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AFTAC THE COLORADO ALUMNI CHAPTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 WORLD WIDE REUNION

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.

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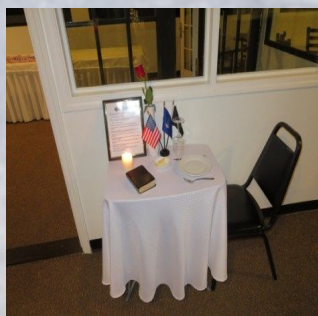
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USAF Honor Guard at Mount Rushmore



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AFTAC/LRD World Wide Reunion

2019 AFTAC Alumni Worldwide Reunion Update 15 Feb 2019

This reunion is sponsored by the Colorado AFTAC Alumni Association and is taking place at the Denver-Aurora DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton located at 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, Colorado 80014. The reunion is open to all current and former members, family members and guests of AFTAC, its predecessor organizations, subordinate units and associated units. A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of 13, 14, & 15 June 2019 at a special rate of \$119.00 (plus tax) per night and includes a full breakfast buffet (limit two per room). This special room rate is available using group code AFA and will be available until 24 May 2019 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. Additional room nights for check-in beginning on 10 June and check-out as late as 19 June may be booked at the same rate on a space available basis. Our room block consists of the standard 1-King Bed, a few of the 1-King Bed Larger Mobility Access with Tub, and some 2-Queen Bed rooms which may be booked at the AFTAC rate on a space available basis. If you have any problems booking rooms using our special rate group code AFA please call the hotel Sales Coordinator, Tina Le, at 303-337-2800 ext. 157 or Direct 303-614-0788. We very strongly recommend making reservations early so we can request increases to the room block before additional rooms become unavailable. Booking a reservation is a simple process using the AFTAC Alumni Web Page provided by the DoubleTree when available, the public DoubleTree website, or telephone:

www.doubletree3.hilton.com (Enter Group Code AFA)
or call the Denver-Aurora DoubleTree desk at 303-337-2800.

There will be a golf tournament (cost is \$40 each) on Friday morning, 14 June. Also check out www.wingsmuseum.org and www.forneymuseum.org for visits. The informal meet and greet icebreaker with Hors D'Oeuvres and cocktails (cash bar), along with briefings by local AFTAC unit personnel, is Friday evening. The formal dinner banquet and ceremony is Saturday evening, 15 June, along with special guest speakers. Our hospitality suite in the hotel will be open starting at noon on Thursday, 13 June. It will be closed during the Friday icebreaker and Saturday dinner. An informal Sunday morning farewell breakfast at the hotel may also be added if there is sufficient interest. Again, please make your room reservations early because June is a very popular time for visitors in Colorado. **NOTE:** All existing alumni reservations previously made using the Group Rate Code AFT will be updated to AFA by the hotel and the assigned reservation confirmation numbers remain the same. Please go to the www.aftacaa.us website for current reunion updates and registration form. If you have any questions or need more info, send an email to: President@aftacco.org and Treasurer@aftacco.org

A registration form is within this newsletter. Please send your registration and check in as soon as possible, but no later than 15 April 2019.

So far the following have signed up:

Ashby+1, Bagby, Balentine+1, Behrens+1, Borgmeyer, Burke, Burmeister, Campbell+1, Cronin+1, Deabenderer+1, Doughty, Dunn+1, Elliott+1, Gardiner, Gibbons+1, Gilbert+2, Gindlesperger+1, Hursey+1, Johnson+1, Kimbrough+1, Kridle+1, Lemois, Lindsay+1, Marola+1, Massey+1, McCarty, Messenbrink, Miller, Nye+1, O'Connor, Pfeifer+1, Phillips, Pierce+1, Pierce+1, Riley+1, Schmied+1, Staggs, Staub+1, Steskal, Toner, Wien+1, Woods+1

We hope to see you here in Colorado! 🌍

AFTAC Names Lab after ‘giant’ of Nuclear Forensics

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs

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Col. Steven M. Gorski (right), commander of the Air Force Technical Applications Center, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph, AFTAC's command chief, pose next to the plaque that officially dedicates the center's research laboratory after former AFTAC senior scientist, Michael Harkins, at a ceremony at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo. Harkins' official portrait is on the right.

