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Colorado AFTAC Alumni Events 2010

Upcoming Events!

Annual Picnic	26 June 2010	Peterson AFB,
Colorado Springs, CO. The picnic this year is being hosted by Detachment 46 in Colorado Springs at Peterson AFB on the patio area adjacent to the All Ranks Club (formerly O'Club). Show time for the picnic is 1130. Prior to the picnic Detachment 46 will provide a tour of the detachment facility located at Schriever AFB (Continued on Page 2)		
General Membership Breakfast	11 September 2010	Aurora Hills
	0830 Hours	Golf Course
Alumni, Wives, Guests and Active Duty are invited to participate		
Dinner/Social	13 November 2010	Aurora Hills
	1730 Hours	Golf Course
Alumni, Wives, Guests and Active Duty are invited to participate		

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 1 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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which is approximately 15 miles east of Peterson. Show time for the detachment tour is 1000 at Schriever and please note that the tour is limited to a maximum of 30 people due to escort requirements inside the restricted area.

Children are permitted on the tour; however, those that are 12 years of age and older must have a social security card and a picture ID such as a school ID card or driver's license. Adults also need a picture ID and we must provide names and social security numbers in advance of the tour. Please note that transportation to and from Schriever is the individual's responsibility. The picnic area on Peterson is close to the golf course and a golf outing may be arranged if there is enough interest.

Detachment 46 is also attempting to get the WC-135 aircraft to Peterson for this event, but it does not appear practical at this time. We must have a headcount of alumni

attending the tour and/or picnic no later than Friday, 4 June. Please contact Jack Smith at 303-428-1812 or email coafrmt@aol.com and let him know if you wish to attend the tour and the picnic or just the picnic, if you are interested in playing golf after the picnic, and if you do not have a retired ID card for base entry. We will coordinate special arrangements with Detachment 46 for our members without ID cards to access Schriever and Peterson. We will also provide attendees additional instructions and directions/maps prior to the picnic.



MATURE DIALOGUE

"It's windy."
 "No, it's Thursday."
 "Me to. Let's go get a beer."

GATES: No TRICARE Hike in 2011

TRICARE recipients will see no increase in their premiums next year, if Congress approves that provision of the fiscal 2011 defense budget request, as expected. However, Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters he wants to work with Congress to find ways to help control escalating military health-care costs that consume an ever-increasing chunk of the budget

TRICARE Keeps Health Care Contractors

Week of March 01, 2010

Contract extensions issued by TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) mean TRICARE beneficiaries will have the same regional health care contractors—Health Net Federal Services in the North, Humana Military Healthcare Services in the South and TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp. in the West—until March 31, 2011.

new regional contracts, known as "T-3," was initially slated for completion by April 1, 2010, but formal protests filed with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) by two of the current contractors put transition activities on hold. Both protests were subsequently sustained by the GAO, and TMA is reevaluating the awards and considering options as recommended by the GAO. T-3 contract information and updates can be found on a special TRICARE Web page at www.tricare.mil/T3contracts.

Prior Authorizations and TRICARE

Week of March 01, 2010

TRICARE requires prior authorization for some medical services, such as care from a medical specialist or special tests. Because there is no all-inclusive list of services requiring prior authorization, beneficiaries should speak with their provider and regional contractor to confirm prior authorization before getting care. In most cases, the health care provider recommending the procedure requests the prior authorization from the regional contractor on the beneficiary's behalf. To learn more about prior authorization and what is covered, visit the TRICARE website at www.tricare.mil. To verify prior authorization, beneficiaries can contact their regional contractors: North Region: 1-877-TRICARE (1-877-874-2273); South Region: 1-800-444-5445; West Region: 1-888-874-9378.

Stop Health Care Fraud

Week of March 01, 2010

TRICARE protects its beneficiaries by working with other government agencies and the TRICARE regional health care contractors to identify and investigate fraud and abuse. Beneficiaries are encouraged to examine their explanation of benefits (EOBs) and question anything that may have been fraudulently billed. TRICARE maintains a list of sanctioned medical providers

from participating in TRICARE. The sanctioned provider list can be searched at <http://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/exclusions.asp>. To report medical fraud or abuse, contact the regional contractor's fraud and abuse office, call the toll-free number provided on the EOB. To report pharmacy fraud or abuse, contact Express Scripts at 800-332-5455. Learn more about the TRICARE fraud watch program at the TRICARE website at www.tricare.osd.mil/fraud.

