

ECHOES

Past — Present —
and Future

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

ALL CURRENT AND FORMER AFTAC PERSONNEL, SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS.

**General Membership Breakfast
September 2011**

0830 Hours

Aurora Hills

Golf Course Club House

Date TBD

**Dinner/Social 12
November 1700**

Hours

Aurora Hills

Golf Course Club House

PLEASE NOTE

Change of Command for Detachments 45 and 46 Date, Time, and whom to request a R.S.V.P. from, is on page 11.

AFTAC Worldwide Reunion was held 12 - 15 May 2011 at the Lion's Gate Hotel, formerly the O'Club on McClellan AFB. Photo's and article inside.



General Membership Breakfast XX September 2011 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 X June 2011. We will collect your money at the breakfast.

Yearly Membership Dues

are **ONLY \$5.00** per year. **PLEASE** check your dues expiration date in the text of the ECHOES transmittal email or above your postal mailing address whichever applies. **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 Biischmied@AOL.com. Please make checks payable to Bill Schmied.**

DoD Seeks TRICARE Fee Increase

Week of February 21, 2011

The Pentagon wants to slow that growth and ultimately chip away at the costs over the next five years, beginning next year with increases in the annual membership fees for military retirees under 65. Family memberships would go up from \$460 to \$520 per year; enrollment for single people would go from \$230 to \$260 per year. The increases do not apply to active-duty military families and members, or retirees past age 65.

TRICARE Co-Pays Likely to Increase

Week of February 28, 2011

Under the proposed 2012 DoD budget, TRICARE prescriptions filled on base will remain free, but, co-pays for medications purchased at retail pharmacies will increase; the current \$3 co-pay for generics at retail outlets will increase to \$5 and the \$9 co-pays for brand name drugs will climb to \$12. "Tier 3" (non-formulary brand) drugs, which currently cost beneficiaries a \$22 co-pay will be raised to \$25 for both mail order and retail.



Modest Hike in Tricare

Denver Post March 21 2011 (EXCERPTED)

"None of this is an effort to disrespect military veterans. And to be clear, the increases wouldn't affect active military members, who get free care, or those veterans older than 65 who get Tricare for Life, a free supplement to Medicare. It also would not affect those wounded during service, who are cared for by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs."

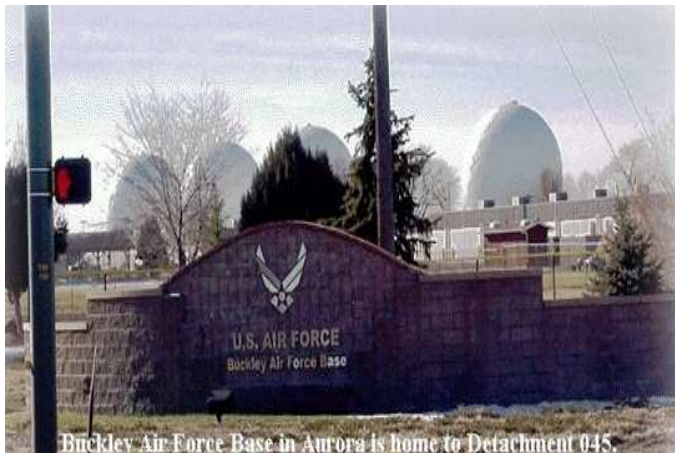
Remember to Keep DEERS Up-to-Date

Week of March 21, 2011

If you wait, your TRICARE benefit coverage could be affected.

myPay Gets Easier To Use—Week of April 25, 2011

"Long Range Detection Alumni Association"
-Originally formed as "AFTAC Alumni Association"
The Logo on the left has been 'retired' from active use. It is thus appropriate for service with the association and is representative of so many who served during its tenure, 1970-2000. The right-side Logo is the 'flip side' of a coin minted for the 60th Anniversary of Long-Range Detection



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

DoD to Drop SSN From IDs

Week of April 11, 2011

Social Security numbers on military identification cards will soon begin to disappear. The effort is part of a larger plan to protect servicemembers and other Department of Defense (DoD) identification card holders from identity theft. Beginning in June, when current cards expire, they will be replaced with new cards having a DoD identification number, which will be a unique 10-digit number that is assigned to every person with a direct relationship with the department. The new number will also be the servicemember's Geneva Convention identification number. An 11-digit DoD benefits number also will appear on the cards of those people eligible for DoD benefits.

TRICARE Expands Data Access—Week of April 25, 2011

TRICARE Covers Allergy Tests—Week of April 25, 2011

Least We Forget

Kenneth Struve Jr. (1943 - 2011) of Palm Bay died February 13, 2011. Born in New Jersey on June 3, 1943, he served in the USAF for 20 years, retiring with honors from Patrick Air Force Base.

