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Colorado AFTAC Alumni Events 2010

Upcoming Events!

General Membership Breakfast **11 September 2010** **Aurora Hills Golf Course**
0830 Hours

Alumni, Wives, Guests and Active Duty are invited to participate

Dinner/Social **13 November 2010** **Aurora Hills Golf Course**
1730 Hours

Alumni, Wives, Guests and Active Duty are invited to participate

World Wide Reunion

Please get the word out that the AFTAC Worldwide Reunion will be in mid May and to put those dates on your calendar. Keep checking our website, www.aftacwcc.org, for this gala event's latest news which will include phone numbers and the reunion registration form.

General Membership Breakfast 11 September 2010 08:30 cost \$12.00 — Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee. Please **RSVP** to Jack Smith 303-428-1812 or email coaftrmkt@aol.com on or before 7 September 2010. We will collect your money at the breakfast.

Special points of interest:

- * **Check** the last page for dues expiration date
- * **Update**, as necessary, your address & Email

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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TRICARE's Hospice Care Benefit

Week of May 24, 2010

TRICARE's hospice care benefit is a zero-deductible benefit that gives TRICARE beneficiaries access to personal care and home health aide assistance. It initially provides two 90-day periods of care, followed by an unlimited number of 60-day periods. Each period requires prior authorization from the regional health care contractor. Not all care is covered by the hospice benefit. Charges for medical care not related to the terminal illness fall under the beneficiary's basic TRICARE benefit. For more information about the hospice benefit, visit the TRICARE web site at www.tricare.mil, contact TRICARE For Life, the regional managed care support contractor or your TRICARE Area Office.

TRICARE Mental Health Care Option

Week of May 24, 2010

TRICARE, the military health care program, is offering an additional option for service members to receive immediate and comprehensive mental health care. A new online video-based telemental health care option is available for eligible beneficiaries through the TRICARE Assistance Program (TRIAP). TRIAP is a web-based program that allows a patient to converse with their health care provider via video camera regarding behavioral health related issues and non-medical issues. Access is unlimited and all participants will have contact with licensed counselors. Those who are eligible include servicemembers, spouses of any age and family members over the age of 18. For more information, visit the TRIAP website or call 800-404-6085.

Panel Calls for Reduced Pay and Retiree Benefits

Week of August 09, 2010

In July, two separate advisory groups reached the same general conclusions regarding what needs to be done to sustain the force. In the nearer term, they say, one step that must be taken is to make military retirees pay more out of pocket for their health care benefit. Longer term, and for the future force, panelists say, work must begin on designing new retirement, compensation and promotion systems to replace inefficient and rigid systems adopted after World War II. The situation is so critical that the Hadley-Perry panel asks Congress to establish a new National Commission on Military Personnel to lead the reform effort.

New TRICARE Feature Available

Week of June 21, 2010

A new feature on TRICARE Online now allows users to save their personal health data such as medication and allergy profiles, demographic information and a personal health summary to a portable document form (PDF) file on their computer.

The new feature called the Blue Button is available on the TRICARE Online Personal Health Record site. After logging on to the secure site, users will be able to add information to their personal health data on the site. Users will need to select the Blue Button titled "Save Personal Health Data" before they can save their personal health data to a PDF file on their own local computer. For more information, visit the TRICARE Online website.

Air Force Offering NEW Legal Assistance Website

Week of June 21, 2010

Clients can visit the new Air Force Legal Assistance website the next time they need a will, power of attorney or just have a legal question. The website is designed for active duty and reserve component members, **retirees** and dependants. The website was created to increase efficiency and track client satisfaction with the Air Force Legal Assistance program. Because it is a public site, clients may access the site's features from the comfort of their homes without a common access card. Clients will need to visit the legal office and provide the "IR" ticket numbers from the website in order to obtain their legal documents. For more information, consult your local

Many women like to marry a military man—he can cook, sew, and make beds, plus they are usually in good health and condition. Of course—he's already used to taking orders.



Answer to Last Issue's BTTF and a bit of background below.

KW-26 (ROMULUS)

GENERAL

The KW-26 was used by U.S. /NATO intelligence services to provide point-to-point 100 wpm circuits for expeditious transmission of highly compartmented information. Only the keying material differed from that issued to operational units. Each circuit had a scheduled re-key time every 24 hours called BRAVO INDIA (BI), a process specific to the KW-26. It was used prior to HJ (HOTEL JULIET).