TRICARE Dental Program for Retirees

Week of March 15, 2010

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is available around the world to retired servicemembers who receive retirement pay, "gray area" retired National Guard and Reserve members who are entitled to but not yet receiving retirement pay and Medal of Honor recipients. Spouses and children up to 21 years old, or 23 years old if they are full-time students, of these retirees are also eligible for the retiree dental program. Participants in this voluntary plan may get dental care from any licensed dentist within the program's designated service area. Eligible members may enroll in the TRICARE retiree dental program online, by telephone or by mail. Visit the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program website at www.trdp.org and click "Prospective Enrollees" for more

Officials Reassure Troops Over TRICARE

March 23, 2010 Stars and Stripes | by Leo Shane III

WASHINGTON — Military and Veterans Affairs officials spent the weekend refuting allegations that the health care reform legislation approved by Congress will harm TRICARE programs or Veterans Affairs health benefits, instead promising that servicemembers and veterans will see no change in their coverage. Before Sunday's vote approving the massive health care

overhaul, VA Secretary Eric Shinseki released a statement saying that none of the proposals would force veterans to purchase new health care or change the way current benefits are delivered.

“Fears that veterans’ health care and TRICARE will be undermined by the health reform legislation are unfounded,” he said. “We pledge to continue to provide the men and women in uniform and our veterans the high quality health care they have earned.”

Defense Secretary Robert Gates echoed those comments after Sunday’s vote, saying the changes “will not negatively impact the TRICARE medical insurance program.”

The new health care provisions require all citizens to obtain health insurance or face a fine. On Saturday, the House passed legislation specifying that TRICARE and non-appropriated fund health plans meet all of the requirements for proof of insurance, in response to Republican concerns that military families might face the fine.

White House officials have insisted since last summer that any health reform would not impact veterans or military programs.

Since then, Defense Department and Veterans Affairs officials have spoken out numerous times promising no effect on those programs, but still faced rumors that the final bill would force changes and higher costs for both groups.

In his statement, Gates promised that “the president and I are committed to seeing that our troops, retirees and their families will continue to receive the best quality health care.”

The TRICARE Coverage Extension Act

Week of April 05, 2010

Many beneficiaries with dependent children are asking if the Health Care Reform Act (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) will extend coverage for their adult children up to age 26. TRICARE's official answer is no. "The current age limits – 21 or age 23, if the dependent is in a full-time school program – are set by statute." In response Representative Martin Heinrich (N.M.) introduced

"The TRICARE Dependent Coverage Extension Act" (H.R. 4923), a bill that would extend TRICARE coverage for dependent children to the maximum age of 26.

Congress Takes Action on TRICARE

Week of April 19, 2010

Congress has taken steps toward putting military people at ease over how TRICARE benefits will be protected under the new health care reforms and to extend benefits for older children. But Congress continues to take only clumsy temporary steps to relieve another source of anxiety for Medicare and TRICARE users – a scheduled 21.2 percent reduction in reimbursements to participating doctors. If such a cut were allowed to take effect, it could severely crimp access to care.

If You Didn't Know

It's official, DD-214's are NOW Online:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html>

An important program that we have not mentioned for some time and becomes more and more pertinent as the years pass. It is a program most of us are eligible for and has the unusual name of 'Aid and Attendance.' Visit/call your closest VA office or read about this program at the website, <http://www.veteranaid.org/program.php>. The first paragraph of this website states, “The Aid and Attendance (A&A) Pension provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of the needs of nature. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity.