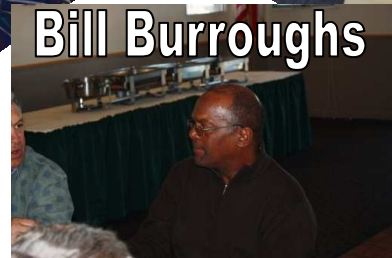
Rex Hollis, Lt. Col, USAF (Ret). passed away on Dec. 15, 2010. Rex served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years. Following retirement from the Air Force, Rex joined the Southern Pacific Company to help them develop their business-class long distance telephone service. While there, he became one of the creators of a residential long distance service that he named Sprint, which ultimately became the telecommunications giant known today by the same name.

Edward Koschalk (01/18/1936 - 03/18/2011). Ed retired from the Air Force in 1974, and became a rural letter carrier in Liberty Lake until his retirement in 1998.

Breakfast Meeting 26 February 2011



A very good turnout.



Alumni Presentations OF NOTE:
Additionally, TSgt Burk from Det 46 received a gift certificate as well as SrA Sara Wood from Det 46.

Breakfast Rogue's Gallery



SrA Amber Adams Detachment 45 Airman of the Year 2010



SSgt Kristin Porter Detachment 45 NCO of the Year 2010



New Alumni Member Jerre Jung



Bob Sladek



New Alumni Member Bob Ferree

Least We Forget

Wayne E. Reece, age 77, of Carlton, OR died on April 13, 2011. Wayne was a life member of AFTAC Alumni Association, West Coast Chapter.

DIBBLE Helga M., 73, of Melbourne, died Sunday, April 10, 2011. No other information available.

Week of May 02, 2011

Despite pressure from military retirees and veteran's service organizations, the DoD is seeking to reduce their costs by increasing TRICARE premiums and fees for retirees and their families. Over the last few months the battle shifted from whether or not to increase the premiums, to how much to increase them by. Veterans groups have asked DoD to make small increases which would be pegged to the annual COLA increases, however DoD is asking for the premiums to be tied to the National Healthcare Expenditure (NHE) Index. The NHE averages about 6.4 percent a year

TRICARE Increase Proposal Moves Forward →



Junior and Senior Colorado Alumni Members



Florida SAGE SHOP

Mail orders, unless otherwise instructed, to: Long Range Detection

Alumni Assn, ATTN: Sage Shop, CMSgt Revels/IG, PO Box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892. Add \$5.00 for shipping and handling plus \$1.50 for each additional item. No s/h charged on logo pins

ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE (as of 2010.11)

GOLF SHIRTS, with pocket and collar, \$14

MED LG XL XXL

Sea Teal (aqua blue)	1	0	2	1
Jade (medium green)	2	5	2	2
Navy	1	1	0	0
Red	2	1	0	2
White	1	0	0	2
Royal Blue	1	1	0	0
Blue, w/word 'Alumnus'	0	7	7	0
Teal (dark aqua)	2	1	0	3
Maroon	2	2	0	0
Black	1	1	0	1
T-SHIRTS, no pocket - \$7.00				
Light Blue	1	2	3	3
Royal blue	2	1	2	1
Navy	2	1	2	1
Ash Gray	2	0	2	2
Purple	1	1	2	2
Red	2	2	3	2
Fuchsia	1	2	2	0
Stone Washed Green	1	0	0	0
Mint Green	1	2	1	2

Jade Green	2	1	1	1
Black	4	0	0	3

SWEATSHIRTS,

Ash Gray, \$15	1	0	0	0
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NYLON JACKET, Blue, \$20, colored emblem with 'AFTAC Alumni,'

White emblem with 'Alumnus'	0	0	0	3
	0	0	1	0

HATS - \$8.00 # MISCELLANEOUS Cost/#
Blue/White 18 -50th Commem Coin \$3.00/57

Blue/Grey 5 -60th AF/LRD Com Coin:\$4/129

Red/White 2 —60th flaw: AF Date, Sep 12 vs 18th

'Hat' Pictures Below -Traditional Coin (HQ w/aircraft & motto & 'logo' on other side) \$8.00
-Logo Pin: \$3.25/217

AFTAC Top-3 Coin made available by the Top-3 Association, \$7. Order per instructions above.

AFTAC SEO Airborne Coin. To order, contact SSgt Suberlak, david.suberlak@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9184 or SSgt Wilkens, matthew.wilkens@offutt.af.mil/402-232-9146.\$7 each. Shipping is \$1 a coin, up to \$5, then on an as needed basis for more than 15-20 coins.