However, in the early 60's, most long haul communications were via radio propagation which was subject to many forms of interference both man made and natural. Since the receiving unit could only tolerate a bias distortion rate of about 25-26%, many circuits were constantly dropping synchronization, thereby necessitating many re-key/re-starts daily. Since most of the circuits were long haul and ciphony was not yet prevalent, the circuit stayed in the clear until a restart could be accomplished.

HARDWARE

The KW-26, introduced around 1958, was an on-line crypto for teleprinters and could run at speeds up to 74.2 baud. "C" versions of the machine were introduced in 1961-62. KW-26's were build by Burroughs in Paoli, PA and utilized "BiMags" which is short for Bi-stable ferro-magnetic core memory, as introduced by IBM on early mainframes. The 26's used only vacuum tubes at the onset. Later models (by 1969) incorporated transistors as the result of the many modifications to the KW-26. Transistors were used on the front core board and the input/output cards on the rear of the machine. Core boards were all classified Secret. Driver packages and power supplies were unclassified.

After a decade of service, the key card readers became pretty beat up. For cantankerous machines, a dollar bill was often used to clean the contacts and banging on a closed reader was also sometimes successful at restoring operation at "HJ" time. In one isolated case, a hammer was hung on the latching handle. Upon closing the door, the hammer was used to tap the surface of the card reader to make sure the worn pins made contact with the other side of the reader. It was once commented that the theory KAM was written at the 14th grade level!

Seeking Information

Need Help Searching for information

On Mon, May 31, 2010 at 3.46 AM, Jack Jernigan <jack@thejerniganfroup.com> wrote: I just found the Post Monitor 2006 JUNE issue on line. It was only by a search of my dad's name and the squadron that I found a story published within that issue which only mentioned him most briefly.

My dad was Col. Bill Jernigan commander of the 1155th from 1962 through 1967. He passed in 1983 and my mother passed in 2000. My brother passed within months of our mother. I'm the last of the clan and I want to dig up what I can for my son as he was born in 1990 never knowing his grandfather. My dad, like an old vet, never really spoke of his service to me in any detail and my son now has an interest in the family history that I can't completely address.

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Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora is home to Detachment 045.

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Base Exchange	720-847-9628
Casualty Assistance	720-847-6123
Chapel	720-847-6411
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Ticket/Tour Info	720-847-6853
TriCare for Life	888-363-5433
Veterans Admin	800-827-1000
Visitors Center	720-847-9381

If you can help me connect with people who knew my dad and can share some stories I'd be grateful.

Any help or direction is appreciated.

Thanks,

Jack Jernigan

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Least We Forget

Ed Slover passed away on Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2010. Ed retired from the Air Force on Sep 1, 1979. He was a member of the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron Supply Logistics Section in the 1960's and 70's. He was also very active on the squadron's sports teams which won many McClellan AFB championships during his tenure.

MSgt (Ret) Griffin L. Burner 71, died quietly in his home on May 1, 2010 from congestive heart failure. Griff spent most of this time in AFTAC at the 1166th TOS and Det 407 as an SEO. Griffen served in the U. S. Air Force from May 1955 until July 1977, U. S. Post Office from 1977 to 1978, and held Civil Service positions in SAC, STRATCOM, and Global Weather from 1978 to 2000.

Capt. (Ret) Frank Funa passed on May 28, 2010 in Poway California. Frank served at the 1155th in the mid to late 70's.

LTCol Ivandick died on Jun 2, 2010. He was in AFTAC from 1989 to 1994. Woody was Det 412 Commander from 1992 to 1994.

Jesus Duran Camarillo (TSGT Ret) born May 27, 1935 in Seguin Texas passed away on Jun 16, 2010 at the age of 75 in Fair Oaks, California. He proudly served his country for 20 years and retired honorably.

Robert Eugene Delaney, 76, passed away on Monday, June 21, 2010 at Holmes Regional Medical Center. Bob Delaney worked at AFTAC in VA and moved with us to FL. Bob was an Admin Sergeant in TD-1A (in 1965) and worked with Delbe Solari, Bill Alexander, Galen Pound, and many others in the seismic area. In FL, he worked in DO.

Capt. Rolert L. Maxon (Ret.), 67, of Grand Forks, ND passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2010 in Altru Hospital in Grand Forks. He enlisted into the Air Force on October 3, 1960. He served in Viet Nam and during his tour of duty survived a helicopter crash. Later, he was recruited by AFTAC and served in many countries.

Paul A. Pawlikowski, formerly of Secaucus, died Friday (07.09) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. He was 56. Born in Jersey City, he lived in Secaucus for 20 years before entering active duty in the United States Air Force. He served in the US Air Force for 15 years before his honorable discharge as a Major.