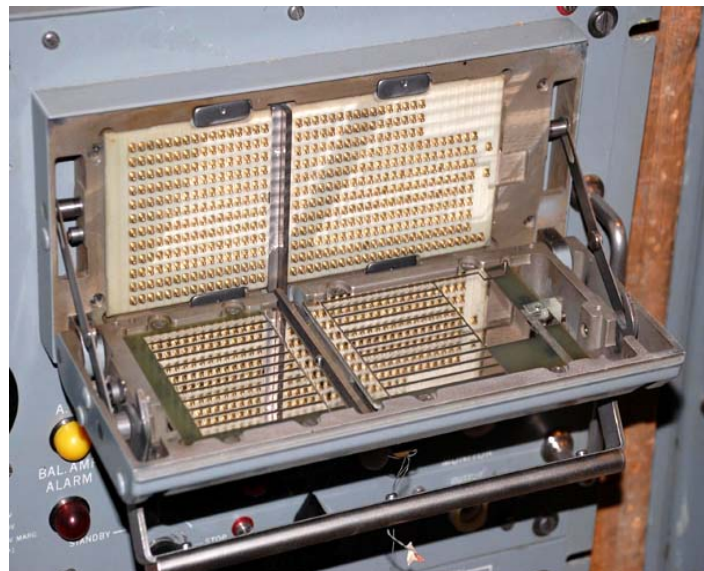
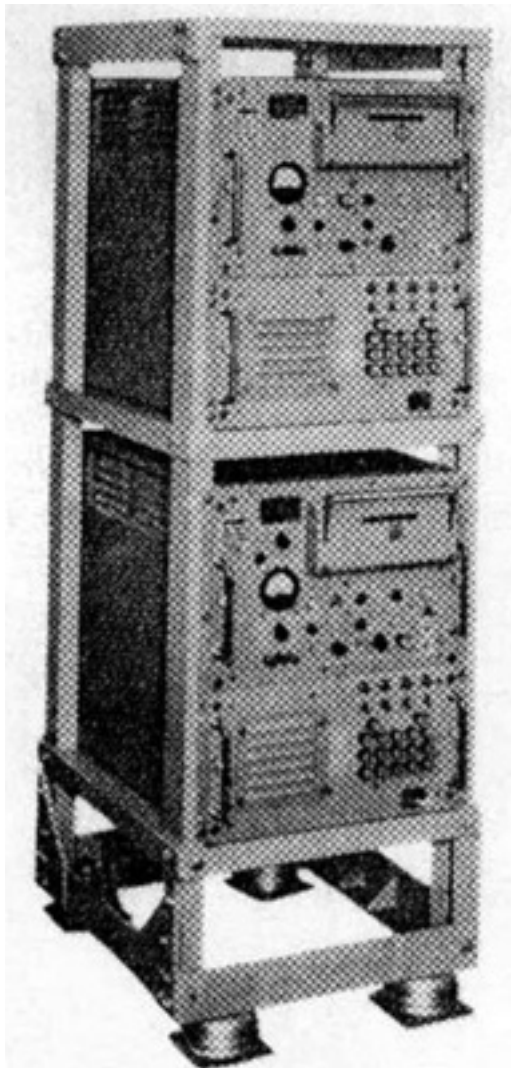


Answer and accolades to **Harry** concerning the last issue of the ECHOES “Back To The Future” Photographs — See his Email and more pics from Bill.

Recognize these two photographs below? We know...

Snail Mail or

Email your answer to the Editor.



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Least We Forget

Gerald E. Pressley The following notice appeared in the Appeal -democrat of Yuba City, CA on Saturday, February 13, 2010. Gerald E. Pressley 80 of Smartsville passed away February 8, 2010. Gerry was a long time member of 1009th SWS, 1035th USAF FAG and AFTAC. We do not know his service history but believe his final assignment in AFTAC was in the ."Q". system.

Abbott, John Milton 72 7/5/1937 3/3/2010. Duty assignments which included Iran, Pakistan and Turkey.

After over two decades of military relocation, John retired from the Air Force in 1978. John belonged to many organizations which included: TREA; First Marine Division - Columbia Chapter; American Legion Post #1; Air Force Sergeants Association; AFTAC Alumni Association; Loyal Escorts of the Green Garter; St. Therese parish; and Meals-On-Wheels. He was the 99104 Course Supervisor at Lowry AFB at retirement.



