

ECHOES

Past — Present —
and Future

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General Membership Breakfast 02 Feb 2013

08:30 cost \$12.00 — Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee. Please **RSVP** to Earl Pierce 303-343-4665 or email emxanadu@comcast.net on or before **27 Jan 2013**. 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 02 February 2013

0830 Hours

Aurora Hills

Golf Course Club House



***** NOTE *****

At the General Membership meeting on 02 February 2013 we will honor the Detachment 45 & 46 Airman and NCO of Year award winners and elect a new president of our Colorado alumni chapter.

AFTAC Alumni - Long Range Detection Alumni Association Worldwide Reunion, 14 & 15 June 2013, Aurora, Colorado, DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton Denver-Aurora. See details on pages 6,7,&8, or at the Colorado web site: www.aftacco.org

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.



Morris Dickson Otto, 92, passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2012. He was born January 25, 1920 in Navasota, TX. After 53 years of service,

Edgar Joseph Edwards, age 82, US Air Force Retired, of Gilbertsville, KY, died Friday, December 21, 2012, at his residence in Gilbertsville, KY.

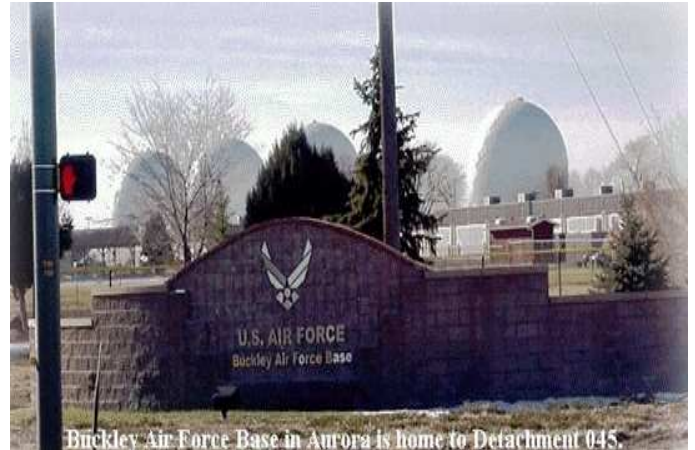
Ronald Anthony DeStasio, age 74, passed away on December 29 2012. Ron was assigned to the 1155th from 1967 to 1970 and then to Det 422 "I" system chief from 1970 to 1973.

Paul J. Chesnut, 70, of Burkburnette, Texas died on Monday, July 23, 2012. Paul was a long time member of the Colorado alumni association. As Bill Schmied recalled, he had some medical issues (MS) at that time and one day while walking from the schoolhouse (B-359) across the parking lot to the headquarters building (B-349), he suffered a heart attack and was rushed to Fitzsimons where he had heart surgery. If my memory is correct, not too long after that he got a medical retirement from the AF. Except for an occasional note with his dues check or email, we did not have much contact with him after he moved to Texas.

Robert Bell - Passed on 12/31/2012. Bob was an Airborne Special Equipment Operator (SEO) before the SEO's began to number themselves and was with AFTAC for more than 4 years having been stationed at McClellan AFB (1155th), Eielson AFB (Det 202) and Beale AFB (9th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing - SAC)

Mrs. P.J. O'Brien Team AFTAC, loving wife of our Chief Scientist, Dr. David O'Brien, and mother of Chris O'Brien from our LS Directorate, passed on Sunday, 6 January 2013.

James Neil, 79, Castle Pines, Colorado, passed away January 11, 2013. Ed Gardiner , a "99" tech, remembers Jim, a "732" personnel tech, when they were both assigned to AF-TAC headquarters in the early 1960s. Jim was subsequently assigned to Easter Island and then to Det 57 at Lowry where Lonnie, also a "732" tech, was assigned. Jim retired from the AF and remained here in the Denver metro area until his passing.



