

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.

History Lesson

“The history of failure in war can be summed up in two words: **Too Late**. Too late in comprehending the deadly purpose of a potential enemy; too late in realizing the mortal danger; too late in preparedness; too late in uniting all possible forces for resistance; too late in standing with one’s friends.”

General Douglas MacArthur



Special points of interest:

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

General Membership Breakfast 17 Sep 2016 09:00 cost \$12.00—
— Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee. Please **RSVP** to Darrel Kline vicepres@aftacco.org Bill Schmied at treasurer@aftacco.org or home phone 303-367-0625. **NLT 10 Sep 2016**. We will collect your money at the breakfast. **"NOTE: Hold off on your RSVPs until we send out a reminder email in late August to make your RSVP for the breakfast and update any other info."**

Retiree personnel service available 24/7



The Total Force Service Center can deliver personnel services to the retiree family via telephone any time and from any location. To reach a Total Force Service Center agent, call 800-525-0102 and select the menu option for retired military with personnel inquiries. **Note: Expect a long menu of options to select, but you will get some useful information.**

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Announcements

Saturday 30 Jul is a tentative date for the Buckley picnic. More info forthcoming.

DET SUMMER PICNIC 30 YR ANNIVERSARY



Please join us for our annual picnic to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of DET 46. There will be a picnic and kids fishing derby. Main courses will be brisket, pulled pork, and seafood boil.

Camping is optional.
Call USAFA Farish for reservations @ (719) 687-9098

We are accepting donations to cover the costs of the pavilion, main courses, and fishing derby prizes.

WHEN: Friday July 1, 2016 @ Noon

**WHERE: Farish Recreation Area
312 Forest Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80921**

**RSVP: SSgt Jonathan Bahr 719-567-6363
Jonathan.bahr@us.af.mil**



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TAPS



John Riley "J.R." Johnson, Colonel, USAF, Retired, passed peacefully on Friday, Feb. 5, 2016, in Granite Bay, Calif., at the age of 93 with his son and daughter in attendance.

He graduated from Frankfort High School in 1940 and in 1942 joined the U.S. Army Air Corps as a pilot. During a mission over Holland, he was shot down and held as a

prisoner of war in Stalag Luft 1A, Barth, Germany. His memoir about this period, "Un-Armed, Un-Armored and Un-Escorted, A World War II C-47 Airborne Troop Carrier Pilot Remembers," was published in 2014.

John served in the U.S. Air Force for 30 years with assignments in Yokota, McClellan, Wright Patterson and the Pentagon. He retired from the military in 1973 as Deputy Director for Scientific and Technical Intelligence, Defense Intelligence Agency.

Robert I. Stoeckert of Rockledge, Florida, passed away in the early morning hours of February 27th, 2016. Bob served his country in the U.S. Air Force for over 26 years, from 1954 to 1981. After retiring from the Air Force, Bob worked in home improvement and then moved into property management before finally retiring.

Jack Lee Matthews, 80, of Oneida, TN passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Jack served in the US Air Force in the 822nd Air Division, 356th Tactical Fighter Squadron, the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC), and as a recruiter.

Joan Singlevich, passed away this past Tuesday March 29th at her home in Colorado.

Jerri Toner, wife of Charles Toner. passed away last evening (4 April 2016) about midnight. She had been failing over the past few weeks and last Friday she may have had a mini stroke or a seizure and was not able to eat nor drink. She passed peacefully.

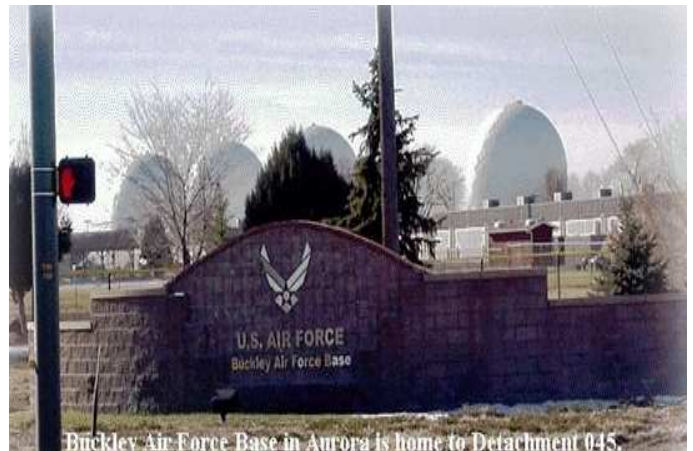
Col. Clentis "Clent" W. Bailey, USAF, passed on March 31, 2016 at the age of 84.

Laurie Kemna, wife of our WCC Treasurer John "Butch" Kemna, passed away this morning (04.11) about 4:15am.