(U.S. Air Force photo by Susan A. Romano)

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN AIR FORCE STATION, Colo. -- The Air Force Technical Applications Center dedicated its research laboratory in Colorado after a pioneer of gas analysis techniques at a ceremony held Oct. 24, 2017.

Formerly known as Operating Location GT, the Harkins Laboratory Complex was officially named after Michael Harkins, a nuclear engineer who served as the senior scientist of AFTAC's Technical Operations Division, Gas Analysis Laboratory, from April 1975 to July 1999.

Harkins pioneered lab methods and technologies that were critical to AFTAC's global nuclear treaty monitoring mission. Over the course of his distinguished career, he developed ground-breaking approaches to gas analysis and oversaw the design of advanced lab equipment that exponentially increased the lab's analysis capabilities.

"Mr. Harkins was a giant in the field of nuclear forensics," said Jeff Moore, director of the Harkins Lab Complex. "I first met him when I was assigned to AFTAC's gas analysis laboratory in 1989. Mike was the sole civilian in the lab, and over the course of the next six years he taught me so much about gas analysis and AFTAC's reactor products program. The knowledge he shared with me and the guidance he provided became the foundation for my future, and has had a continued influence to this day."

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Mr. Jeff Moore, director of the Harkins Laboratory Complex at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo., reads remarks from Michael Harkins after the research lab was named after Harkins Oct. 24, 2017.



Members of the Harkins Laboratory Complex at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo., listen to remarks from Col. Steven M. Gorski, commander AFTAC, during the dedication ceremony that named the lab after Michael Harkins, a former AFTAC senior scientist. Harkins' official portrait is seen in the center of photo.

(U.S. Air Force photos by Susan A. Romano)

The complex operates two research lab facilities to conduct research and development in ultra-low background radiological analysis methods. The nuclear measurements facility is located deep underground in the famed Cheyenne Mountain AFS complex, also home to NORAD and U.S. Northern Command's hardened alternate command center.

AFTAC scientists capitalize on the 2,000 feet of mountainous granite that provides natural shielding from cosmic radiation, which enables lab personnel to house and operate unique lab equipment and perform low-level radiation detection research that cannot be duplicated at any other lab in the world.

Col. Steven M. Gorski, AFTAC commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph, AFTAC command chief, officiated the ceremony at Cheyenne Mountain. Harkins was unable to attend the dedication, but sent a statement to Moore to share with those in attendance.

"Words hardly seem adequate to express my deep gratitude for this honor," his letter read. "All I can do is sincerely thank all the people who made this recognition of my service possible. I am very appreciative for this honor, and by association I hope so many others realize they can share in this with me as I have never lacked for support."

After receiving Air Force approval to name the facility after Harkins, Gorski and his leadership team got the ball rolling to turn the concept into reality.

"Mike Harkins had an incredible impact on how AFTAC conducts business to this day," said Gorski. "Countries across the globe attempt to avoid or circumvent established international treaties and it's our job to capitalize on the critical capability of nuclear debris analysis. The Airmen at the Harkins lab do just that, and much of that capability is due to the foundation established by Mike Harkins. It's a testament to him that is well deserved."

Moore added, "Mike's legacy to nuclear science continues today. I was honored to work for him, and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this prestigious recognition." 🌐

Acceptance Remarks For Michael Harkins In Absentia

Read by Jeff Moore, Director

Harkins was unable to attend the dedication, but sent a statement to Moore to share with those in attendance.

“Words hardly seem adequate to express my deep gratitude for this honor. All I can do is sincerely thank Colonel Gorski, his staff, and all of the people who made this recognition of my service possible including the much appreciated efforts of Jeff Moore. Given my unavoidable absence I asked for this opportunity to acknowledge those to whom I owe so much.

