

# ECHOES

Past — Present —  
and Future

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## General Membership Breakfast 25 Feb 2012

**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](mailto:coaftrmkt@aol.com) on or before 21 Feb 2012. We will collect your money at the breakfast.

## 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 February 25th 2012**

**0830 Hours**

**Aurora Hills**

**Golf Course Club House**

**Picnic 2012 Where and when TBD**

**Dinner/Social November 10th 2012**

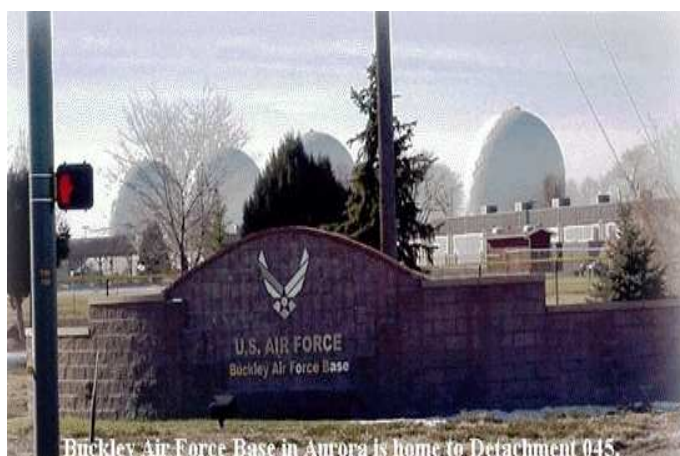
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**"Long Range Detection Alumni Association"**  
*-Originally formed as "AFTAC Alumni Association"*  
**The Logo on the left has been 'retired' from active use. It is thus appropriate for service with the association and is representative of so many 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
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TriCare for Life	888-363-5433
Veterans Admin	800-827-1000
Visitors Center	720-847-9381

## *Least We Forget*

**Mary D. Welch**, passed away at 70, Friday, Aug. 26, 2011 of sudden cardiac failure. She was proud of her service in the U.S. Air Force and her work at AFTAC and the Alumni Association.

**Gwendolyn Faye (Russell) Lane**, passed on Thursday, January 5, 2012 after a lengthy illness. She was born February 4, 1949 in Laurinburg, NC. Faye was transferred to Florida from Denver, CO in 1987. She was employed for 33 years by the Department of the Air Force and retired from AFTAC at Patrick, AFB in January 2008.

Colonel (Ret.) **Richard E. Barrett, Sr.** passed away on January 7, 2012 after 89 memorable years. He served in the USAF for 33 years, retiring at Patrick as a Senior Officer at AFTAC.

**CAUDA, JR., JEROME "JERRY" EMIL**, 76, passed on January 10, 2012. Jerry was a LT member of the Florida chapter and also a Colorado member for a number of years. He attended many reunions including the last three: California, Florida, and Colorado. Ed Gardiner tells us that he and Jerry served together at the Laramie, Wyoming Analysis Center, Det 139, in 1957.

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## September 2011 Breakfast Meeting

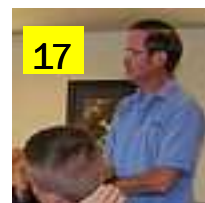
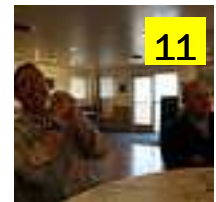
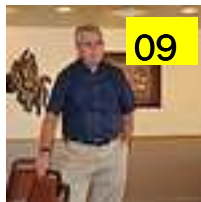
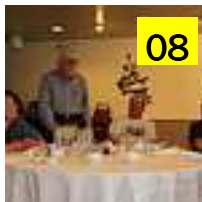
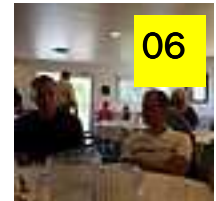






Photo depicting our oldest alumni member, **Ed Gardiner**, and our newest active duty member, **A1C Brian Ebling**. Ed enlisted in the Air Force in Nov 1948 after prior enlisting and serving in the New York State National Guard for four years. He retired from the Air Force on 01 Sep 1970. Brian enlisted in Auburn, PA in Nov 2010 and arrived at Det 45 in Jul 2011 after completion of 9S technical training at Goodfellow AFB.

