



ECHOES

September / October, 2006

Next Event ! Fall Dinner November 11, 2006

Colorado Chapter Events 2006

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- November 11, 2006 Dinner Aurora Hills Golf Course - menu and details TBD



Dining Out at Schriever AFB

Members of the Colorado Chapter of the Alumni Association were invited by Major Barrow to attend their Dining In / Dining Out to celebrate their 20th Anniversary. In addition to Detachment personnel and Alumni, Colonel Larry Sills, Director of Atmosphere and Space for AFTAC at Patrick AFB was able to attend. Detachment 46 also reenacted their Activation Ceremony from 1986.

Major Barrow was able to arrange for a tour of the Detachment facility who mission is to provide AFTAC and Air Force Space Command with state-of-health support for the GPS/NDS. Detachment 46 ensures the GPS/NDS provides continuous and reliable data to support AFTAC's U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System for the nuclear-treaty monitoring mission and United States Strategic Nuclear Force Management missions.

Detachment 46 operators interface with the 50th Space Wing's 2nd Space Operations Squadron. 2 SOPS is responsible for commanding the GPS satellite constellation and assisting Det 46 with identifying and resolving anomalies and optimizing coverage to detect nuclear detonations.

GROG BOWL

The event was held July 1, 2006 and we were able to enjoy a great Colorado day. Major Barrow invited the alumni to join him and his team to drink from the "grog bowl" (pictured on the left). While Detachment personnel were able march in-step with proper military bearing and execute crisp 'about face' maneuvers, the same could not be said for the Alumni. Besides struggling to keep in step, our 'about face' had members turning in different directions and in less than perfect unison, all to the delight and entertainment of the Detachment and Alumni wives. Alumni pictured above right to left, Earl Pierce, Bruce Deffler, and Jack Smith.

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. Please review attached Colorado Members Directory to make sure your information is correct.

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.

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Left to Right
Major Barrow, Jack Smith
(Alumni President)

The rest of the Alumni thought they would get away unscathed as we 'volunteered' Jack to be our representative to the GROG BOWL. Besides filling the cup you were required to prove that you drank the contents by putting the 'empty' cup on your head.



Families of Detachment personnel and Alumni watch as each of the members were accused of violating *Rules of the Mess* and took their place in front of the GROG BOWL.

Left to Right Below
Major Barrow, Colonel Sills, Major
Robertson



With cups filled from the GROG BOWL the officers demonstrated their humor and their leadership to the assembly.

Detachment 46 also provided everyone with a great barbecue of hamburgers, brats, snacks and soft drinks.

Background - Excerpt from celebration

The dining-out (in) has served the Air Force well as an occasion for officers to meet socially at a formal military function. It enhances the esprit of units, lightens the load of demanding day-to-day work, gives the commander an opportunity to meet socially with his or her subordinates and enables military members of all ranks to create bonds of friendship and better working relations through an atmosphere of good fellowship.

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, SPINSTR, 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

Packets will be available at a later date...

!!!NOTICE!!!

At the September breakfast, we discussed trying to distribute ECHOES via e-mail

PLEASE review attached members list and make sure your e-mail is correct.

If you do NOT have e-mail please let me know so that you may continue to receive ECHOES by standard mail.

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.

of fixing a VCR or installing a computer for a local customer while his classified design skills had created equipment for surveillance satellites flying over Russia and China. Richard Lema's major commitment to the community he loved was through Rotary International. He served as the Portola club's president several times, as well as treasurer. He appreciated the mission and energy of Rotary. At uncountable Rotary events, his good humor prevailed, interacting with Rotarians and the general public. His involvement with Rotary at the Beckwourth Fly-In and other events as "Egg Meister" was especially humorous since, while cracking hundreds of fresh eggs with other volunteers, he had hated eggs since childhood. Apart from his professional and community service activities, he always was fascinated with the un-

knowable questions. Where did we come from? Why? What is our future? His own exposure in the Air Force to events and equipment led to him to challenge people to think about the possibilities. There was "magic" in his considerations, and in the many presentations he made of evidence of visitation of Earth by other life forms. He also sold a plot outline for "Star Trek."

Richard Lema's personal signature was the perennial Donald Duck hat he wore. He was a total devotee of Walt Disney. He made yearly pilgrimages to the biggest computers on Earth- Disneyland and Disneyworld. In the unlikely event you didn't remember his name, you always remembered "that guy in the Donald Duck hat."

