



ECHOES

Special points of interest:

- Check the Events Schedule
- Look at your address label for the dues expiration date
- Get your reservations in for the Breakfast and Dinner/Dance
- Update your Personal Information (i.e. email, etc.)

Colorado Chapter Events 2008

RVSP to Jack Smith

303 428-1812 or COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM

General Membership Breakfast **13 Sep 2008 08:30 Aurora Hills Golf Course**
Club Dinner/Dance **15 Nov 2008 17:30 Aurora Hills Golf Course**

AFTAC Breakfast

The souvenirs are so limited that should you still desire one of them, you will have to give Bill Schmied a call or an email to find out if he has one. The general membership breakfast is your opportunity to help plan our events and hear the latest news. Buffet Breakfast . eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee. Please RSVP

Jack Smith at 303-428-1812 or email COAFTRMKT@AOL.COM. He needs the count as soon as possible. The cost is \$12.00, collected at the breakfast. We always look forward to having AFTAC alumni, active duty, Det 45, Det 46, TDY personnel, or personnel on leave attending. There will be a presentation by some of the alumni called "How it Was".

Dinner/Dance

Still on, and the Entrée's and such depend on the number of responses to attend, received by Jack or Bill. So don't hesitate to let them know via phone, email, snail-mail, or in person. More information is forthcoming soon.

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Yearly Membership dues

Are only \$5 per year. Please check your expiration date on your mail label. 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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ATTENTION AIRBORNE PERSONNEL, NOV 6-8



AFTAC Airborne Reunion is on and the venue is the Tropicana Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. The dates are November 6 - 9, 2008 and the events include an NTS tour, air show, reception, banquet and remember, what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!

There are 152 green baggers and significant others that have stated they want to attend. We are asking

folks to make reservations at their earliest convenience so that we can add or release blocked room commitments.

There is a push to have one of the "W"C-135s be

flown in to the air show for a static display. You can

get further general information and room reservation

instructions at '<http://chaspenn.tripod.com>.' A, F, Lab

flyboys, maintenance troops, and

ops officers need to be there to protect their reputation! Hopefully, all fall out will remain within the Las Vegas area.

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WORLDWIDE REUNION, MAY 1-2, 2009

The Florida Chapter will host this biannual event at 'Radisson Resort at the Port.' Registration is currently scheduled to start on Friday, May 1st. Activities planned are a golf tournament Friday afternoon followed by an informal get-together with heavy hors d'oeuvres that evening. An Open House at AFTAC HQ's is planned for Saturday with a dinner that evening at the hotel. Those of you

who attended a previous reunion at this hotel know that you can make this a big vacation by scheduling visits to Orlando attractions, the Kennedy Space Center, the beaches, a gambling cruise out of the port or even a 3 day cruise before or after the reunion.

By the time of the reunion all rooms will be remodeled to update accommodations as well as other upgrades. All rooms will

have "Sleep Number" beds, for example. We have two blocks of rooms – standards at \$109 per night and suites at \$149. Taxes are 17% (tourist + sales). These rates are available for days before or after the reunion for those wanting to extend their stay. The banquet committee has the menus and prices and is in the process of selecting a delicious meal for each evening. There will be a hospitality

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suite both days. Next we will identify the menus, guest speaker, golf course, and registration costs along with forms and information on contacting the Radisson for reservations. The facilities we have selected can accommodate 250+ so let's fill them up and have a great reunion.

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Active Duty Doins

Chief Nederhoed became AFTAC Superintendent in April 2008 replacing Chief Herrick upon his retirement, was previously assigned to Buckley where he participated with our chapter, then Det 460 in AK, and now HQ.

Command Change

Col. Lisa Ann Onaga assumed command of AFTAC on August 7th 2008. Col. Mark Westergren, who had commanded AFTAC since August 2006, departed for a 365-day deployment in Iraq.

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Air Force Welcomes New Chief of Staff

August 12, 2008 American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said today that he has no doubt the new Air Force chief of staff will "give his all" to the job.

Air Force Gen. Norton A. Schwartz became the Air Force's 19th chief of staff during a ceremony today at Bolling Air Force Base here.

Least We Forget

Barbara Ann Ferrante, 59, died on Monday, April 7, 2008 at the William Childs Hospice House in Palm Bay, FL. Wife of LT COL JOE FERRANTE WORKED IN HQ'S DO.

Ralph Smith Riggs, 70, of Conway, died Saturday, July 19, 2008 at Conway Medical Center following an illness.

Brian Swan passed away peacefully in his sleep Monday, August 25, 2008 following a bout with cancer.



Mail Call

7/18/08 Email Extract from

Sandi Bennett: "Hi Bill, Have a question for you and don't know if you can answer it or not. We are getting ready for Ed's open heart surgery on 29 Jul. I asked the surgeon about the finding of cirrhosis, since Ed doesn't drink. I mentioned this to one of the

other 'Q' troops whom Ed & I are in contact with. He said that the guys worked a lot with trichlorethelene, and there may be a connection to that and cirrhosis. Have you ever heard anything along this line?"

