

ECHOES

Past — Present —
and Future

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Special points of interest:

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

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General Membership Breakfast 15 Sep 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 coafrmtkt@aol.com on or before **07 Sep 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 September 15th, 2012

0830 Hours

Aurora Hills

Golf Course Club House

"Summer picnic with the detachments is pending. We will advise local area members of the date and place by separate email/telephone call when available."

Colorado Hosted 2013 World Wide Reunion Information is on Page 7.

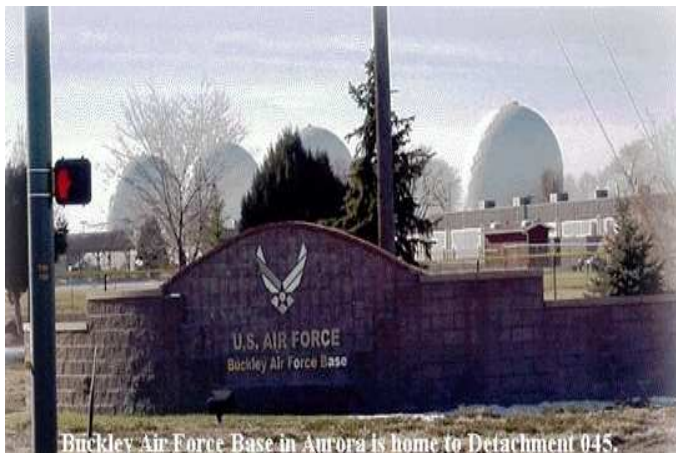
Dinner/Social November 10th 2012
Details to follow in the next issue of the ECHOES.



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.**

"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

Least We Forget

ISKE, Margaret (Marge) Ann, passed away Jan. 29, 2012. She worked for McClellan Air Force Base until her retirement in 1998.

Colonel Bruce Hanson Wheeler, USAF (Ret), a resident of Albuquerque since 1972, passed away February 3, 2012.

Jon Kempe passed away on his 74th birthday February 8, 2012. He resided in Lincoln CA with his wife of 50 years, Theresa. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1955 and proudly served his country for 24 years traveling to remote corners of the world.

Gerald D. Reinders, 76, of Victoria, Va., formerly of Riverton, Ill., died Saturday, February 11, 2012. Gerry was a part of AFTAC's Air Police/Security Police force in the U.S. Air Force from 1953 to 1962.

Jerome Scheller. Jerry was the Admin Sergeant in the Technical Director's office in the mid 1970s.

SISSON, Gilbert W (Gil) CMSgt, USAF, Retired. Passed on Feb. 12, 2012. Gil was assigned to the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron in the 1960s and early 70s. He worked in "U" systems maintenance then transferred to "F" system.

KEMPE, Jon T, MSgt, USAF, Retired. He passed away on his 74th birthday February 8, 2012. He worked at 1156th and in various directorates at Hq AFTAC in the 60s & 70s. He retired May 1979.

Raymond W Roedder, Passed on March 23, 2012. Ray worked in the basement at HQ/VA.

GAILEY Carl W., 77, of Satellite Beach, died Thursday, March 29, 2012.

Bertha "Bert" Kane passed away July 12, 2012, at her home at the age of 89. She was married to her husband of 64 years, Ron Kane.

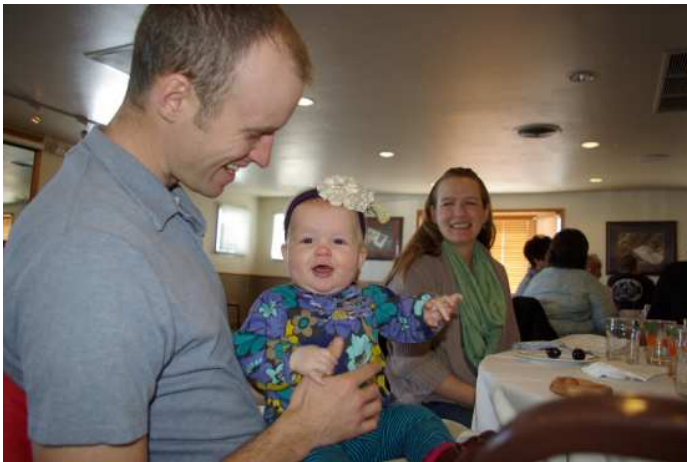
February 2012 Breakfast



Eva Joy Croker ("6 Month's Old")



Det 45 Commander Major Barry Croker & Eva



Major Croker, Eva & wife Jessica



CW from top left: Cindy & SrA Nathan Hoag, Alumni Darrel Kline (recently retired and a previous Detachment 45 Superintendent), Major Croker, Eva & Jessica Croker



CW from bottom: Cyndie & Ken Behrens, Jerre Jung, Pat Burke, Mox the Fox, & Ed Gardiner



Group tables with alumni, active duty, and spouses



Jack Smith & Detachment 46 Superintendent, MSgt Jason Pierce, presenting alumni gift certificate to the Detachment 46 Airman of the Year 2011, SrA Daniel Klein