PHOTO BY Fla. EDITOR PAT SNYDER — SUGGESTED BY RON COOK

AFTAC Worldwide Reunion held 12 - 15 May 2011

In a surprise announcement at the 'WorldWide 2011' Saturday night Banquet (05.14), CA Chapter President, Charlie Penn, announced SMSgt (Ret) Dale Klug's selection as the Association's 'Alumni of the Year, 2011.' In the announcement Charlie noted Dale's accomplishments as he read the formal 'Congratulatory Letter' from the FL Chapter's President, Lloyd French. George Thompson presented the 'Space Coin Plaque' and Joe Johnson the 'Traditional T.' Dale was recognized as a 'Founding Member' of the California Chapter and longtime editor (10 Year's plus) of the Chapter's Newsletter, 'Depot Fallout.' During his time with the chapter, and the newsletter, he has expended considerable time and effort to maintain membership both locally and worldwide. These efforts are certainly a factor in this chapter's membership 'maintaining' at approximately 150 members.

Dale's selection was the result of a committee process of his peer's chaired by Joe, previous 'Alumni of the Year, 2002' - George was also on the committee. Dale will also be recognized and honored at the Florida Chapter's 2012 SnowBall XIV, and the Center's Annual Awards Banquet ... both these events will occur in the January thru March, 2012, timeframe.

Also in attendance, and speaking, at the banquet was MGen (Ret) Glen D. Shaffer, AFTAC Commander, July 1994 to August 1996-of note, it was than Col Shaffer who instituted the 'Alumni of the Year' program for the Center's Alumni Association Members. HQ/AFTAC members in attendance were Dr. Daniel DeForest, a member of the Senior Executive Service and Director of AFTAC's 'Materials Technology Directorate' and the current 'Command Superintendent,' CMSgt John Nederhoed. The Dr and the Chief also addressed reunion attendees.

More Sage Shop Information

EDITORS WITH INPUTS FROM CHIEF REVELS/IG, SAGE SHOP MANAGER AND MSGT CHAD TAGUBA, TMNT, 99/9S COIN CREATOR (This article reprinted from the 2011.04 edition of the PoMo)

Recently Bill Schmied, Colorado Chapter Treasurer, asked about a coin he had purchased at 'WorldWide 2009,' (image following). We turned to one of our 'active duty' cohorts, Chief Revels, and he, as always, quickly tracked it down being for sale by the 'Boosters Club' and advised us he would handle it thru the 'Sage Shop.' So, another beautiful coin in our collection. We call the coin 'Traditional' because it has the HQ building with flyovers of the plane/spacecraft with motto on one side and the emblem on the other. More on MSgt Chad Taguba's coin following that.



While we continue on the subject of 'new coins' we have exciting news, see MSgt Taguba's '99/9S' coin/meaning following,



Obverse Side

The Arms: Argent, an eagle displayed proper, surmounted by an in escutcheon of the Old Shield bearing the inscription "MCMXLVII." The exte talon holds a scroll proper and the sinister talon grips a sword proper, pommel downwards. In the beak is held a banner with the motto "Dominus Arcani", Letters argent. Encircling the eagle in letters argent inscribed the Seven Titles. The Crest: A mullet encircled by an annulet, both argent/

The Symbolism of the Obverse

The eagle is the American bald eagle, the symbol of our country. On its breast is borne the Old Shield, which represents the original mission responsible for the genesis of the Reporting Identifier. Its banner reads "MCMXLVII", which is the year the mission began. The inner feathers are white, indicating the wisdom accrued from performing a mission older than the Air Force itself. The eagle's right talon is holding a scroll, symbolizing knowledge and the left talon holds a sword, a token of military duty. The eagle looks to knowledge before it wields the sword. The



Reverse Side

The Arms: Azure, a sword pale ways argent with wings erect argent conjoined at the hilt. Sable, surmounting the sword in fesse point, atomic orbitals argent. Encircling, nine mullets argent and the proof in letters argent "Let this coin signify its bearer is a member of an elite and noble group of Airmen who stand in silent vigil for the good of all humankind." Encircling the Arms in letters argent is the motto "In God We Trust, All Others We Monitor."

eagle is also clutching a banner that reads in Latin "Dominus Arcani". This is loosely but correctly translated to *Lord of the Unseen Way* (or *Master of the Unseen Way*). It is a comment to our mastery of the sciences and technical arts and our uncanny ability to innovate. Above the eagle is a bounded star that serves to represent our enlisted service. Surrounding the eagle and star are the seven reporting identifiers we've held over the decades. The Symbolism of the Reverse The winged sword represents the 9S100's commitment to, and membership in, the United States Air Force. It is surrounded by nine stars, a comment on the naming convention of the Reporting Identifier – the number nine is always involved. The atomic orbitals over the sword represent the scientific methods we employ to discharge our duties. Additionally, the winged sword is a stylized Ψ , symbolizing Schrödinger's wave equation. This side also bears the Proof, a statement that authenticates the bearer as a participant in the mission. The circumference of the coin bears the motto, "In God We Trust, All Others We Monitor", a statement that holds true no matter where we go.