TSgt Ken Weatherington, USAF, Retired, was a member of the 1155th/Tech Ops Div and retired on Mar 31, 1997. His death was of a suspicious origin while spending the night on his boat. The police are investigating.

Higher TRICARE Premiums on Gates Agenda

Week of August 16, 2010

Defense Secretary Robert Gates has signaled that the department's fiscal 2012 budget request to be sent to Congress early next year will include recommendations to raise TRICARE premiums for some beneficiaries. If past proposals are a reliable guide, the target of higher fees is likely to be military retirees rather than active duty families. The Bush administration had tried for three straight years to raise fees for working age retirees. Congress blocked those efforts. Defense officials hope lawmakers, faced with mounting federal debt and tightening defense budgets, will be more receptive to the argument that TRICARE fees haven't been raised since they were set in 1995.

My wife asked me, "How many women have you slept with?" I said, "Only you, Darling - With all the others, I was awake." The hospital visiting hours are 10 am to 4 PM.

AFTAC Alumni Association of Colorado — Annual Picnic — June 2010

Byline: Bryce Dunn

This year's annual picnic was one of the best we have had. We enjoyed the hospitality of our superb military that run Detachment 46, located at Schriever AFB. I traveled down from Aurora with my good friend and fellow alumni, Rick Phillips. We arrived at the visitor parking lot around 9 AM along with other alumni and their families and friends. It was good to see everyone. Detachment 46 Commander, Major Graves and TSgt Selectee Mark Le Doux, greeted us all and made us feel at home. After issuing us temporary badges, and briefing us on the security process, we caravanned through the gate, onto the base and then to the facility entrance. We split up into two groups of 10 and went into the control station where the Air Force maintains the GPS constellation. Det 46 is located on the 3rd floor, where we received an outstanding briefing by one of AFTAC's finest, SrA Sarah Wood. Sarah reaffirmed my belief that AFTAC still has the best of the best when it comes to the enlisted corp. Likewise, Major Graves reassured me that the organization still also has the finest officers, especially those chosen as Detachment Commanders. Later in the day, The Major would prove he also is an excellent cook when we sampled his famous pulled pork sandwiches.

During the mission briefing it was good to hear that the organization still aids our astronauts by warning them of any elevated radiation they detect in space. This ties in with a trip I took to Houston a few weeks ago when I visited the Johnson Space Center, Mission Control building. They have a tradition to fly a US Flag over the building whenever an American is in space. If I remember correctly (my memory is not what it used to be), the guide said that the flag has been flying continuously for 13 years.

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Alumni Chapter History

(ECHO'S Editor's Note: I purloined the following from the Florida Post Monitor)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the original documents used in this expansion were obtained from 'Sage Saver,' Clark reery's personal files. Others are from other 'Sage Savers' who were there 'at the beginning.'

The Beginning:

A letter from then CC, Col. Clapper, to Alumni 26 Dec 1984

In the short time I have been associated with this command; I have had the opportunity to meet many former AFTAC members during various social, professional and athletic events. I couldn't help noticing the camaraderie that was so readily exhibited between the active duty "Blue Suiters" and you, our former associates. I am aware that the Electronic Security Command (ESC) recently established an Alumni Association to nurture just such a concept, "Staying in touch". With that in mind, I am willing to endorse

an "AFTAC Alumni Association". However, before it can become a reality, I need to know if you would be interested in such an association? The basic philosophy would be to create an association organized and governed by you and your associates. The aim of the organization would be to facilitate staying in contact with each other. We could provide limited administrative support but the association would have to make it "go". We will obtain copies of the ESC Alumni Association constitution, by-laws and newsletter

to assist in creation of the organization, if sufficient interest is generated. Please indicate your interest by completing the attached questionnaire. Your response by 31 January 1985 would be appreciated.

Warm Regards

James R. Clapper Jr., Colonel, USAF

Commander

The First Step:

Clark recalls, and writes of the events from the first meeting of the alumni on March 12, 1985.

The meeting was called to order by SMSgt Richard D. Gordon. Those in attendance were: Col James R. Clapper Jr. (CC), Col Thomas W. Ciambro (CV), Alumni Assn Project Officer - SMSgt Richard Gordon, Advisory council - TSgt Willie D. Raulerson, Liaison - TSgt Thelma Bankey, and a few others (one of your editors, John, was lucky enough to be there, by coincidence; I was at HQ's to 'learn the ropes' to become the Center's Senior Enlisted Advisor).