I suppose I should start with the U. S. Air Force as it was their policies that allowed me to acquire the two degrees which, when combined with my initial degree, gave me the tools to accomplish the milestones for which I am being honored. Of course, my contributions would not have been possible without the mentoring I received from such pioneers as Dr. Tony Turkevich, Bob and Helen Bench, Wes Nicholson, and especially Carl Schubauer who was always so generous with his assistance. As both a fellow scientist and a valued friend Carl was always there for me as I nurtured our West Coast facility to technical maturity.

I would also like to acknowledge the many bosses I have had (much too many to name) who for the most part kept me free of administrative concerns so that I could apply my full attention to the science; and then trusted my judgement when I pressed for changes in laboratory procedures or equipment design. While they gave me the freedom to do what I thought was necessary none of our advancements would have happened without a great crew of lab personnel. And for that I must give tribute to the personnel system that provided me with some outstanding young troops and talented cross-trainees whose tireless hours produced the highest quality data which in time became the hallmark of our facility.

Some came and went in short measure while others like my dearly departed colleague Steve Ellingson had AFTAC in their blood to the very end. Even after my Air Force retirement in 1999 I had the greatest challenge of all when the TBE lab was established from scratch thanks to the dedicated work of a few handpicked lab techs under the leadership of my old lab leadership team of Mike Howard and Brian Kelly.

I think that covers just about everyone and yet there were so many more on the fringes who were invaluable to my efforts. In closing let me state once again how very appreciative I am for this honor, and by association I hope so many others realize they can share in this with me as I have never lacked for support. Thank you so much.” 🌍

Mark Your Calendars

- **24 May - Grand Encampment Museum opens (<http://gemuseum.com/>) at Encampment, Wyoming**
 - **14 - 15 June - AFTAC Alumni World Wide Reunion at the Double Tree Hotel in Aurora, CO (see page 2 of this newsletter)**
 - **26 - 28 July - Grand Encampment Museum Mountain Man Rendezvous/Living History Days**
 - **21 September - Colorado Alumni Breakfast (all are invited) at the Aurora Hills Tin Cup**
 - **16 November - Annual Fall/Veterans Day Dinner at the Meadows Hill Tin Cup**
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February Breakfast

In spite of 8 inches of new snow on the Aurora Hills Golf Course, 28 people braved the metro streets and convened at the Tin Cup for our semi-annual breakfast on 23 February for some good food and camaraderie.

In addition to our normal Chapter agenda, the Colorado Chapter presented appreciation certificates and gifts to the following:

Harkins Laboratory: TSgt Andrew Swanson, 25th Air Force Silver Award winner of the General Larson Award for 9S100

Detachment 45: Senior Airman Taylor Duncan, Airman of the Year; TSgt Ryan McLain (not present), Bronze Award winner of the General Larson Award

Detachment 46: SSGT Brian Armitage, NCO of the Year; and Senior Airman James Daniels (not present), Airman of the Year.

The Major General Doyle Larson Award program originated in 1979, the year the general assumed command of the United States Air Force Security Service, a predecessor organization of the 25th Air Force. The award is a way to recognize enlisted Airmen who are dedicated to their career fields. The top enlisted in each career field are awarded a gold, silver or bronze medal.

This year there were 13 career fields. The top awards for the 9S100 career field were:

Bronze - TSgt Ryan G. McLain, AFTAC Det 45, Colorado

Silver - TSgt Andrew M. Swanson, AFTAC OLGT/Harkins Lab, Colorado

Gold - SSGT Steven D. Adams, AFTAC Det 319

Congratulations to these outstanding enlisted members of the United State Air Force!