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

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American Red Cross	303-343-1294
Base Exchange	720-847-9628
Casualty Assistance	720-847-6123
Chapel	720-847-6411
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Legal Office	720-847-6144
Operator	720-847-9011
Outdoor Recreation	720-847-6101
Pharmacy	720-847-7455
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Senior Moment



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AFTAC Airman wins Air Staff-level award

by Susan A. Romano

AFTAC Public Affairs

1/3/2013 - PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) –

An Airman assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center here was selected as the Air Force's Outstanding Scientific Applications Specialist-Technician of the Year Award for 2012.



Senior Airman Jacob Caron, a systems control shift leader at AFTAC, learned of his selection when he opened his email to find the official announcement, along with multiple congratulatory messages from friends and co-workers.

Senior Airman Jacob Caron, a systems control shift leader for the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla., briefs a group of technicians about seismic monitoring techniques he center uses to monitor nuclear treaties. Caron was selected as the U.S. Air Force's Outstanding Scientific Applications Specialist- Technician of the Year for 2012. The program's objective is to award an individual for outstanding contributions to the technical applications specialist career field. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan A. Romano)

The program's objective is to award an individual for outstanding contributions to the technical applications specialist career field. Airmen in this position are responsible for performing data collection, experimentation, observation and maintenance on specialized equipment such as geophysical, nuclear radiation and electro-optical platforms to process and analyze scientific data.

According to his award submission, Caron prepared 40 status of command briefings that were given to senior leaders and key decision makers. He traveled to Alaska to fortify a seismic array sensor system that spanned 870 square miles. He also prepared and conducted five distinguished visitor briefings, including one for the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during his tour of the AFTAC Operations Center. The sergeant major was so impressed with Caron's in-depth and informative overview that he presented the Airman with his coin.

"We are extremely proud of Senior Airman Caron and his accomplishments," said Staff Sgt. Jack Cornelis, Caron's supervisor. "He accomplished so much in 2012, including his role as lead trainer where he qualified four Airmen and one NCO on more than 175 critical tasks. Thanks to his hard work as a dedicated trainer, the center was able to overcome a 25 percent shortfall in manpower. He definitely deserved this recognition."

Caron, a Bellevue, Neb., native who joined AFTAC in October 2009, credits Cornelis' guidance and mentorship for his continued success.

"As much of an honor it is to be selected for this prestigious award," said Caron, "I really can't take all the credit. I work with some really great people who are dedicated to our mission and who come in to work with great attitudes and a willingness to get the job done. I want to especially thank Sergeant Cornelis for having faith in me and giving me the tools I need to execute AFTAC's treaty monitoring mission.

The Air Staff message stated, "...the caliber of nominees was extremely high and the competition was keen in all categories. Congratulations to all winners for their outstanding accomplishments during fiscal year 2012!" Caron is now authorized to wear the Air Force Recognition Ribbon on his uniform.



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AFTAC Airman collars 'Excellence in Warfighting' award

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs **PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** – An Airman assigned to the Air Force Technical Applications Center here earned the title as a “Gen. John P. Jumper Excellence in Warfighting” award winner for 2012.



Senior Airman Glenn Brown, an enterprise information services technician with AFTAC, was selected as the Air Force’s Information Dominance Outstanding Knowledge Operations Management Airman of the Year. Lt. Gen. Michael Basla, Chief Information Dominance and Management Officer for the Air Force, made the announcement Jan. 5. There were a total of 587 nominees competing for the Jumper Awards in Excellence in various categories

“It was quite a surprise to learn of my selection,” said Brown. “I knew something must have been happening when all of a sudden my cubicle was overrun with officers and senior NCOs Monday morning! I’m really proud that I was selected and it makes me realize I work with great people who have faith in my abilities.” “Senior Airman Brown definitely earned this award,” said Senior Master Sergeant Robb Musselman, Brown’s branch chief. His accomplishments this year alone are many, from designing custom recognition libraries to authoring logistics databases to earning his Community College of the Air Force degree with a 4.0 grade point average; he’s really done it all. He is a warrior at heart, and his recent deployment to Afghanistan was a testament to his service before self. His work in the war zone and here at AFTAC is what propelled him to his selection as KOM Airman of the Year. I can’t congratulate him enough.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: *The Air Force Technical Applications Center located at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., provides national authorities quality technical measurements to monitor nuclear treaty compliance and develops advanced proliferation monitoring technologies to preserve our nation’s security*