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

Air Force Aid	720-847-6708
American Red Cross	303-343-1294
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	720-847-6144
Operator	720-847-9011
Outdoor Recreation	720-847-6101
Pharmacy	720-847-7455
Retiree Activity	720-847-6693
Ticket/Tour Info	720-847-6853
TriCare for Life	888-363-5433
Veterans Admin	800-827-1000
Visitors Center	720-847-9381

Mail Call

Hi J. Moxley: Thanks for the newsletter, it is very informative. I even was able to pick out people I know, thanks to your naming them on the pictures. Lonny Gibbons has sure changed, but not his wife Ginny. Monique Miller has changed hair color and style in the last three years. Jack Smith still looks the same to me. I was at Det 418 with Tom Miller on his first trip there in 1965-1967. Also back at Lowry in '72-'74 when I retired. Tom, Monique, my wife, Maile and I have kept in touch all these years, that is until both my wife and Tom passed away. Monique and I still keep in touch. I believe the pictures of the sight on the Golf course is or was Det 418 (sic — Last Issue "Back to the Future" section), am I right? **Joe Clein** , Det 310 1964, Det 418 1965-1967.

On Wed, Apr 14, 2010 at 11:40 AM, Rose-Thistle01@hot.rr.com <rose-thistle01@hot.rr.com> wrote:

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I just checked. That is the Q site. I erred on the green. That was the ninth green. Leaving that green, the seventh hole is a short par three, then the long eight fairway parallels the sixth fairway and closes in our site from the other side. In the dry weather, the maintenance folks used tractors with mowers attached. In the wet season, the tractors would get bogged down so they had to use push mowers around any low-lying fairways and rough. (That reminds me of another story about the ninth hole, but that can wait.)

In any case, I remember when we installed a large antenna for WWV. The mast was about 70-90 feet high, probably erected by engineers from Clark. We used a Pedro rescue helicopter from Clark to raise the antenna to the top of the mast. It first landed in the center of the grassy area in front of the trailers to discuss the method of raising it. One of the engineers climbed to the top of the mast and strapped in. The helicopter took off and hovered over the antenna and then lifted it and hovered over the top of the mast while the person up their made the connections.

(Continued on next page.)

Having first landed in the center of the lawn, the heat from the exhaust burned a circle about 10 feet in diameter. It took a while for that mess to recover.

Harry

(Ed.— Good story, Harry)

**Mail Call Roundtable Concerning the
"Back to the Future" Section in the
last ECHOES issue**

(1) From: John and Christel Horsch

To: FCalenda@aol.com

Cc: Joseph, Harry, Sage ; Moxi, Mox, Sage, ECHOES Editor ; Schmied, Bill

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 4:20 AM

Subject: Re: PoMoColorado Chapter Photo

Sages,

We are considering combining your John Hay 'writings' into a PoMo article for the next issue, Aug. Please see attached. With your concurrence/any recommended changes we will submit same to AFTAC Security for their OK.

Thanks,

John and Chris

Mox, I do not have Clein's address if you think he should see this.

(2) From: "Jerry Moxley" <mox@wispertel.net>

To: "John and Christel Horsch"

<chrisjohn2@gmail.com>

Cc: jclein2@comcast.net

Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 8:27:47 AM GMT - 08:00 US/Canada Pacific

Subject: Re: PoMoColorado Chapter Photo

I'll forward this to J. Clein at "jclein2@comcast.net" and see what he says.

Mr. Clein, would you read the attached West Coast AFTAC Chapter PoMo about the pictures I used in the Colorado AFTAC Chapter's ECHOES last "Back to the Future" article? Curious if their member commented correctly, or if you were correct. We're all interested in the results.

(3) From: John and Christel Horsch

To: jclein2@comcast.net

Cc: Jerry Moxley

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 5:19 AM

Subject: Re: PoMoColorado Chapter Photo

J,

John Horsch here ... co-editor of the Florida Chapter newsletter, Post-Monitor. We have confused you, I reckon, because we share back and forth with the CO, ECHOES, and CA, Depot Fallout, Chapter newsletters. In this case, we 'borrowed' this article from the most recent ECHOES we had and, when we published electronically this week, the fun began.