Photos by Susan Dunn



Attendees: Ken Behrens & Cyndie Wozniak-Behrens, Paul Detlefson, Bryce & Sue Dunn, Glen & Joncee Feakes, Lonnie & Ginny Gibbons, Larry Johnston, Jerre Jung, Bill & Rhonda Kimbrough, Susan and Ken Kurdziel, Bill Milnor, Rick Phillips, Earl & Marianne Pierce, Bill Schmied, Major Marcus Sitterly (Det 45/CC), Msgt Chad Kearney (Det 45 CCS), SrA Taylor Duncan (Det 45 AOY), Major Earnest Curiel (Det 46/CC), MSgt Collin Campbell (Det 46/CCS), SSGT Brian Armitage (Det 46 NCOOY), Mr Jeffrey Moore, (Director of Harkins Laboratory), and TSgt Andrew Swanson (Silver General Larson Award).

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L to R: Bryce Dunn, TSgt Andrew Swanson & Mr. Jeffery Moore



L to R: Bryce Dunn, SSgt Brian Armitage & Major Earnesto Curiel



L to R: Bryce Dunn, SrA Taylor Duncan, & Major Marcus Sitterly



Aurora Hills Golf Course, Saturday morning, 23 Feb



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ANDREW M. SWANSON

Technical Sergeant Andrew M. Swanson is the Noncommissioned Officer in charge of Radiometric Analysis, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Harkins Laboratory Complex, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colorado. He is one of the principal advisors to the Director and Senior Scientist regarding processes and equipment at the Harkins Laboratory Complex. He helps guide research and development for both the chemical and radiometric analysis laboratories and performs tests and processes samples for the Senior Scientist. The Harkins Laboratory Complex supports research and development for AFTAC's mission to detect nuclear weapons detonations anywhere in the world, atmosphere, or space.



Technical Sergeant Swanson hails from Santa Clarita, California, and enlisted in the Air Force in April 2006. He graduated from the Scientific Applications Specialist course at Goodfellow AFB, Texas in 2006, and graduated from the Special Equipment Maintenance course at Goodfellow AFB, Texas in 2007. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as a Technical Applications Maintenance Technician at the Cryptologic Systems Group at Lackland AFB, Texas. There he was responsible for the depot level maintenance and manufacture of equipment serving AFTAC's United States Atomic Energy Detection System which monitors foreign compliance with various treaties limiting nuclear weapons testing.

EDUCATION

2006 Scientific Applications Specialist Course, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
 2010 Airman Leadership School, Lackland AFB, Texas
 2015 Associates degree in Scientific Analysis Technology, Community College of the Air Force
 2017 Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Peterson AFB, Colorado

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Apr 2006 - Jun 2006, Trainee, Basic Military Training, 323rd Training Squadron Lackland AFB, Texas
2. Jun 2006 - Feb 2007, Student, Technical Training School, 312th Training Squadron Goodfellow AFB, Texas
3. Feb 2007 - Feb 2012, Technical Applications Systems Maintenance Technician, Cryptologic Systems Group Lackland AFB, Texas
4. Feb 2012 - Oct 2016, Laboratory Technician, Air Force Technical Applications Center Harkins Laboratory Complex, Cheyenne Mountain AFS, Colorado
5. Oct 2016 - Present, NCOIC Radiometric Analysis, Air Force Technical Applications Center Harkins Laboratory Complex, Cheyenne Mountain AFS, Colorado

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

STAFF SERGEANT BRIAN ARTHUR ARMITAGE JR

Staff Sergeant Brian A. Armitage is the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of Ground Systems, Detachment 46, 22nd Surveillance Squadron, 709th Surveillance and Analysis Group, Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC), Schriever AFB. As the NCOIC of Ground Systems, he is responsible for the maintenance and security of the 210 Million dollar Nuclear Detonation Detection System ground station.

Staff Sergeant Armitage was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts. He enlisted in the Air Force as a Scientific Applications Specialist in December 2012 and attended technical school at Goodfellow AFB, Texas. Sergeant Armitage's first duty station was Schriever AFB where he served as Sensor Engineer and Flight Chief.

