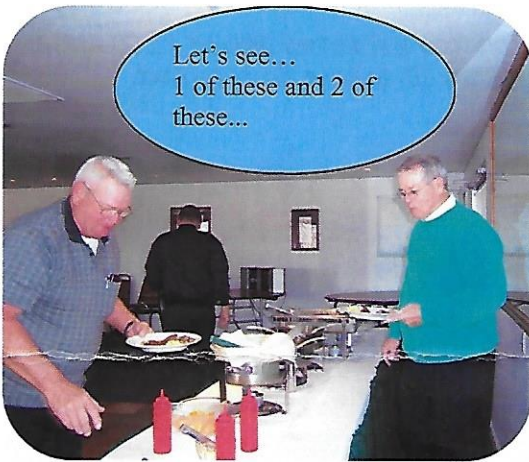
Are only \$5 per year. If you have not paid your dues, please send it in. MAIL TO: BILL SCHMIED, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010. Membership questions may be directed to Bill Schmied Bilschmied@aol.com. Please make checks payable to Bill Schmied.

March Breakfast

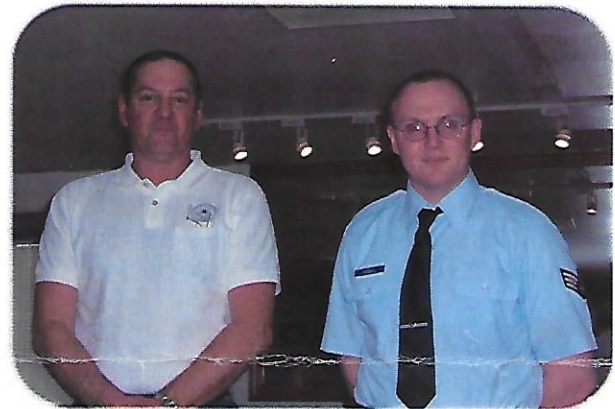


The Aurora Golf Club was the site for the General Breakfast. After the presentation to the Airman and the Major's briefing everyone had time to

visit. This year a number of spouses were able to join in celebrating their husbands achievements.



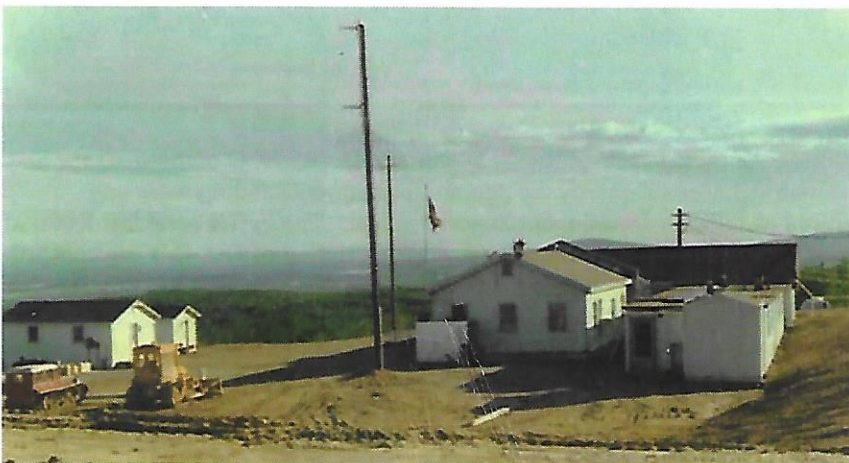
Jack Smith on right and Tom Miller on left.



Bryce Dunn

SrA Rundel

Way Back When Contributed by Ed McKenna



Det 204 Circa 1963 - 1964

In the background of Det 204 photograph is Fairbanks, Alaska. AFTAC "B" and "Q" Systems.

The Det 204 crew stayed at the Fort Wainwright Army Base located on the eastern edge of Fairbanks, Alaska and drive on Farmers Loop road, to get to the Detachment.

With the permafrost conditions in Alaska, the road driving to and from the detachment got real interesting. In late spring; at times it was like riding on Jell-O. Then in winter driving, there were times you were almost half way to the site before the frozen square spot on the trucks tires rounded out. In between time, you might have a Moose wanting the road.

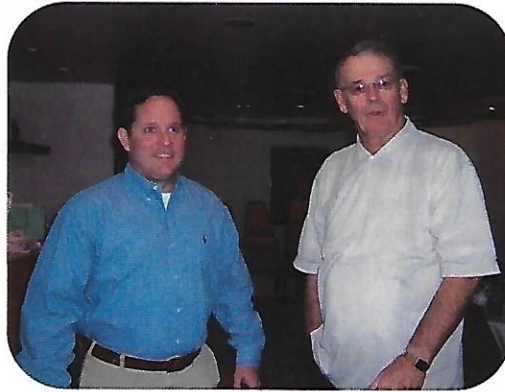
Do you have a picture or old memory to share? E-mail me a copy of your picture and a brief story behind the picture. It may spark a memory in the alumni of a friend long forgotten or help preserve the history to those who have followed on behind us. Special thanks to Ed McKenna for his photos of the breakfast and last winters dinner.