Edith Marie Kuntz, Her support of husband Col. "Barney" Kuntz during his military service was commendable. Edith Kuntz is survived by her three children: Elaine, Steve, and Sharon Kuntz who were all near to ease her peaceful passing on Friday afternoon, April 29, 2016. She was 96 years young and would have turned 97 on May 27th.

John Davidson passed away about one AM on 17 May 2016 in hospice in Ocala, FL.

Bob Schley passed away on June 5th with a fatal heart attack.



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

February Alumni Breakfast



All the photographs can be seen at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/138903266@N06/>
(Just cut and paste to your browser)

We know there was a facility at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal in Colorado.

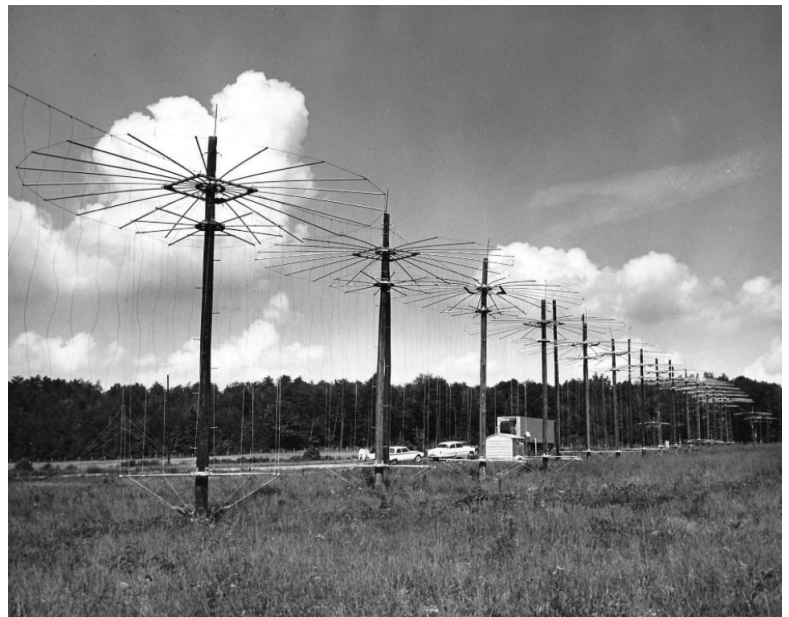
We think the photos were taken there with 50KW transmitters but are not sure

The first page of the preliminary training plan is shown. The Editor has the following three pages.



18 April 1962

This Preliminary Training Plan contains information and data for advanced planning of curriculum and for programming resources required to support Type III Training on the operation of "R" System equipment.



COURSE CHART		NUMBER ABR99125R	DATE 1 April 1964
OPR & APPROVAL DATE, ATC ATTAT-S		SUPERSEDES COURSE CHART ABR99125R	
OPR. CENTER Department of Special Instruments Training		2 January 1964	
TABLE I - COURSE DATA			
COURSE TITLE Special Electronic Technician			
ORGANIZATION Lowry Technical Training Center			
LOCATION OF COURSE Lowry AFB, Colorado		COURSE TYPE Type III - Airman Basic ATC Resident School Course	
COURSE DURATION 41 weeks Includes 1 week commander's time and 2 weeks mid-course leave		INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS	
		Military	83
		Technical	1140
		TOTAL	1223
COURSE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION TOP SECRET		NON-ACADEMIC HOURS	
		Commander's Time	30
		Mid-Course Leave	60
		TOTAL	90
APPLICABLE TRAINING STANDARD JTS99125R, 1 April 1964 (Tentative)			
REMARKS Classes conducted in CONTROLLED ACCESS areas. Course materials include 18 weeks UNCL, 1 day TOP SECRET, and 19 weeks and 9 days SECRET Phase II Basic Military Training is conducted on added hours per day basis during first weeks of this course IAW Course Chart ABM00010-2.			
TABLE II - MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT			
<u>Systems Trainers:</u> "R" Set and Associated Equipment; Teletype; Film Processing Equipment.			
<u>Test Equipment:</u> Tektronix Oscilloscope; Tektronix Pulse Generator; Tektronix Power Supply; Tektronix Indicator.			

ATC FORM 449 SEP 63 PREVIOUS EDITIONS OBSOLETE.

Commentary for the R Technique

According to the AFTAC 50-year commemorative history book, the Backscatter Radar Technique (R) was used 1961 - 1967 and was developed to record ionospheric disturbances caused by nuclear explosions at high altitudes. In 1959 a company in Maryland was contracted to install and operate an experimental system and on 1 Sep 1961 the "R" Technique was officially added to the USAEDS when it became operational at Det 332 which was activated on 1 Dec 1960. Other sites included Det 206 at Point Barrow, AK, Det 117 at Roswell, NM, Det 170 at Ramey AFB, PR, Det 311, and Det 416 at Hilo, HI. In December 1962 AFTAC decided to change this technique to a limited one and in 1963 reduced the network to just two sites. By June 1967 this technique was officially deleted from USAEDS mission.

