

ECHOES

Past — Present —
and Future

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Special points of interest:

- **Check** the last page for dues expiration date
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General Membership Breakfast 13 Sep 2014 09:00 cost \$12.00 — Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee. Please **RSVP** to Darrel Kline vicepres@aftacco.org or 720-439-9939 **NLT 5 Sep 2014**. 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 Breakfast 13 Sep 2014 09:00
 Aurora Hills Golf Course Club House. 50 S Peoria St, Aurora, CO 80012
Winter Dinner 15 Nov 2014 same Location 1700 Hours

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 treasurer@aftacco.org. Please make checks payable to **Bill Schmied**.



Gary Warfield (SMSgt/Ret) passed away 2/21/14 after a valiant fight against Pancreatic Cancer. Gary was a long time AFTAC member and Lifetime Alumni member. Gary spent many years in AFTAC in Logistics at Det 407, 1156TCHOS and HQ AFTAC on the IG Team and then in the LG Directorate.

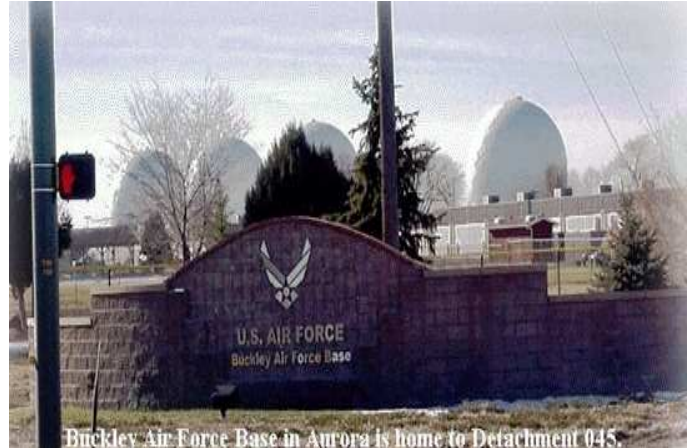
Sandage, Mary Margaret (Connor) Sandage was born December 8, 1944 in Keokuk, IA to the late Ruth Monks Connor and Eugene "Jack" Connor, and passed on March 1, 2014.

John R. Bright passed away on 3/13/14 .On 2 may 1950, he graduated "Radiological Equipment Operator Course #78000 at Keesler AFB in Mississippi. He served overseas from Nov 1, 1950 until Nov 1, 1951. He went back to McClellan AFB for work until his discharge on 9 Oct 1952. He joined the alumni some time in the 1990's and attended several conventions

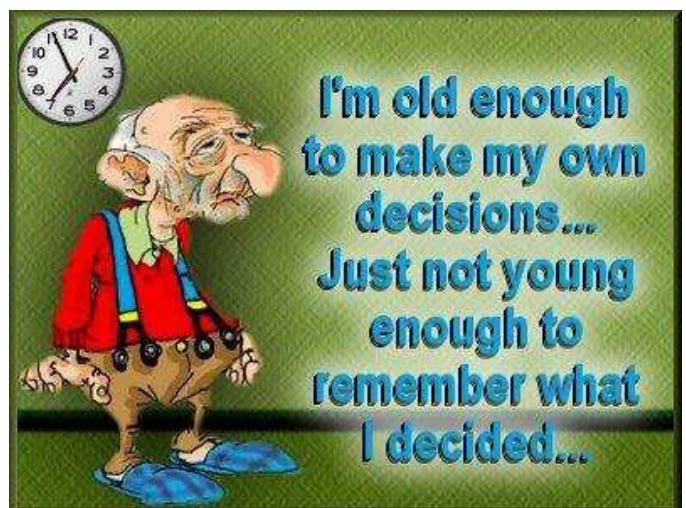
SHORT, James C., 66, of Melbourne, died Sunday, April 13, 2014.

William Norris (Pete) Wigington, was born July 9th, 1929 in Ingomar, MS, to William Roy and Nellie Mae (Hitt) Wigington and died on June 8th, 2014. He was married to Mattie Lou Monaghan Wigington on July 31, 1950. They spent almost 65 years together and had four children together each of them married. He served in the US Air Force from October 1948 until his retirement in 1969. He was assigned to the **Air Force Technical Application Center**, Long Range Detections System. He achieved the rank of SMSgt prior to his retirement in 1969.