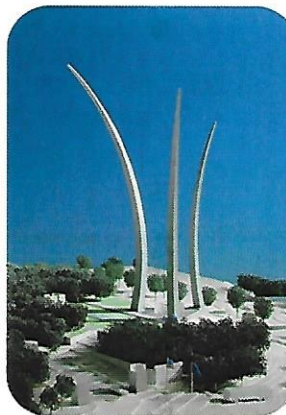
Richard Lema was preceded in death by his parents and second wife, Alice, and is survived by his brother, Robert; four children, Rick, Danise, Michele and Linda; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A graveside ceremony is planned for May 10, 2006, at 1 p.m. at Whispering Pines Cemetery, Grizzly Road and Highway 70 in Portola. Those who are unable to attend the service but would like to send a tribute or condolence may do so at www.mannifuneralhome.com. Donations are encouraged in Richard Lema's name to Rotary International of Portola, P.O. Box 1121, Portola, CA 96122, as well as to the American Heart Association, 28 Hanover Lane, Suite B, Chico, CA 95973 and the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 4142, Quincy, CA 95971



Thomas Wayne Miller, 68, of Aurora passed away 8/2/2006. He is survived by His Loving Wife Monique; sons Jeff (Becky) and Ron (John); grandson Thomas; brother Donnie and sister Jo Nell. Expressions of sympathy may be made at www.NewcomerFamily.com.

The following additional info is provided by his fellow Colorado AFTAC Alum and close friend, Lonnie Gibbons. "Tom suffered a massive heart attack at his home on Saturday, 29 July. He never regained consciousness and passed away on Wednesday, 2 August. Tom was an admin specialist who served two tours at Det 418, John Hay AB, Philipines, 1964-66 and 1970-73. Between those two tours and afterwards he was assigned to SPINSTRA at Lowry AFB and retired in late 1976. Tom has been a member of the Colorado chapter since its beginning in 1991 and for many years has provided refreshments and entertainment at picnics and in the hospitality room at the Colorado reunions. Monique may be contacted at the home address: 2338 S. Rifle St., Aurora, CO 80013.



Air Force Memorial Opening Day Celebrations

on Saturday and Sunday, 14 and 15 October. The memorial foundation has provided us five tickets for each day. The Dedication Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and the Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Each attendee must have a ticket and we got ours as a result of our individual chapter contribution and the collective contribution of the Florida

alumni association. Both Florida and California associations are also getting five tickets each for each day. Our chapter tickets are available on a first come first served priority basis for our members, then available to the Florida and California members. If anyone is interested in obtaining tickets they can contact Bill Schmied by email anytime or telephone in the evenings. Bill also has additional information on lodging, transportation, security and other details regarding the opening day weekend which I can fax or mail.

Information is also available at <http://www.airforcememorial.org/> and www.stayarlington.com/index.cfm/10805.

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.

I was just getting to know Tom Miller and had seen him at the Alumni picnics and fall dinners. He still wore his hair close-cropped military style and enjoyed cutting up with his close friend Lonnie Gibbons. The Colorado Alumni Chapter will miss him...

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

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Buckley AFB

For your convenience, here are some contact numbers:

Air Force Aid	720-847-6708	Legal Office	720-847-6444
American Red Cross	303-343-1294	Operator	720-847-9011
Auto Registration	720-847-9381	Outdoor Recreation	720-847-6101
Base Exchange	720-847-9628	Pharmacy	720-847-7455
Casualty Assistance	720-847-6123	Retiree Activity Office	720-847-6693
Chapel	720-847-6411	Ticket/Tour Information	720-847-6853
Commissary	720-847-7100	Tri Care for Life	888-363-5433
ID Cards/Deers	720-847-9159	Veterans Administration	800-827-1000
		Visitors Center	720-847-9381

Tour of Detachment 46



From left to right:

Major Barrow, Bruce Deffler, Helen Smith, Jack Smith, Marianne Pierce, Earl Pierce, Sue Schmied, Bill Schmied
Many thanks to Major Barrow for arranging the tour. It was no small task to get inside the fence as visitors.

