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AFTAC ALUMNI 2001 REUNION RECAP

For the third time, Colorado was the location for the annual AFTAC Alumni Association National Reunion. The dates selected were June 14 - 17, 2001. The Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Red Lion) once again provided an outstanding location for space, staff hospitality, food and overall ambience.



Check-in started early Thursday; the 14th. Good times and stories were renewed and revisited almost immediately. Renewing old acquaintances during the Friday Night Ice Breaker was quite a success and the carved ham and hors-d'oeuvres were delicious and plentiful. More than 150 people were at the Ice Breaker vowing they would return for the next reunion.

Saturday night provided an evening of good food, entertainment and nostalgic memories by the guest speaker, AFTAC Commander Col. Roy Horton III.

Col Horton started his speech with AFTAC's past and updated the more than 170 attendees.

A highlight of the evening was when Col Horton presented Ben Vlassick the AFTAC Alumnus of the Year 2000 Award. This is the first time the award was presented outside of the Florida Chapter and resulted in a standing ovation. Ben has served the Colorado Chapter for more than 14 years as the Chapter



Photos by Bill Harris

President. The award came as quite a surprise to Ben; his quote, "one that will be cherished for ever".

The evening concluded with dancing and music provided by Tempo Techniques. Those that did not have a wake up call closed the Hospitality Room at some ridiculous hour. In a word, "it was a good reunion!!"

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(more reunion inside)

Time for Breakfast



General Membership Meeting

There will be a general membership meeting on Saturday September 15, 2001, 0800, at the Plainsman III, which is located on Smith road, just east of Chambers. The Main Item on the agenda will be the election of chapter officers. To give us better service, we need a good headcount, so please contact Earl Pierce (emxanadu@msn.com or 303-343-4665) no later than 11 September if you plan on attending. Reunion souvenirs will be available for purchase.