OVERVIEW

AFTAC – Long Range Detection Alumni Worldwide Reunion
13 – 16 June 2013
Aurora, Colorado



Yes, reunion time again: It's time once again to get together with old friends, make new friends, and see what everyone has been up to in recent times. As you know, the alumni chapters have been holding worldwide reunions every two years, alternating from Florida to California to Colorado. Having held highly successful reunions in Florida in 2007 and again in California in 2009, it's now time to come to Colorado in 2013 and we are ready to start taking reservations. Included with this issue of the newsletter is this overview, hotel information, and registration form.

What we need from you: mark your calendars now for 13 – 16 June 2013, register early by completing the reunion registration form and returning it along with your check, reserve your hotel room by calling the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver-Aurora, or by going to the hotel website (see the hotel information sheet for details). And, please pass the word along to other alumni who might not be members of any of the alumni chapters. Membership in an alumni chapter is not required to attend the reunion. Early registration will allow better planning by the reunion committee and some planned activities are tentative depending on the responses we get on the registration forms. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members listed at the bottom of this page.

Hospitality Room: We will have a hospitality room in the DoubleTree Hotel open daily beginning Thursday afternoon, 13 June. This is where you sign in and pick up your welcome package if not available in the hotel lobby. Look for the alumni welcome table in the hotel lobby and for information on the electronic sign board as to the hospitality room location. Name tags will be provided in the welcome package so please list names on the registration form as you want them to appear on the tags.

Det 418 Mini-Reunion Thursday afternoon/evening, 13 June: There will be a mini-reunion for Det 418 alumni in conjunction with the main reunion. People attending this mini-reunion must return the registration form the same as those attending the main reunion. Additional information on this event is being provided by Frank Calenda. See bottom of page for contact information.

Golf Outing, Friday morning, 14 June: signing up for it, and if held will be at the blocks from the DoubleTree hotel. It will be available from the hotel. Cost is listed at the actual cost is less or the event is cancelled due to lack of interest. **NOTE:** the golf course are very limited.



This is a tentative item depending on the number of people signing up. Heather Ridge Country Club, now a public course, just a few blocks from the DoubleTree hotel. It will be arranged by Lonnie Gibbons with shuttle bus transportation \$40 each on the registration form and refunds will be made if cancelled due to lack of interest. Please note that rental clubs at the golf course are very limited. ***Golf cost includes 18 holes "with golf cart."***

Wings Over the Rockies Museum, Friday morning/afternoon, 14 June: This is also a tentative item depending on the number of people signing up for it. The museum is located in one of the large hangars on the former Lowry AFB just a few blocks from the former Det 57 and SPINSTRAS schoolhouse, Bldgs 358 & 359. We will attempt to arrange hotel shuttle bus transportation but this is subject to availability. Museum admission cost is \$9.00 for seniors (65+), veterans, and active duty to be paid at the museum. www.wingsmuseum.com

Det 45 Operations Tour, Buckley AFB, Saturday morning, 15 June: The detachment will provide tour escorts and a show and tell of their satellite operations area. This is inside a restricted area, so additional personal information will be required to obtain visitor clearance. Transportation will be provided from the hotel for those who need it.

Reception Icebreaker, Friday evening, 14 June: DoubleTree Hotel, AFTAC Ballroom, informal mixer with mixed hors d'oeuvres buffet, including Teriyaki beef and pulled pork skewers, and cash bar. Dress is casual.

Reunion Banquet, Saturday evening, 15 June: DoubleTree Hotel, AFTAC Ballroom, social with cash bar followed by sit-down dinner with choice of Prime Rib, French Cut Chicken Florentine, or Atlantic Salmon entrees. Guest speaker to be announced.