Because you are so involved, maybe our providing a complimentary copy of the recent issue will help (also, maybe it will entice you to join our Chapter also!)-this link will take you to the issue where you can read same or download:

<http://www.box.net/shared/kajug8q9as>

Enjoy ... hope this clears it up for you.

John and Chris Horsch

Post-Monitor Editors/Publishers

**On Fri, Apr 16, 2010 at 1:56 AM,
<jclein2@comcast.net> wrote:**

Hi Jerry, John, and all: I'm a little confused, I looked thru the complete "West Coast" "Post - Monitor" Vol18 April 2010. I seen the pictures again, but not any comments by any one. What page were they on? The photos said " We Know". Who submitted the pictures? I have not been to John Hay in 43 years, but I'm sure that is a photo of our "Q" systems, The Antennas do not look like what I worked on then, but memories fade. Check with "Geno" Wagner, he was there when I got there, His e-mail is whickendealer@bellsouth.net . I believe he is a member of the East Coast Group. Also ask Robert Kridle, his name is on page 11, He was our Det Commander. I did see the photo on page 9, I do not reconize that as the Bowling Alley nor any-one in it. I thought the person on the far right was Tom Miller, but after speaking with his widow, they were not there in '63.

In the upper Photo, on page 15, you can see the site was surrounded by the golf course. I **do not** remember the building in the far background, but the road to the emergency generator(hidden by trees) at the lower right, of that photo, goes to the "19th" Tee Club house, and base main gate. Please let me know if I am correct. Joe Clein
Msgt USAF Retired (1974)

(4) From: "Jerry Moxley" <mox@wispertel.net>
To: "John and Christel Horsch" <chrisjohn2@gmail.com>, jclein2@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 12:39:46 PM GMT -08:00
US/Canada Pacific
Subject: Re: PoMoColorado Chapter Photo

Happy happy, Joy, joy!!

We've got a round table going. I so enjoy a bruhaha. (Joke Guys)

It would seemingly appear that Harry was right about it being in the Phillipines.

At least that is what I gather now. Although Bill Schmied hasn't responded yet, and he is the one I obtained the photographs from.

MOX

ECHOES Editor

(5) On Tue, Apr 13, 2010 at 6:49 PM, Basil Mitchell <cmitch@msn.com> wrote:

Just finished absorbing the April 2010 Newsletter. Had to stop on page 15 (the Echoes extract) and show the photos on the bottom left corner of the page to my wife. I believe the "Q" technique only had one detachment on a golf course. Those photos sure look like the "Q" detachment at John Hay Air Base near Baguio in the Phillipines....Det 418 to be exact. I was TDY there in August/September 1966 on a Q4 retrofit trip...met Cory Kent there (a Voice of America employee), we eventually got married and the rest is history. Totally enjoy the newsletter every time it arrives. Keep up the great work...

Basil "Mitch" Mitchell

SMSGt, USAF, Retired

99125Q for 13 years

On Wed, Apr 14, 2010, chrisjohn2@gmail.com wrote:

I guess Moxie going to have to come in here and clear up who took the pics??!!

Good story, Harry ...

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(7) In a message dated 4/14/2010 10:54:00 A.M. Mountain Daylight Time, FCalenda@aol.com writes:

Do I know where those pictures are taken, let me see.....

Would it possibly be Alaska? Hmmmm, how about Alexandria Headquarters??

Nope, Oh, I know, it's JHAB in the Phillipines.

Ahhh, yes, I remember it well.

Looking at the top photo on the right wasn't it the #9 fairway coming up to the half-way house (not shown)? And to the left was #10 and #11 if I remember right. On the other hand, even though I played them 8 or 9 times a week (but NEVER during duty hours), I never paid attention to the numbers. I never broke 100 anyway, so who really cared which fairway you were on? We lived on base and I do remember my dog Smoky coming to the trailers to walk me home. We would play from #10 back to my house. He would always beat me like everyone else so I considered giving up golf.

Spent a good amount of time in those cold-freezing trailers. I found that if I had the operators keep the temperature below freezing, it would tend to keep them awake.