EDUCATION

2014 Associates of Applied Science, Scientific Analysis Technology, Community College of the Air Force
 2017 Airman Leadership School, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

ASSIGNMENTS

July 2017 - February 2018, NCO in Charge, GEOINT Collection Management, 609 Air Operation Center, Al Udeid AB, Qatar
 July 2013 - Present, NCO in Charge, Ground Systems, Air Force Technical Applications Center, Detachment 46, Schriever AFB, CO

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
 Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Airman First Class	February 08, 2013
Senior Airman	June 05, 2015
Staff Sergeant	June 01, 2017

Photo Not Available

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1956 Airplane Crash Clouded By Unknowns

11 KILLED: Air Force craft monitored radiation of USSR bombs.

By Joseph Ditzler

Published: July 17, 2007



WASILLA -- The four-engine airplane nose-dived from 12,000 feet in the night sky and slammed into the Delta Islands, a collection of overgrown gravel bars in the Susitna. As it fell, its racing engine awakened a hunter camped nearby. Two explosions followed, then a series of smaller explosions. A small glow reddened the low clouds above the scene.

The next day, pilot Charles Tulin left Merrill Field in his Aeronca Champ with Ken Whitaker of the Anchorage *Daily News* aboard to survey the crash site. "I didn't know exactly where it was. We knew it was in the area of Willow, so we flew up the Big Su until we saw a plume of smoke about 30 miles away," Tulin recalled in June. "It was right near the confluence of two streams."

Eleven crewmen, including SEO TSgt Richard K. Brown, died that early morning Aug. 31, 1956, when the aircraft, a WB-50D,

tail number 49-315, an upgraded version of the silver, tubular B-29 Superfortress bomber, crashed for reasons not clear to this day. The plane, based at Eielson Air Force Base, belonged to the 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. The aircraft was christened the Golden Heart, a tribute to nearby Fairbanks.

The Golden Heart, like other WB-50Ds in Alaska, had two missions. One, weather reconnaissance, and another less talked about at the time: detection of radioactive debris from Soviet atomic weapons tests. AUG. 31, 1956: The Golden Heart taxied for takeoff from Eielson in darkness early Aug. 31, 1956, a Friday, for an expected 12-hour mission. Capt. Leonard Chapman Jr., a 30-year-old Dayton, Ohio, native, was at the controls. In the right seat sat the co-pilot, Maj. Dale Richardson, 44, of Wood, S.D.

At 2:04 a.m., the four Pratt & Whitney reciprocal engines roared at full throttle. The Golden Heart climbed aloft and headed south. Forty-five minutes later the crew reported reaching 12,000 feet, according to an Air Force report. The flight was "progressing normally."

At 3:02 a.m., the Golden Heart reported being over Talkeetna, same altitude, flying under instrument flight rules, meaning it was probably in the clouds. This "was the last radio transmission to be heard from the aircraft," according to the Air Force report.

At 3:08 a.m., the airplane disappeared from radar screens at the Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center. What happened to the Golden Heart has ever since defied explanation. "Approximately 90 percent of the aircraft was reduced to unrecognizable ashes, molten metal and fragments ranging in size from a few feet long to less than an inch," according to the Air Force report.

Bernie Barris, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and former weather service navigator, said he's studied this particular crash. Referring to an article on the crash in Air Weather Service Safety Magazine, he took note that even though the airplane flight deck practically disintegrated, investigators determined the electrically powered compass was not operating at the time. Without that compass, the autopilot, if engaged, would try to steer the airplane to a nonexistent heading. That, he speculated, could have rolled the airplane into a fatal spin. "Being still dark, they might not realize in time and would not be able to recover," Barris said.

The Golden Heart plummeted nose-first into three small islands, its 70,000 pounds of aviation fuel, enough for 19 hours, becoming a fireball. The impact zone measured less than 200 square feet, about the amount of space needed to park a Superfortress. "It looked to me like the wreckage of a light plane, except for the one large piece of wing or tail," wrote Ken Whitaker of the Daily News for that afternoon's newspaper.