Breakfast Buffet, Sunday morning, 16 June: DoubleTree Hotel restaurant off the lobby, hotel guests attending the reunion eat free, bid farewells.

REUNION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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Det 418 Mini-Reunion Only: Frank Calenda (321-773-2046) fcalenda@aol.com

REGISTRATION FORM
AFTAC - LONG RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WORLDWIDE REUNION 13 - 16 JUNE 2013
(Including Det 418 Mini-Reunion)
AURORA, COLORADO

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT NLT 15 APRIL 2013

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF ALUMNI / ATTENDEE _____

NAME OF SPOUSE / GUEST _____

STREET ADDRESS / P.O. BOX _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS INCLUDING AREA CODE _____

REGISTRATION FEE WW REUNION (REQUIRED FOR EACH ATTENDEE) -----@ \$10.00 PER PERSON ---- X ____ = \$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE DET 418 ALUMNI ONLY MINI-REUNION, THURSDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING, 13 JUNE,

DOUBLETREE HOSPITALITY ROOM (REQUIRED FOR EACH ATTENDEE) ----- @ \$ 5.00 PER PERSON ---- X ____ = \$ _____

GOLF OUTING FRIDAY MORNING, 14 JUNE, HEATHER RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB -----@ \$ 40.00 PER PERSON ---- X ____ = \$ _____

INDICATE NUMBER PLAYING GOLF: **MEN** _____ **WOMEN** _____

ICEBREAKER BUFFET FRIDAY EVENING, 14 JUNE, DOUBLETREE HOTEL -----@ \$ 30.00 PER PERSON ---- X ____ = \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER, SATURDAY EVENING, 15 JUNE, DOUBLETREE HOTEL -----@ \$ 40.00 PER PERSON ---- X ____ = \$ _____

-----**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**---\$ _____

BANQUET ENTRÉE SELECTION (INDICATE NUMBER FOR EACH ENTRÉE) : 10 OZ SLOW ROASTED PRIME RIB WITH AUS JUS & HORSERADISH CREAM. SERVED WITH ROSEMARY MASHED POTATOES AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES: _____

ATLANTIC KING GRILLED FILET OF SALMON. SERVED OVER ORZO WITH SUNDRIED TOMATOES, WILD MUSHROOMS AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES: _____

FRENCH CUT SAUTEED CHICKEN BREAST FLORENTINE WITH FRESH HERBS, SPINACH & ROASTED GARLIC TOPPED WITH LEMON CAPER CREAM SAUCE. SERVED WITH WILD RICE AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES: _____

NOTE: ALL ENTREES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED GREENS SALAD & SELECTION OF BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE & RANCH DRESSINGS, FRESHLY BAKED ROLLS & BUTTER. DESSERT CONSISTING OF CHOCOLATE CARAMEL CAKE WITH KAHLUA CREAM, AND COFFEE, BIGELOW HOT TEAS, ICED TEA & WATER.

WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES MUSEUM (TENTATIVE) ON THE FORMER LOWRY AFB. ADMISSION COST IS \$9.00 FOR SENIORS, VETERANS, AND ACTIVE DUTY TO BE PAID AT THE MUSEUM.

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED FROM HOTEL: (PLEASE CIRCLE) **YES or NO**

DETACHMENT 45 OPERATIONS ORIENTATION AT BUCKLEY AFB, SATURDAY MORNING, 15 JUNE. NOTE THAT THIS TOUR REQUIRES ACCESS TO A RESTRICTED AREA & ADDITIONAL PERSONAL INFORMATION WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO GRANTING ACCESS.