Colorado AFTAC Alumni Member Roster, September 2006

Last Name	First Names
Albers	Dave & Sandra
Antonio	George P. & Harriette
Behrens	Ken & Cyndie
Bennett	Ed & Sandi
Braukman	Marge
Burroughs	Bill & Denise
Carfora	Edward R. & Wanda
Carter, Jr	Allison B.
Chesnut	Paul J. & Judy
Clein	Joseph S.
Colton	Garnet
Copeland	Ray F. & Ann
Cotter	Leo J. & Dot
Cronin	George & Sherry
Dalton	Richard E. & Alberta
Deffler	Bruce & Susan
Desmond	Frank & Enola
Det 45 (AFTAC)	Commander,
Det 46 (AFTAC)	Commander,
Doughty	Al & Margaret
Dunn	Bryce & Sue
Fahlenkamp	Lanny & Carolyn
Feakes	Glen & Joncee
French	John G.
Frichette	Mike & Ida
Futrell	Bobbie J.
Gardiner	Edward T.
Gibbons	Lonnie E. & Ginny
Gielen	Marv & Linda
Hall	Jim & Minnie Mae
Hamm	Gary & Deborah
Hampson	Alan & Maureen
Harris	Bill & Gem
Harris	Tom & Sally
Hoffee	Jeanne & Bob
Hopkins	Richard & Marty
Horsch	John & Chris
Johnson	C. Dean & Mita
Johnston	Larry & Mary
Jones	Leonard & Ruth
Jordan	Terry L. & Ginger
Killey	Gene & Sally
Kimball	Jack & Wanda
Klug	Dale
Kurdziel	Ken & Susan
Kvamme	Orville J.
Lemois	Linda M.
Lepus	Frank & Diana
Long	Earnie & Joyce
Lyslo	Elling O. & Mary
Macaluso	John B. & Rosario
Mallard	Ray & Janett
Mann	Frank
Martin	Tedd P. & Norma
McCarter	Harold D. & Cindy
McKenna	Ed & Ima Jean
Metcalf	Norm
Miller	Monique
Milnor	Bill & Deanna
Minamoto	Mike & Shirley
Moffat	Harold L. & Katy
Moore	Kellis D. & Madge
Moran	Tim & Hye Yong
Moxley	Jurell & Helga
Mullen	Dave & Susan
Nargoski	Leon E.
Neely	Jim

City	St
Arvada	CO
Warner Robbins	GA
Aurora	CO
Shiloh	IL
Denver	CO
Aurora	CO
Rio Linda	CA
Jacksonville	AR
Burkburnett	TX
Lynnwood	WA
Grand Junction	CO
Tyler	TX
Gainesville	GA
Ames	IA
Denver	CO
Parker	CO
Aurora	CO
Buckley AFB	CO
Schriever AFB	CO
Lakewood	CO
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Denver	CO
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Centennial	CO
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Mesquite	NV
Ft Worth	TX
Westminster	CO
Aurora	CO
Albuquerque	NM
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Knoxville	TN
Satellite Beach	FL
Evergreen	CO
Northglenn	CO
Casper	WY
Potomac Falls	VA
Las Vegas	NV
Greenville	TX
Sacramento	CA
Castle Rock	CO
Mesa	AZ
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Denver	CO
Glenwood	MN
Littleton	CO
Aurora	CO
Mabelvale	AR
Oceanside	CA
Pueblo West	CO
Lakewood	CO
Boulder	CO
Aurora	CO
Centennial	CO
Aurora	CO
Colorado Springs	CO
Arlington	TX
Las Vegas	NV
Littleton	CO
Winchester	NY
Ashley	PA
Aurora	CO

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Overley	Bill & Nadine
Pabst	Herb & Verny
Phillips	Rick
Pierce	Earl & Marianne
Platt	Dick & Gayla
Powell	Oliver Curtis
Preston	Dean & Jan
Pritchard	James
Proctor	William W. & Zola
Ramrath	Thomas J. & Jeri B.
Redlin	Hugo & Gerry
Rogers	Bill & Helen
Romanchuk	Pete
Rubincam	Richard H. & Anne
Schmied	Bill & Sue
Sladek	Bob & Claudia
Smith	Jack F. & Helen
Soucia	Charles J. & Joan
Stern	Warren G. & Beth
Tasto	Dennis C. & Doris
Tomlinson	Bob & Sandy
Toner	Chuck & Jerri
Vlassick	Ginger
Vos	Bob & Flo
Ware	Tom & Barbara
Waters	George & Gennie
Weis	Bud & Geri
Winter	Frank & Monai
York	Cliff
Zoratti	Ron

Aurora	CO
Sun City	AZ
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Corsicana	TX
Rocky Mount	NC
Casselberry	FL
Madison	AL
Highlands Ranch	CO
Albuquerque	NM
Aurora	CO
Centennial	CO
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Castle Rock	CO
Westminster	CO
Austin	TX
Brunswick	GA
New Braunfels	TX
Castle Rock	CO
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO
Westminster	CO
Aurora	CO
Vista	CA
Monument	CO
Big Rapids	MI
Aurora	CO
Aurora	CO

NOTE 1: Please verify the listed information and notify Bill Schmied of any changes/errors.

NOTE 2: Exp Date indicates when dues should be paid. If past due please send your payment to Bill Schmied to continue your membership.