Elections were held at this meeting with the following results: President: H. Dibble, Vice: J. Teter, Treasurer: T. Smith, Other officers were selected: J. Bernat, C. Creery, C. Harris, E. Pickel, J. Heinbaugh, Mr. Benton, and Mr. Holbrook." (Editors note: many of these people are association members to this day) We also have a follow up letter (provided by 'Sage Saver,' Carl Gaily), announcing a meeting for the following year, March 21, 1986, at the Patrick AFB NCO club, to elect officers. Volunteering were Bob Meisenheimer for President, Bob Jones (deceased) for Vice, and these others for standing committees: Carl Gaily, Norm Harris (deceased), Ron Kane, Charlie Butler (deceased), Ed

Pickle (deceased) and Jim Madigan. The association started well and sponsored a first ever Florida reunion in 1987 (the California AFTAC retirees had held earlier reunions; see reunion article that follows). The 1987 reunion activity was an impetus to action for the members; however, when the reunion activity was completed the Florida Chapter ceased to be active. In 1989 the then Commander, Col. Jaynes, asked Frank Hall, a retired Colonel and interested in having an alumni association, to 'rejuvenate' the association.

The Renewal:

Frank did so with vigor and your editors consider him the 'Godfather' of the association. At that time the association had 8 members and \$4.00 in the treasury. This has now grown to almost 700 members and several thousands of dollars in the treasury. Clark Creery was an active member of this cadre and began publishing the alumni association newsletter on an 'as needed' basis (this would be the foundation of the very newsletter you are now reading). Also included in that early group were Gary Warfield, Carl Gailey, T.J. Bankey and one of your editors, John Horsch. Around this time of 'regrouping' and 'rejuvenation,' in 1990, Gary suggested a golf tournament which was unanimously accepted, and he went on to arrange the first ever AFTAC Alumni Association, Patrick Chapter, sponsored golf tournament. As you know, this has turned into a fall and spring event now where over 140 golfers will regularly tee-up. The association never looked back from Frank's rejuvenation and goes forward to this day.

Additional Chapters Form:

A Colorado Chapter was formed in 1989 and there are over 100 Sages in this chapter. They publish a newsletter, 'ECHOES,' meet periodically and support a website (see following article). Their first president was Ben Vlassick, (deceased) who served until 2001; Jack Smith has served since that time. The California Chapter formed in 1999 at the time of the TOD eactivation; it has over 140 members. They also publish a newsletter 'Depot Fallout,' and have a website (see following article). Presidents have been Al Pavik with Ron Hinkle currently serving.

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In the briefing they mentioned that Det 45 and Det 46 back up each other with the Space Command reporting mission. It brought back memories of when Det 46 was just starting up (1984ish) and I remembered seeing Brian Swann (may he rest in peace), showing me the new racks of equipment , not hooked up yet, on one of my visits when I was stationed at Det 45. It is funny, because when you visit places you have not been to in a long time, it conjures up lost memories and whole chapters of life that you have not thought of for a while.

After the Det 46 tour, we traveled to the picnic area on Peterson AFB, near the Base museum and TLQ. Once again, the active duty members did a great job cooking the brats, dogs, burgers, and of course Major Grave's famous Pulled Pork Sandwiches. We found out that the Det 46 Superintendent is going to Det 421 (an experience shared by Earl Pierce, Jack Smith, Al Doughty, and yours truly). Rick & I had a good time exchanging Space Det stories with the troops. Rick pre-dates me however, in the satellite world, as he worked with the Vela Satellites back in the 70's. When someone said that the museum had a new display with a real Vela Satellite that had never launched, we had to go visit the museum. After viewing the Vela and other displays, including satellites and radars used for North American early warning, Rick & I ran into Bill Schmied and his grandson, about to get a personalized tour of an Air Force EC-121 (Lockheed Super Constellation). The tour guide did a superb job taking us through the plane showing the warning consoles where the operators sat and the big plotting board. He informed us that it was the most complete display of an EC-121, it was flown in Vietnam and on its last flight to Peterson AFB the engines ran out of oil, froze up and the crew just walked away and left it there.

I promised Jack I would keep this short, to sum it up – for those that missed the AAACO annual picnic, you missed a great event and an opportunity to participate in another gathering of the best outfit in the Air Force.

**** A GET WELL to Dick Platt after major surgeries. Gayla know our thoughts are with you both. ****

2010 Colorado Alumni Picnic



These are representative photographs taken at the picnic.

2010 Colorado Alumni Picnic



Should you wish to see all of them, just drop the editor a note and he will be glad to send you copies on CD.

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