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____ TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED FROM HOTEL: (PLEASE CIRCLE) **YES or NO**

IMPORTANT NOTE: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO AND MAIL ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

BILL SCHMIED
 2078 KENTON ST
 AURORA, CO 80010-1310

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY - YOUR EARLY REGISTRATION IS NEEDED TO MONITOR OUR CONTRACTURAL OBLIGATIONS WITH THE HOTEL AND SECURE ADDITIONAL ROOM BLOCKS IF NEEDED FOR ATTENDEES AND PLAN FOR THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES AT THE VARIOUS FUNCTIONS. PLEASE INDICATE HERE IF YOU ARE MAKING ROOM RESERVATIONS AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL. PLEASE CIRCLE: YES NO

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Hotel Information

AFTAC – Long Range Detection Alumni Worldwide Reunion 13 - 16 June 2013 (Includes Det 418 Mini-Reunion on 13 June) Aurora, Colorado

The reunion is being held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Denver-Aurora, 13696 E. Iliff Place, Aurora, CO 80014-1319. The hotel web site is www.doubletreeedenveraurorahotel.com and the telephone number is **303-337-2800**. The toll free number is **800-445-8667**. You can make reservations using any of these three avenues. Check-In time is 3 PM. Should you arrive early, an early check-in is possible as rooms become available. The hotel has a secure room for your luggage should you arrive early. Check-out time is 12 Noon.

A special group room rate of \$89.00 (total including tax is \$99.99) per night is available for reunion attendees. The hotel has provided a block of rooms, including three ADA accessible rooms on the first floor, at this rate for the period 11 to 18 June which allows reunion attendees to check in and check out on any dates during this period. Each room has either one king size or two full size beds, and the special group rate includes single or double occupancy. Triple occupancy is an additional \$5.00 and quad is \$10.00. **Included with this special group rate is a complimentary full breakfast buffet each morning in the hotel dining room and in-room high-speed internet access (HSIA) .**

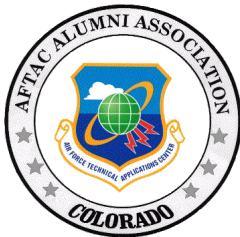
Reservations must be confirmed by 24 May to get the special rate, **or until the block of rooms is sold out**. Therefore, please make your reservations as early as possible so we can monitor our contractual obligations with the hotel and obtain additional room blocks as needed. When contacting the hotel for reservations, **be sure to request the special group rate code "TAC "** which is the special \$89.00 rate for AFTAC reunion attendees (including Det 418 mini-reunion attendees). If using the internet to make reservations, go to the hotel web site and on the home page left side enter the arrival, departure, and room information then click on the **Add Special Rate Codes** and then enter **TAC** in the **Group Code Block**, then click on **Check Availability**. This will take you to the next page which will show the three types of rooms at the special \$89.00 group rate. The complimentary breakfast and in-room HSIA are not shown as included with this rate, but these are in fact included and if making reservations by telephone, the agent can confirm this. However, please note that if you book your room using any other special rate or group code, e.g., AARP, Senior, Govt, etc., you will not get the free breakfast buffet or HSIA. Also, please note that the hotel will add a customary early departure fee if you check out of the hotel prior to your reserved check-out date unless you advise the hotel at or before check-in of any change in your planned length of stay. The hotel should also inform you of the potential charge at your time of check-in.

The hotel provides daily shuttle service to and from Denver International Airport (DIA). The pickup point is on the baggage level of the **East Terminal outside Door 511 at Island #3** at the hotel pickup signs. Call the hotel front desk at their local number 303-337-2800 to inform guest services/driver that you are at the airport and get an estimated shuttle arrival time. **Please be sure to board the white van with the large DoubleTree by Hilton Cookie on the side and marked DoubleTree Denver-Aurora.** Space is limited on the airport shuttle, so you should also schedule your departure time with the front desk for return to DIA when you check in to the hotel. The hotel also offers limited local shuttle service within a five mile radius of the hotel based upon availability. This can include the University of Colorado Medical Center on the Fitzsimons campus, the Aurora Town Center and Mall, and the RTD light rail station at Parker Road and I-225 amongst other attractions. Additional information on the shuttle service is available at the hotel front desk, and information on other hotel amenities and many local area attractions is available at the hotel and on the hotel web site.

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



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

TO: Long Range Detection Alumni Association
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TO: AFTAC Alumni Association
West Coast Chapter
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Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

**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/LRD members.

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

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