ROBERT L MORRISON, MSgt USAF (Ret), Fair Oaks CA, passed away on June 21, 2014



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
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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



February Alumni General Meeting Breakfast



Herb and Verry Pabst



February Alumni General Meeting Breakfast (Continued)



Capt Dex Landreth and Maj Jason Miller giving detachment status updates to the alumni and receiving our gift certificates from Steve on behalf of their Detachment 45 & 46 NCO and Airman of the Year 2013



Lonnie Gibbons receiving his AF-TAC LRD Alumni of the Year 2013 placard and medal from Alumni Prez. Steve Clark



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Walk-in Service at Tricare Service Centers ended April 1, 2014

"TRICARE Communications" tricare@service.govdelivery.com January 14, 2014

Since the first TRICARE Service Center opened in the mid 1990's, we've seen a shift in how you get information. With today's technology, anything you can do at a TRICARE Service Center can be done online or over the phone. Consequently, walk-in service ends at TRICARE Service Centers in the U.S. by April 1, 2014. Because our overseas areas are unique, walk-in service at TRICARE Service Centers in all overseas areas will continue. This change does not affect any TRICARE benefits or health care services. For more detailed information and updates go to www.tricare.mil/TSC. Read the Department of Defense article www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=121473.

AFTAC Awards Banquet



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Alumni attendees looking at pictures of the history they helped make

Lou Seiler accepting the Alumni of the Year 2013 placard on behalf of Lonnie Gibbons from the AFTAC Commander, Col Chris Worley, and Superintendent, CMSgt Craig Neri

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Alumni attendees

Florida Newspaper Article

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE — About 300 people got their first and perhaps only peek inside the secretive center that monitors compliance with nuclear test-ban treaties worldwide.



The Air Force Technical Operations Center opened its new \$158 million campus at Patrick Air Force Base very recently.

The opportunity came as the Air Force Technical Applications Center opened its new \$158 million campus at Patrick Air Force Base, which replaces a 1950s building that is too close to State Road A1A, too costly to maintain and that could be a fire hazard. “It’s your one chance to see what happens inside AFTAC,” commander Col. Chris Worley told the crowd gathered under tents Tuesday for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. “If you look in front of you, that’s the before,” said Kirk Hazen, vice president of the general contractor Hensel Phelps, pointing to the old building. “Then look over here, and how can you not say ‘Wow.’” The campus has 337,000 square feet of floor space as well as a five-story 552 space parking garage, for which BRPH in Melbourne provided the architectural design and construction administration. The facility will be fitted out with \$48 million of computers, communications audiovisual equipment and furnishings.

James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, the guest speaker, told the crowd that it was fitting that the superb caliber of people who work at AFTAC would now get premier caliber facility. The headquarters building is named for the late Walter Singlevich, who was AFTAC’s chief scientist. Thera diochemistry laboratory is named for Thomas Ciambone, who served for more than 30 years with AFTAC. The construction, which started in January 2012, was complete eight months ahead of the contracted time. “It’s a great day,” said AFTAC project manager Jeff Barrows. “This is a tribute to a lot of hard work by a lot of people.

AFTAC scientists, engineers and specially trained technicians process feeds from hundreds of seismic sensors located in about 50 countries on all continents, hydrophones in all of the oceans and sensors on satellite constellations that monitor the atmosphere and space for nuclear detonations. It also has 14 manned locations and detachments, some of them remote.

New AFTAC Building opens at Patrick AFB

by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor



Joan Singlevich (seated) and Terry Ciambrone (holding scissors) cut the symbolic ribbon March 11, 2014, officially marking the opening of the Walter Singlevich Headquarters Building and the Ciambrone Radiochemistry Laboratory, both part of the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan A. Romano)

BREAKING NEWS: The Florida Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association is moving forward with planning the next **AFTAC Worldwide Reunion in 2015. We selected a venue and dates! The DoubleTree Hotel Oceanfront in Cocoa Beach will host our WWR 2015, 29-31 May 2015.** We are currently working on the particulars for the activities such as Golfing, Ice Breaker, AFTAC Briefing, Cape Tour, Banquet, and "morning after" breakfast. More details to come as they develop. **Please check the Florida Chapter AFTAC Alumni Assn website,** for all current information regarding the WWR 2015. So save the dates ... once the hotel contract is signed we'll let you know about specific hotel reservations. Hope to see every one at the reunion. **See latest reunion update on page 9 of this newsletter.**

Det 45 & Det 46 Spring 2014 Picnic including the Alumni



LET US DISCUSS THE 2015 WORLD-WIDE REUNION

Provided by Deborah Carson, WWR 2015 Chairperson.