No distress call emanated from the crew; the engines, recovered by investigators, appeared to be running normally. The Air

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Forceruled out weather, structural defects or fire onboard the aircraft prior to the crash. If the Air Force ever determined a cause, it never made the report public, nor would it have to, although anyone flying that model plane would have access to it, according to Barris. "From everything I have seen and everyone I've talked to, no determination has been made as to the cause," he said by phone.

The Golden Heart was one of six WB-50Ds involved in fatal crashes, he said. In three of them, the Golden Heart included, he said, "we just don't know. ..."

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Editor's Corner

I would like to welcome Andrew Mauldin, our new co-webmaster. He volunteered to assist Bill Harris to upgrade our web page. Bill Harris has done an outstanding job keeping our members and other interested parties informed on the Alumni in general and specifically, the Colorado Chapter activities over the past years.



About Andrew:

"I'm currently a TSgt and I've been a 9S100 and with AFTAC all of the 12 years that I've been in the Air Force. I've been stationed at HQ in Patrick (2007-2011), at the lab in Cheyenne Mountain in Colorado Springs (2011-2016), and in Alice Springs, Australia (2016-present). I'm currently the NCOIC of Maintenance out at Det 421. I'll be PCSing in August but I don't know where I'll be stationed after that yet. I'm married to a former 9S, Tamara aka 'Tam', who was stationed at HQ and at Det 46 in Colorado Springs. We have gone to a few events while I was stationed in Colorado including the 2013 reunion, a picnic on Buckley AFB, and a few dinners at the golf course. I went ahead and attached the picture of Tam and me from the reunion in case someone recognizes us".

Watch for our new web page coming to you soon – it will have the same URL.

I would also like to thank the support team, starting with my wife of 40 years (as of 1 March) for all of her support to the Alumni and myself. Thanks Sue! Also thanks to Mox for leaving the newsletter in such good shape – your shoes are hard to fill. We are still looking for a new Newsletter Editor—let us know if you are interested. Bill Schmied has been a mainstay of the organization as our Treasurer and Membership person since its beginning. Thanks to Darrel Kline, our Vice President, filling in the gaps as needed to ensure success, and Ken Behrens as our top notch publisher and membership database provider. Also thanks to Rick Phillips, always there to help out since we started cooking as a team for the group at the Lake Williams picnics using the big MWR trailer/cooker. Kudos also to my predecessor (wearing my other hat), Steve Clark, for keeping the membership and activities alive including our last WW reunion in 2013.

The original concept of the Colorado Chapter identified by its founder, Ben Vlassick, in 1987 was: "To establish a single point of contact for Colorado retired and ex-AFTAC personnel, organize willing participants, schedule occasional gatherings and distribute an annual Newsletter. " The dues were (and still are) \$5 per year – the proceeds help the organization to keep going. We have come a long way in the past 31 years, getting ready to put on our sixth worldwide reunion here in Colorado which we hope will be another successful "gathering" for Alumni, their families and friends.

We welcome any comments, stories (even Barely Substantiated ones), or updates on our AFTAC family. Please send them to us via email or snail mail (see last page of this newsletter for contact information) so that we can pass them on to others via the newsletter. Thank you all for being part of a great organization that still has an amazing mission. 🌐

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The following deceased alumni and family members have not been reported in previous *Echoes*. Additional information can be found at the Florida website (<http://aftacaa.us/>) or at the West Coast Chapter (<http://www.aftacwcc.org/index.htm>).