## Breakfast Attendee Names by Photograph Number

Reading from the left to the right:

- 01 - Maj Barry Croker (Det45/CC) & A1C Brian Ebling
- 01A - Ed McKenna & Cyndie Behrens
- 02 - TSgt Stephen Schermerhorn, Lt Col Robert McLaughlin (Det 46/CC), & SSgt Aaron Smith
- 03 - SSgt Aaron Smith
- 04 - TSgt Stephen Schermerhorn & Lt Col Robert McLaughlin
- 05 - Jack Smith
- 06 - SSgt Aaron Smith & Maj Barry Croker
- 07 - Maj Barry Croker & A1C Brian Ebling
- 08 - Ed Gardiner
- 09 - Jerre Jung
- 10 - Jack Smith in foreground of group photo
- 11 - TSgt Stephen Schermerhorn & Lt Col Robert McLaughlin
- 12 - Cyndie & Ken Behrens
- 13 - Ed McKenna
- 14 - Pat Burke & Earl Pierce in foreground of group photo
- 15 - A1C Brian Ebling
- 16 - Ed Gardiner & son James
- 17 - Mike Farrell (New alumni member as of this meeting)
- 18 - Glen Feakes
- 19 - Cyndie & Ken Behrens
- 20 - Earl Pierce
- 21 - Earl Pierce, Lonnie Gibbons, & Bill Rogers
- 22 - Ken Behrens & Bill Schmied
- 23 - MSgt Steve Clark, Lt Col Robert McLaughlin, Ed McKenna in background & Maj Barry Croker
- 24 - Al Doughty, Ed McKenna, Bryce Dunn, & Cyndie Behrens
- 25 - Ed Gardiner & A1C Brian Ebling
- 26 - Jack Smith with a bum leg.

## A Brief Discription of the Toilet Bowl Competition held by HQ LRD active duty during an event on Friday September 23rd 2011

Being held at the Viera Complex.

At 0830 opening comments from Col Prupas, safety brief, and first pitch. First game will start around 0845.

### HISTORY:

The Toilet Bowl started out at the Technical Operations Division (AFTAC Lab, Logistics, & Operations) at McClellan AFB, CA (closed late 90s). It was an annual softball tourney that pitted all the different Directorates against each other for the coveted Toilet Bowl (a mobile commode). It was a one day event that included food, fun, family, and furious competition.

Two years ago, a call went out to revive this AFTAC tradition. It was decided to have it the Fall of 2009. Inclement weather prevented the Softball tourney from taking place. Instead the function was held at the outback with plenty of food, beverages, and some other games/activities for everyone to partake.

Last year the event was held at the Viera Recreational Complex at 2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way. The day was hot, Col Jenkins was in pink and threw out the opening pitch, and there was plenty of food and beverages for all. The softball lasted for many hours and the final games pitted CC/XP against LS. There were rule interpretations that led to frustrations, but in the end it was decided that LS had won.



## November 2011 Dinner/Social



**The Saber Team Enters**



**Lt Col Robert and Andy McLaughlin**



**Major Barry & Jessica Croker**



**SSgt Eric Long and SSgt (Sel) Sarah Long**



**Larry & Mary Johnston**





**Jack & Helen Smith**



**Tom & Barbara Ware**



**A1C Nathan & Cindy Hoag**



**A1C Jon & Allison Zweiacher**



**MSgt (Ret) Bryce & Sue Dunn**



**Ken & Cyndie Behrens**

**The Saber Team consisted of active duty members from Detachments 45 & 46 and the 566 IS. — There are many more additional photographs available. Should you like to have a CD-ROM or DVD of all of them, contact the ECHOES Editor.**



## November 2011 Dinner/Social



**Views of some of the participants**



Alumni of the Year 2011, Dale Klug, CA Chapter, will be recognized and honored at the LRDAAs SnowBall Social on 4 Feb and the AFTAC Annual Awards Banquet on 9 Feb at Patrick AFB.





**MSgt Steven Clark, Det 45 Superintendent**

The above picture shows Steve at center stage during his retirement ceremony in December on Buckley AFB. Steve joined our AFTAC alumni chapter shortly after his arrival at the detachment in 2009 and has been a focal point for coordinating our joint activities with the detachment. He has a background in AFTAC like most of us long time members, getting his "99" training at Lowry in 1989 then being assigned to HQ AFTAC where he served in both the seismic and EMP areas. After several years in Florida he was assigned to Det 46 at Schriever AFB followed by an assignment to Det 421, Alice Springs, as the seismic maintenance tech. His last assignment prior to arriving here was at Goodfellow AFB where he was a "9S" instructor supervisor. Does any of this sound familiar? Contrary to what the above picture of Steve sitting in a graciously overstuffed leather easy chair might imply, he is already employed as a civilian working behind the fence on Buckley. We now congratulate Steve upon his retirement and look forward to seeing him and his wife, Miriam, as true "AFTAC Alumni" at all our gatherings. (Note: While most of us can only bring grandchildren to some of these events, they will bring their young children.)

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

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