7/26/08 Email from Sandi

Bennett: Our new address

is: sandined@wisperhome.com Boy am I having trouble writing it. It is supposed to stand for 'sandi n ed' and I keep putting a 't' at the end instead of the 'd'

Most of you are aware that Ed goes into the hosp on Mon for a cardiac cath procedure. He is scheduled for open heart

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surgery the next day to repair a fairly large aortic aneurysm. Prognosis is guarded for the surgery BUT we are still planning next year's vacation!! Will keep as many of you as possible informed as to Ed's progress. Sandi Bennett"

8/6/08 Email from Sandi

Bennett: "I am pleased to announce that this should be the last message I need to send.

I would have written sooner but our phone/DSL lines have been down for 48 hours following a storm on Tues evening. Ed was released from the hosp late Wed afternoon, the

9th day after his surgery. It was 7 pm before we got home. I arrived at the hosp at 1 pm to pick him up and we waited that long for his heart dr to officially sign him out. He's doing fine. Will probably be stuck at home for a couple weeks. Obviously he is still a little weak, sleeping quite a bit & has really lost a



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lot of his appetite, at least for now. Things are a little hectic right now. His Dr said I could leave him home alone for short periods of time but the home health nurse said he should have 24 hr care for at least a wk. Makes it hard to get meds and other supplies that he needs but we are handling it. Mark, Kerri and Melanie arrived back in PA on Sun afternoon. I miss having them here but at least I have

'somewhat' found my living room floor once again. (That's an inside joke for those of you who have not seen my floors lately.) Thanks to all of you for your cards, prayers, phone calls and prayers. Ed has come through this when no one thought he had a chance. Much Love,
Sandi"

well for the AFTAC Alumni team in Colorado. I imagine things will be busy in downtown Denver with the political convention in progress next week.

8/15/08 Email from Phil

Korzilius: Thanks for the update. Hope everything is going

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week. Best regards to all, Phil
8/28/08 Email from Tom McCarty

My name is Tom (Mac) McCarty and I was a 99125B. I went to school at Lowry AFB in 1968 and was stationed in Alice Springs Australia until May of 1970. After that I was in both SAC and TAC. I was in

Denver this past week and met with Al Doughty whom I served with in the Alice. He informed me of the association and showed me some of his items such as the anniversary book and a 'coin'. Both were very impressive. I knew the organization as the 1035th Field Activity Group which was part of Headquarters Com-

mand. Names change but the mission is the same. I will be going back to Alice Springs in October to avoid my 60th birthday. I spent my 21st birthday in the Bull Bar in the Alice. I will fly out of LA on the 15th and arrive in Sydney on the 17th so in theory I will not have the birthday. So much for theory.

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I would appreciate your letting me know how I can become part of the alumni group. Thanks,
Tom (Mac) McCarty

8/13/08 Email Extract from John & Chris Horsch, Editors of the PoMo

"and your request for input. We'd like this published:" "We

understand you have to step down the newsletter duties, Bruce. It has been great working with you these many years and we look forward to seeing you around as we can."

8/14/2008 Email from Tom McCarty (New member to our chapter.)

Bill,

Thanks for the response. I finished my training at Lowry in November of 1968 and still have photos of utility pole climbing training that we did out at Rocky Mountain Arsenal. That was a good month to do that training as it was cooler and dry. It sticks in my mind due to one of the guys had his spikes slip and

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I have often wished that I had stayed in the Air Force but after I was transferred out of the 1035th I lost interest. There was so much scaling down at that time due to Viet Nam. I did have an opportunity to live in Australia for 3 ½ years in the 80s when I worked for Sperry. Canberra is a very nice city but I still am more fond of the Alice. I would like to make contact with Chuck while I am over

visiting the Alice. Would you be willing to share his email address with me? Also while I was visiting with Al Doughty last month he showed me an anniversary book of AFTAC. It had many of the detachments listed. Are you aware of how I might pursue getting a copy? Al had a patch and a coin which I would be interested in purchasing as well.

Thanks again,

Tom McCarty



Summer Picnic Snapshot's



Back row left to right: TSgt Doug Thomas-Schpeler, SSgt Cyrus Freeman, AIC Jason Robertson

Front row left to right: Maj Brian Chellgren, SSgt Larry Bouchard, AIC Alex Barrera



From left to right: throwing shoe Amn Patrick Shanahan, SSgt (s) William Thompson, AIC Alex Barrera, Maj Brian Chellgren, SSgt Larry Bouchard, and Chuck Toner

More photographs to come in the next ECHOES!

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MAIL FLORIDA DUES (\$10 PER YEAR or \$75 Lifetime)

**TO: AFTAC Alumni Association
P.O. Box 254892
Patrick AFB, Florida 32925-0892**

MAIL WEST COAST DUES (\$5 PER YEAR or \$50 Lifetime)

**TO: AFTAC Alumni Association
West Coast Chapter
161 Southcreek Circle
Folsom, CA 95630-1510**

**FOR COLORADO DUES SUBMISSION
OR ADDRESS CHANGE**

Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone No: _____

Email _____

Unless advised to the contrary, personal information listed above is
releasable to other AFTAC members.

**DUES ARE \$5.00 PER 12-MONTH PERIOD PAYABLE DURING
EXPIRATION MONTH. (SEE ADDRESS LABEL FOR INDIVIDUAL
EXPIRATION MONTH).**

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