Name	Birth	Death	State
Anderson, Daniel S.	4/15/1944	2/9/2019	FL
Bauman, Lawrence G.	11/7/1943	1/1/2019	CO
Bennett, Edmund	7/2/1942	5/21/2018	IL
Biddle, Timothy J.		12/9/2018	FL
Bradford, Pamela J.	1/11/1960	5/25/2018	FL
Crouse, Steven E.	Jun-62	1/15/2019	VA
Davis, Clifford		3/12/2018	
Faulconer, William "Bill"	3/1/2028	2/13/2019	FL
Griffin, Richard E. "Grif"	11/17/1944	12/5/2018	CA
Hummel, Emma Jay	7/8/1946	11/7/2018	FL
Leathers, David C.	1953	1/19/2019	FL
Luedke, Roger W.		11/23/2018	CA
McCune, William "Bill" J.	5/18/1946	2/17/2019	FL
Peters, Frank	4/2/1934	11/15/2018	CA
Poulin, Olga Jean	10/21/1934	11/18/2018	FL
Price, Willis Glenn	8/26/1935	12/20/2018	GA
Ridens, Donna J.		1/28/2019	FL
Russell, Jack		10/23/2012	
Shulstad, Ray	4/24/1944	11/21/2018	FL
Welham, Michael E. "Mike"	7/31/1946	6/9/2018	FL
Willadsen, Cary	10/7/1939	1/3/2019	TX

To preserve your loved one's memory, the Wings over the Rockies museum, located at old Lowry AFB, Hanger #1 sells bricks placed under the B52 with dedication ceremonies in May and November. For more information, call 303-360-5360 or email Info@WingsMuseum.org 🌐



For the veteran, thank you for bravely doing what you're called to do so we can safely do what we're free to do

**REGISTRATION FORM
AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WORLDWIDE REUNION 13 – 16 JUNE 2019
AURORA, COLORADO**

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT NLT 15 April 2019 – SEE BELOW NOTE

(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) -----@ \$15.00 PER PERSON – X _____ = \$ _____

GOLF OUTING FRIDAY MORNING, 14 JUNE, HEATHER RIDGE -----@ \$ 40.00 PER PERSON ----- X _____ = \$ _____
INDICATE NUMBER PLAYING GOLF: **MEN** _____ **WOMEN** _____

ICEBREAKER SOCIAL FRIDAY EVENING, 14 JUNE, DOUBLETREE-----@ \$ 35.00 PER PERSON ---- X _____ = \$ _____

BANQUET DINNER, SATURDAY EVENING, 15 JUNE, DOUBLETREE-----@ \$ 45.00 PER PERSON ---- X _____ = \$ _____

CASINO BUS DAY TRIP TO BLACK HAWK, SATURDAY MORNING-----@ \$ 25.00 PER PERSON ---- X _____ = \$ _____

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

PLATED DINNER ENTRÉE SELECTION (INDICATE NUMBER FOR EACH ENTRÉE):

PRIME RIB WITH AU JUS & HORSERADISH CREAM SAUCE ON THE SIDE: _____

HONEY GLAZED SALMON: _____

ROSEMARY CHICKEN WITH A SHERRY DEMI: _____

NOTE: ENTREES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED GREENS SALAD, YUKON GOLD BROWN BUTTER WHIPPED POTATOES (WILD RICE PILAF IS SERVED WITH THE SALMON), SEASONAL VEGETABLES, ROLLS & BUTTER, FRESH BREWED TEA OR COFFEE AND WATER, AND SALTED CARAMEL CHEESECAKE FOR DESSERT.

OPTIONAL SATURDAY CASINO BUS TRIP TO BLACK HAWK:

FUN DAY TRIP VIA CHARTER BUS DEPARTING SATURDAY MORNING, 15 JUNE, FROM THE DOUBLETREE AND SPENDING UP TO 4 HOURS AT THE CASINOS THEN RETURNING TO THE DOUBLETREE. THE COST IS \$25 EACH FOR THE CHARTER BUS AND WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE SIGN UP (MAX CAPACITY IS 56 PEOPLE). PASSENGERS WILL RECEIVE A CASINO REDEMPTION STUB VALID AT ANY ONE CASINO. IF WE DO NOT MEET THE MINIMUM OF 50 PEOPLE, YOUR PREPAYMENT WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL AT THE REUNION.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO AND MAIL ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

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