Fall Dinner



No it's not Larry, Moe, and Curly!
Earl Pierce - Chuck Toner- Lonnie Gibbons

If Lonnie looks guilty - well he probably is!
I suspect their next golf outing was the topic
of this discussion.



Major Robertson on the left
and Jack Smith on the right.
Yes the Major does own civilian
clothes. Major Robertson
and the personnel from Det 45
have been very supportive of
the Denver chapter.



Barb & Tom Ware
Don't let his smile
fool you it hides the
little devil that is
truly him!



Everyone getting acquainted .

The fall dinner was held at the Aurora Hills Golf
Course and for the second year in a row was a great
success. The weather was cooperative and the menu
consisted of a number of dishes. More than a few
memories were shared along with a few laughs.



Bryce Dunn - Rick Phillips - Major Robertson

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION 2007 DENVER, COLORADO

7 June - 11 June 2007 Double Tree Hotel - Stapleton Plaza

The Colorado Chapter will host the reunion. Any and all personnel that have served with AFTAC, SWS, 1009th, AFMSW-1, AFOAT-1, 1035th FAG, WFO, Worldwide Dets, etc... are invited and encouraged to attend. Guests are welcome. Questions, comments, plans of attending...

Please contact: Jack Smith, e-mail coaftrmkt@aol.com, or call 303-428-1812

REGISTRATION AGENDA INFORMATION PAPERWORK

Packet will be available at a later date...

Members of Det-426 1962-1967 RAAF STN Pearce, West Australia, will be attending the reunion. This group of veterans has formed an E-Det to share memories, stories, pictures, and renew friendships. E-Det 426 has over 20 active members, and is still looking for these Det 426 personnel: *Harold Adams, Frank Barre, Art Davies, James Harris, George Kale, Ed McDaniel, John Nielson, Bill Thompson, John O'Keefe and William Woodard.* **Contact Don Dike, e-mail msgdike@yahoo.com**

Lest We Forget

In this issue we have unfortunately have had to remember a number of AFTAC alumni. The following are excerpts from the notices that I received, if there is a name you recognize and would like a copy of the entire notice. Please e-mail me and I will be happy to get you a full copy of what I received.

Maurice J. Walsh, age 72, died February 11, 2006.

Maurice 'Mo' Walsh, was a Ft. Sill graduate selected by Maj. Lester Jackson to assist in installing Det 421 along with other Ft. Sill graduates (Harold McCarter, Terry Wilkinson, George Kraus and William Rumsey). He returned to college after four years of active duty, earning a BS in electrical engineering. He retired from industry after a long career in the Chicago area.

Mo never forgot his Air Force days and cited them frequently as among the best years of his life. He died of cancer.

Wayne Berard, age 72, died January 29, 2006.

Robert Wayne Berard was born on October 2, 1933 in Hayward, WI. He graduated from Hayward High School in 1951 and entered the United States Air Force that same year. Wayne served in the Air Force for 20 years, traveling all over the world. He flew top secret missions chasing nuclear fall-out from other countries' bomb tests. These missions were only recently declassified.

Mark Allen Robert Kuring, age 64, died January 11, 2006.

Mr. Kuring was born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada. He retired after 20 years with the United States Air Force. Mark Kuring worked in the Satellite Operations and Analysis Center in the 1978-9 time frame.

GUARDIA, Jr., Santiago "Jim", age 66, died January 1, 2006 of cancer. TSgt Jim Guardia was a Personnel Specialist at Det 423 and 1155 Tech Ops Sq in the 1970s. Bernie Castillo, Lew Milligan, Rich Charles and Dale Klug were among the AFTAC and 1155th alumni at the memorial service

Kathy Lindsay died November 20, 2005.

Kathy passed away after losing a three year battle fighting non-hodgkins lymphoma.

Det 377 family has lost a very special person.

Richard (Dick) Z. Pettitt Age 81, died November 8, 2005.

Dick was born in Joplin, Missouri on October 8, 1924. He spent 28 years in the Air Force retiring in 1975.

Colonel B.R.Kuntz former Director of Personnel of AFTAC

and former Commander of the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron and the 1156th Technical Operations Squadron. He commanded the 1156th Technical Operations Squadron during the buildup of the AFTAC force in the Pacific to accomplish the AFTAC mission through the period of 1961-1965.

Colonel Thomas William Ciambone, died September 8, 2005

at Holmes Regional Medical Center.

He entered the United States Air Force in 1957 and retired in 1987.



Buckley AFB

For your convenience, here are some contact numbers:

Air Force Aid	720-847-6708
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
Legal Office	720-847-6444
Operator	720-847-9011
Outdoor Recreation	720-847-6101
Pharmacy	720-847-7455
Retiree Activity Office	720-847-6693
Ticket/Tour Information	720-847-6853
Tri Care for Life	888-363-5433
Veterans Administration	800-827-1000
Visitors Center	720-847-9381

Good Health Wishes

TO EVERYONE - May your spirits be high, and you and your families stay healthy and safe...

Editors Corner

The 2007 Reunion is our next **BIG EVENT**, please take a moment to think about old friends you would like to see, search through old address books, e-mails etc and make sure that all the AFTAC alumni are aware of the reunion. As the column on the left unfortunately shows it's later than you think!

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

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