MSgt Pierce presenting alumni gift certificate to the Detachment 46 NCO of the Year 2011, SSgt Steven Bazzell



Detachment 45 Airman of the Year 2011, SrA Nathan Hoag, Major Croker, Jack Smith



Major Croker presenting alumni gift certificate to SrA Hoag



Detachment 45 NCO of the Year 2011, SSgt William Thompson, Major Croker, Jack Smith



Major Croker presenting alumni gift certificate to SSgt Thompson



Ed Gardiner congratulating SrA Hoag



Chuck Toner congratulating SrA Hoag



Jack Smith congratulating our Junior Moderator, Justin Pierce, for his outstanding speaking performance (Note his resemblance to MSgt Pierce)



L to R: Brigitte Bazzell with daughters Emma & Abigail, SSgt Bazzell, SrA Klein & wife Iris



Marianne & Earl Pierce



Group tables with alumni, active duty, & spouses



Foreground table CW from top left: Ron Zoratti, Chuck Toner, RT Bennett, Sue Bennett, Ginny Gibbons, Marianne Pierce

A Poem Worth Reading

He was getting old and
paunchy
And his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion,
Telling stories of the past.

Of a time that he had served
And the deeds that he had
done,
In his exploits with his buddies;
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his
neighbors
His tales became a joke,
All his buddies listened quietly
For they knew where of he
spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no
longer,
For ol' Bob has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer
For a Veteran died today.

He won't be mourned by many,
Just his children and his wife.
For he lived an ordinary,
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a fam-
ily,
Going quietly on his way;
And the world won't note his
passing,
'Tho a Veteran died today.

When politicians leave this
earth,
Their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their
passing,
And proclaim that they were
great.

Papers tell of their life stories
From the time that they were
young
But the passing of a Veteran
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution
To the welfare of our land,
Some jerk who breaks his prom-
ise
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow
Who in times of war and peace
Goes off to serve his country
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend
And the style in which he lives,
Are often disproportionate,
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Veteran
Who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal
And perhaps a pension, small.

It's so easy to forget them,
For it is so many times
That our Bobs and Jims and
Johnny's,
Went to serve, but we know,

It is not the politicians
With their compromise and
ploys,
Who won for us the freedom
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in dan-
ger,
With your enemies at hand,
Would you really want some cop-
out,
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a VETERAN
His home, his country, his kin,
Just a common Man,
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Veteran,
And his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind
us
We may need his like again.

For when countries are in con-
flict,
We find the Veterans part
Is to clean up all the troubles
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor
While he's here to hear the
praise,
Then at least let's give him hom-
age
At the ending of his days.

Author Unknown

Perhaps just a simple headline
In the paper that might say:
"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURN-
ING, A VETERAN Passed away
to-day

"The United States' veteran is
someone who, at one point in his
life, wrote a blank check made
payable to 'The United States' for
an amount 'up to and including
my life."

That is
and
way too
ple in
try who
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Honor,
there are
many peo-
ple in this coun-
try who no longer
stand it.

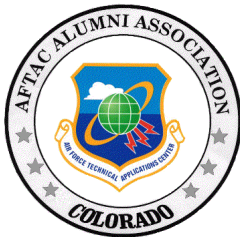
June 2013 Worldwide AFTAC-Long Range Detection Alumni Association Reunion

The AFTAC Alumni of Colorado will host the 2013 Worldwide AFTAC-Long Range Detection Alumni Association Reunion at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Denver-Aurora, which is located at the southwest corner of I-225 and Iliff Avenue in Aurora. (The actual address is: 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014.) The reunion reception will be held on Friday evening, 14 June, Flag Day, and the reunion banquet will be Saturday evening, 15 June. Other possibilities include a golf tournament on Friday and a tour of Detachment 45 at Buckley AFB on Saturday. Also being planned is a Detachment 418 alumni reunion event possibly on Thursday, 13 June, in conjunction with the worldwide reunion on Friday and Saturday. The DoubleTree Hotel is providing a special \$89 plus tax reunion room rate for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, standard king (one king bed) or standard double (two double beds), single or double occupancy. This rate includes a complimentary full breakfast buffet and also applies for three nights before and after on a space available basis. The DoubleTree Hotel will also be providing a special reunion web site for alumni to make reservations and provide additional information about the hotel and local area. A link to this special reunion web site, additional reunion information and registration forms will be publicized as they become available.

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West Coast Chap-
ter:<http://www.aftacwcc.org>
Official AFTAC Web Site:
www.afisr.af.mil/units/aftac.asp



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P.O. Box 254892
Patrick AFB, Florida 32925-0892

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

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

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

DUES ARE \$5.00 PER 12 MONTH PERIOD PAYABLE DURING THE EXPIRATION MONTH. (PLEASE check your dues expiration date below.)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Bill Schmied".
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