I always wondered why our supply guy was ordering parkas. Actually, the toilets were freezing cold too which would also limit their time on the pot. I thought that was an efficient time management tool.

In the upper picture you can also see the parking lot and the generator hut. The hut was where we'd get our golf balls from a bushel basket sitting in there. Since our site was surrounded with fence and signs threatening death on entry, any balls that landed inside were picked up daily by our yard boy and put in the basket. I'd only take the Titleist brand.

The domes look olive drab and I don't recall any of them being that color so the photo's had to be pre-me (1968-1970). However, since almost every night was party night at John Hay, they could have been pink elephants for all I remember.

Many of the parties were held in the mile high club which I think is pictured in the distance in the first photo. This is the place I took our car with our brand new tires from the states that took us 4 months to get and, in my liquor induced state of mind, I drove them into the curb outside the building, slicing neatly through the two front ones. This occurrence of course, followed one of the nightly parties (but never on duty). The worst thing about that was when I was trying to change the tires, the wheel nuts somehow flew off into the surrounding countryside and everyone was on their knees crawling around looking for them. That was until the security police stopped by and then they got on their knees and helped look. All turned out well, but Edna will never let me live this down.

Now, in the background of the second photo, I think we see the main clubhouse, where some of the parties were held (but not during duty hours). This is where I met the then president of the Philippines, Ferdinand Marcos. I think I remember him asking if he could help with my tires the next time it happened. He was really a nice guy, though.

Finally, in the second photo, you can see two small black/brown shapes at the bottom right corner of the site. I think those were the burning barrels for burning our hundreds of thousands of feet of 35mm film that the system used. There was always one of the single guys that would volunteer to burn that stinky, smokey, vile stuff, even when he was off duty. I thought he was a dedicated worker and heaped praises on him. Years later, I remember that, in those days, all that film was silver based. I wondered why a single guy could have 8000 pounds of household baggage.

Bless him where ever he is, probably on some tropical island.

I won't talk about the guys that worked for me there. Well, maybe one...Bill Schmied. No, I guess I won't talk about him either. I will say that this det was one of the best we were stationed at.

No, I can't identify the date...Hopefully some person that didn't party there can remember?

Frank

(8) John and Christel Horsch
<chrisjohn2@gmail.com>

Thanks, Bill ... this has turned out to be one of the most responded to items we have ever run, and to think you started it from Colorado!!

It's been a lot of fun to keep track of all this and we look forward to publishing same in the Aug PoMo if AFTAC security agrees and has the time to read all this!!

I do sense also that Bill may have stirred a wordsmith with some of his comment!!

John

(9) On Fri, Apr 16, 2010 at 10:56 PM,
<Bilschmied@aol.com> wrote:

Hello All,

This has been fun, and a little confusing, trying to keep up with these emails, but I think it's time to set the record straight. I confess !! I sent the pictures to Mox for publication, but I did not take the pictures. I have duplicate 35mm slides of the originals and I scanned them into the computer. One of our young airmen stationed at the detachment, possibly Greg Andrews, but that was forty years ago and my memory is a little fuzzy on that point, got a ride on a Jolly Green that happened to be visiting the base one day. I can't remember why it was there, it probably transported some VIP up for a golf outing or something. I'm really surprised that Frank cannot remember this because if you look real close at the below pictures (#4, 5, & 6), you can see Frank playing golf with a couple of other guys, probably more detachment day workers. Actually, Frank didn't spend a lot of time in the trailers. The commander, chief operator, admin, and supply guys were in another building about a mile away and it seemed like he was always on his way there to that building or on his way back to the trailers. I remember that quite well because we used to get lots of phone calls for him at the trailers and that's what we had to tell the person