Can you name any of these mystery personnel?



Can you name any of them?
Let the Editor hear about it.



Pics left taken in 2012 of school house and play-ground for children. Notice all the windows.

History Photos from the late 1980's



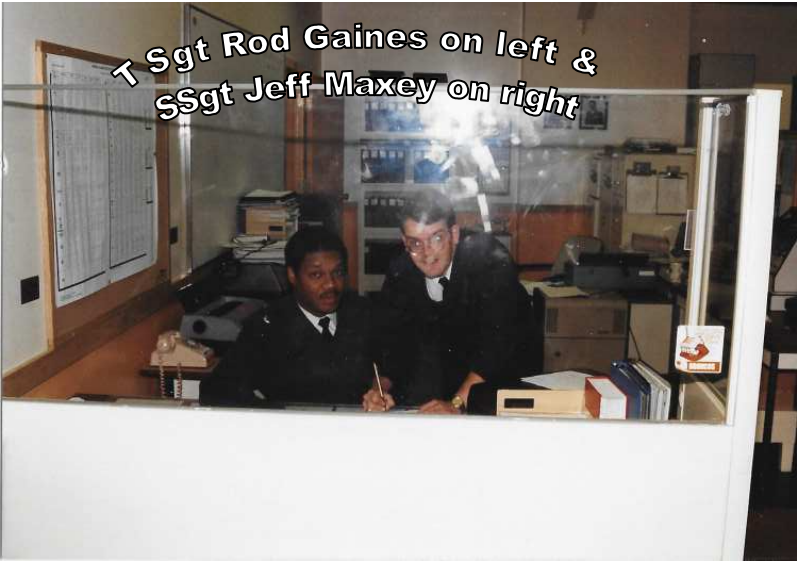
Bobbie Futrell

Jeanne Hoffee

Jeanne Hoffee replaced Bobbie Futrell who retired in 1986. These Det 057 civilians administered the AFTAC nonresident JKDC training program and coordinated AFTAC resident course entry requirements with the Lowry technical training personnel.

Rod was the Det 057 personnel tech and coordinated/processed all "99" student and permanent party AFTAC assignments while coordinating requirements with HQ AFTAC and the Lowry CBPO

Jeff was the Det 057 admin tech and accomplished all detachment administrative requirements while coordinating actions with HQ AFTAC and the Lowry administrative divisions..



↑ Sgt Rod Gaines on left & SSGT Jeff Maxey on right

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Retiree dental program helps with good health

Because the mouth is the gateway to the rest of the body, maintaining good oral health is important, say officials with the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program; however, even routine dental care can be costly, sometimes averaging several hundred dollars a year.

Currently, there are more than 1.5 million TRDP enrollees who are maintaining their overall health at an affordable cost, said TDRP officials.

Program enrollees get routine annual services including two cleanings (or three for diabetics), two exams and an X-ray with no cost share when seeing a TRDP network dentist. These services do not count toward annual maximum or deductible amounts. Each enrollee gets a \$1,300 annual maximum, a \$1,200 annual dental accident maximum and a \$1,750 lifetime orthodontic maximum.

TRDP officials said seeing a network dentist helps save people an average of 22 percent on their covered dental care, there is a large nationwide network of dentists from which to choose. To find a network dentist near you, use the "Find a Dentist" link at trdp.org.

The TRDP coordinates benefits with other dental plans, allowing people to maximize coverage under both plans.

To enroll in the TRDP, people can visit trdp.org and choose the method that works best for them. People can



(Courtesy photo)

also print an application from the TRDP website and mail it to Delta Dental along with their prepayment amount.

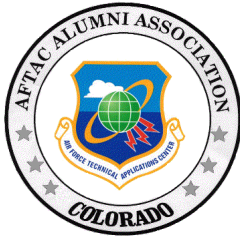
After enrolling, TRDP officials encourage people to register for the online toolkit where they can verify program eligibility; review benefits, coverage levels and remaining maximums and deductibles; check the status of processed claims and claim payments; and sign up for electronic explanation-of-benefits statements. (Courtesy of TRDP)

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West Coast Chapter:
<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

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TO: AFTAC Alumni Association
West Coast Chapter
P.O. Box 3974
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.)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Bill Schmied".
MAIL TO: Bill SCHMIED, 2078 Kenton St.,
Aurora, CO 80010.**

Membership questions may be directed to Bill Schmied at

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