The next Air Force Technical Applications Center's World Wide Alumni Reunion is scheduled for 29, 30, and 31 May 2015 (WWR 2015). The Florida Alumni Chapter has a dedicated team of members making sure all the details are coming together. So far, we selected and contracted with the DoubleTree by Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront, 2080 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931. The phone number is (321) 783-9222. When you contact the hotel to make your reservations please ask for AFTAC Alumni Reunion, Group Code AFT. This will ensure you are given the group rate of \$103.00 (plus applicable taxes) per night for a standard double room. Direct web hotel reservations can be made at http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/M/MLBASDT-AFT-20150529/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

The various committees are currently negotiating several activities to keep our guests entertained while enjoying each other's company. On Friday, there will be early reunion registration for our guests. We are planning a private narrated tour of the Cape Canaveral AFS and the Air Force Museum. You will get to see the launch operations center and maybe even a rocket on the launch pad. In addition, those who want to can enjoy a round of golf on one of our beautiful area golf courses. Anyone interested in doing other activities may contact Mr. Andy Anderson (see below) for gambling cruises, off shore fishing, or discount theme park tickets. Later, we can all enjoy a spectacular ice breaker with lots of good food and drink. If that's not enough entertainment for you in one day, the Hospitality Room will be open for most of the afternoon and after the ice breaker for more camaraderie. Our Hospitality Room is located on the 2nd floor of the hotel in the Oceanview King Suite and adjoining room.

Saturday starts you off with an AFTAC Briefing in the new building auditorium. One of our alumni members has graciously offered to provide aerial tours of Patrick AFB, the new AFTAC building, and possibly the Cape if no launches. There is a slight fee to cover his costs but what a deal. How exciting to be one of the few who can view the base and new building for above. We carved out some time for those beach goers to enjoy our fabulous beaches and soak up some of this Florida sun.

Saturday night is your time to dress up, enjoy more camaraderie, and appreciate a marvelous dinner at the DoubleTree. Our banquet will feature Chef specials not available on the menu. Special entertainment is planned to end the evening. Again, the Hospitality room will be open before and after the banquet. The hotel catering staff has graciously offered discount coupons for their buffet breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. Sunday morning we plan to set aside a small room off the dining room for our use. There is no set time to meet, at your leisure join whoever is there.

So **SAVE THE DATEs**. Plan to join us to reunite with friends and family. **Come Thursday so you can enjoy the tour on Friday.** See you there.

**The reunion registration web page will be coming soon! Keep checking the FL Alumni Chapter web site.*

Remember These ??

(Answers bottom next page.)



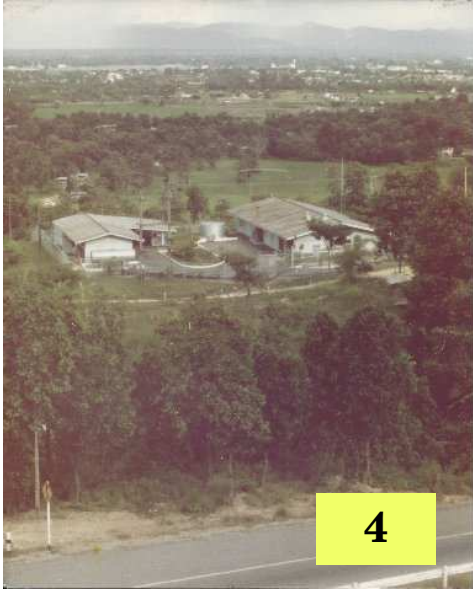
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The very FIRST Senior Moment



1—"Det 515 troops marching on way to formal retreat ceremony on the occasion of former President Eisenhower's death March 1969." Also, at some point not too long after that, the unit designation was changed to Det 372 2— Det 515 Ops Bldg (1969). 3— Det 515 Ops Bldg (1969) . 4— Det 415. 5— Det 428.

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tion:<http://sites.google.com/site/irdalumniassnneedtoknownow>
West Coast Chap-
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
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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Or Address Change**

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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.)

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