who called. I'm sure Edna can verify this. Frank should also remember the O.D. painted Q domes because these pictures were taken in Jan or Feb 1970 and Frank said he was still there then. Prior to that they were the standard white, but someone somewhere and somewhat higher than our paygrades decided they should be O.D. !! I guess that makes them harder to see from the air being located next to our big white trailers ?? This reminds me of a story I heard about a local grounds keeper somewhere who painted the domes with lead based paint. That could have really saved a lot of money on film but it didn't take long for a 99 to figure out why he wasn't processing any signals at minimum TT. I don't remember if that supposedly happened at 418, but maybe some of you might know. As Frank said, it did get cold in those trailers especially at night during the rainy season. I don't know if Frank ever knew this but a couple of the operators solved that problem by stretching out flat across the top of the Stabiline voltage regulators which were always toasty warm. In the below photo # 7, three Stabilines were located under the counter directly opposite each channel of the Q4. There was just enough clearance for a skinny guy to squeeze under the counter and stretch out on top of the regulators. I'm also surprised nobody pointed out the #8 ladies' tee which was located just a few yards outside the main entrance to the trailers. Standing on the landing for the entrance provided a nice view of the situation. See below #4 photo which is the same as the bottom photo in the PoMo. If anyone would like higher resolution copies of any of the below photos, just let me know and I can email them as an attachment.

Best Regards,

Bill Schmied

P.S. for Mitch: I'm that guy who replaced you as the 363 AMS RA at Shaw in 1976. You trained me well.

(10)FCalenda@aol.com <FCalenda@aol.com>

Thanks Bill for your barely sustainable account of these photos. As you might forget, I was on that chopper with you as we floated over my house with my kids waving at us, not knowing until that night at supper that it was me waving back. I still don't remember the olive drab domes but, as I mentioned, they could have been pink elephants for all I knew. I do agree with one point. I was back and forth to the main office quite a bit for several reasons. One was that I had capable people taking care of the equipment, secondly, I spent most of my time getting those people out of trouble and lastly, it was too damn cold in the trailers.

I really didn't care about the operators huddling against the warm equipment, it was setting their coffee on the comparator that set me off. I won't mention who spilled the coffee and shorted it out. There went another trip to the office to keep someone out of trouble...see what I mean?

I won't argue with the fairway numbers. I never could figure them out because I'd have to count over 10. And if I drove off from #4 tee, my ball would usually end up in #10 fairway anyway, so who's counting?. I still think the fairway to the right in your picture number 6 is the #9 fairway. I remember it well because I knew after taking my usual 6 putts to get my ball in the hole, I would be able to get a cold beer right there in the half-way house. It was also the green where I gave CPR to a guy that didn't make it. I think I did it right, but hey, I gave it my best shot. Everyone else just stood there and watched. I even had to yell at someone to call the medics.

And yes, those are definitely me golfing in the photos. I can tell because I always had to wear my uniform in case the commander called me in to get another operator out of trouble. As for the calls looking for me, I seem to remember that the guard at the front gate always knew where everyone was. I used to call them to see if you left the trailers early to go home.

Isn't this fun?

Best regards,

Frank Calenda

And another P.S. for Mitch. You may have trained Bill well in 1976, but you have to remember I set him on the right track in 1969 whether he liked it or not. At least I've got you to commiserate with. He was a good worker if he didn't go home early.

All Pics Sent To Us By Bill Schmied (Continued on page 11, and 12)



1. Det 418 Q Technique Operations Trailers



2. #6 &7 Fairways, Trailers, Halfway House, Baguio City in the Background



3. #6 Green, #7 Fairway, Trailers, #8 Tees, and Halfway House.



4. #8 Ladies' Tee, Trailers, Frank Golfing in the Background



5. #8 Tee, Trailers, Frank Golfing in the Background on #7 Tee



6. #6 Fairway on the Left with the Mile-High Club/Bowling Alley in the Background, Trailers, and #8 Fairway on the Right



7. Q4 Equipment inside the Trailers



8. #9 Fairway with the Halfway House in the Background and the Trailers on the Right



9. Golf Driving Range and Housing



10. #18 Green and the 19th Tee Club House



11. #18 Fairway & Green plus the 19th Tee Club House



12. The Main Road Down the Mountain

February 2010 Alumni Breakfast Photographs



Airman of the Year Det 045 SRA Alex Barrera receiving an alumni gift card for the year 2009.

NCO of the Year Det 045 SSGT Jennifer Harte. receiving an alumni gift card for the year 2009

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