WE FIRST BECAME AWARE OF MSGT TAGUBA'S COIN WHEN JACK SMITH SHOWED IT TO US THE NIGHT OF THE BANQUET. IT SEEMS CHAD, ALSO IN LINE FOR RECOGNITION, HAD THOUGHTFULLY HONORED JACK'S 'SAGE' SERVICE BY PRESENTING HIM ONE OF HIS COINS. UPON SEEING THE COIN, YOUR EDITOR'S IMMEDIATELY WANTED TO KNOW MORE AND CONTACTED CHAD ABOUT THE COIN AND THE POSSIBILITY OF OFFERING SAME THRU THE POMO. HIS VERY THOUGHT REPLY FOLLOWS: Chief, Glad to make your acquaintance! I'm honored you wish

to include this coin with the others in the Sage Shop. I would very much like to see this coin made available to all those who preceded me – as I told MSgt (Ret) Smith, I'm standing on the shoulder of giants and this coin is a tribute to that great heritage. But offering the coin for general sale does conflict with my rules for the coin. They are:

1. Available only to those who have held the RI 99/9S (or earlier)

designations. Though not to be purchased by non- 99/9S's, they may be presented one by a 99/9S.
2. The first coin is free. Others are available on a donation basis only. I fully understand that these rules are difficult to follow outside the active duty contingent of 9S personnel. I'm open to any suggestions you may have on how to distribute the coins - however, this coin is not for everybody (wow...that sounds harsh). And indeed MSgt Taguba attended the March and April meetings and presented his coin to the assn board and attending members. As a result of the discussions over these two meetings it was decided the 'AFTAC Top-3' would be the most fitting group to handle the distribution of this coin in a most distinguished manner; details as they are available will be published.

AFTAC Worldwide Reunion Photographs 12 - 15 May 2011





The Detachment 46 Change of Command Ceremony will be held on Thursday, 30 June, at 1000 hours at the DeKok Building, Schriever AFB. Lt Col

Graves will be relinquishing command to Maj Robert McLaughlin. In an email from Lt Col Graves, he asked us to spread the word to the alumni and provided an email link to the official invitation and RSVP if attending. He said the Det is also planning a cookout after the ceremony, weather permitting. The DeKok building is the 50th Space Wing headquarters building which is not inside the space operations restricted area. The entry requirement for Schriever is the same as Buckley, i.e., active or retired military ID card. Dress for the ceremony is military uniform of the day or business attire for civilians. This will be a great opportunity for any of our alumni to wish Lt Col Graves well in his new assignment with Space Command and welcome Maj McLaughlin to Colorado and our alumni chapter. Lt Col Graves is a member of our alumni chapter and hopefully will not be a stranger to our events. If you need additional information you can contact the 50th Space Wing Protocol office at 719-567-5048. Use this link <https://einvitations.afit.edu/Det46AFTACCoC/anim.cfm> to view the official invitation and RSVP to attend the ceremony. RSVPs are requested by 24 June.



The Detachment 45 Change of Command Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, 6 July, at 0900 hours in the Colorado Air National Guard 140th Wing Headquarters Building, Buckley AFB. Capt (Maj Select) Muller will be

relinquishing command to Maj Barry Croker. The ANG headquarters building is located at the corner of Aspen Dr and E. Breckenridge Ave and is the building with the F-16 and F-86 static displays in front of it with a large parking lot at the rear of the building. Entry is also at the rear of the building. Aspen Dr is the main gate entrance to Buckley from 6th Avenue which goes all the way through the base to the Mississippi Ave gate. There will be a reception following the ceremony. Capt Muller is being reassigned to the Pentagon and Maj McLaughlin is being transferred from the 2nd Space Warning Squadron at Buckley to the detachment.

A formal RSVP is not required to attend the ceremony; however, please notify Jack Smith at 303-428-1812 or coaftrmkt@aol.com if you will be attending so we can provide the detachment with a headcount. Please plan on attending and confirm to Jack by 24 June.

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We're **ALL** on the Web!

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<http://www.aftacco.org/>

NEW Florida Chapter Location:

[http://sites.google.com/site/](http://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow)

[Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow](http://sites.google.com/site/Irdalumniassnneedtoknownow)

West Coast Chapter:

<http://www.aftacwcc.org>

Official AFTAC Web Site:

www.afisr.af.mil/units/aftac.asp



**FOR COLORADO DUES SUBMISSION
OR ADDRESS CHANGE**

Name: _____
Spouse Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State, ZIP: _____
Telephone No: _____
Email _____

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

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TO: Long Range Detection Alumni Association
P.O. Box 254892
Patrick AFB, Florida 32925-0892

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TO: AFTAC Alumni Association
West Coast Chapter
P.O. Box 3974
Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

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