

* And, the Red Lion Inn has agreed to lock in our room rates at \$69.00 which is \$20.00 less than their seasonal summer rate. Not to mention, we have considerable interest in doing the Central City/Blackhawk gambling tour. Now that will be a fun day.

* So, spread the word. And, if you are wondering who may be coming, a list of names that have pre-registered so far are included as an attachment. REMEMBER, IF YOU HAVE NOT PRE-REGISTERED, USE THE HANDY FORM INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. IF YOU HAVE A FRIEND THAT SHOULD BE HERE IN '96, PASS A COPY OF THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM ALONG. See you in Colorado June 1996!

LETTERS

BUT FIRST

AFTAC is on-line. If you have been trying to contact Clark Creery in Florida via AMERICAN ON-LINE, he had an address change. Clark is now available in Florida as AFTACFL1; Ben Vlassick is still available in Colorado as AFTACCO. We check our E-mail links several times a week and have established quite a dialogue using the AOL circuit.

NOW...THE LETTERS

Sorry - at present I don't think we will be able to attend the June 96 Reunion. However, if things work out for us to be there, I will keep you informed. George F. Antonio, Warner Robins, GA. (ED NOTE: We're still taking registrations until Dec 95 George, so you still have time.)

Last fall, Esther and I spent a couple of days in our old stomping grounds in Wyoming. We were making our way to Salt Lake City to visit the library there for genealogy research. It was mid-September and I wanted to visit the (Encampment) museum.

When we went in the museum, I started to tell the volunteer who I was any why we were interested in the area. Well she said you will be greatly interested in the display in the other room. WOW! I almost lost my lower jaw. There for God and every one was our story and everything about the work all the sections did. All of those involved putting the exhibit together have done an outstanding job and I thank you all for your effort. Esther got a kick out of me pouring over everything. Later that evening I was able to introduce myself to (sorry have misplace his name) a present local person who was in the outfit when the Det was removed. Sure did make my day. Sincerely, Bob Strock, Dalton, OH. (ED NOTE: Bob, I edited your letter considerably for insertion in this Newsletter. Thanks for the kind words and correspondence. Bill Braukman spear headed the museum mission; he's still stealing equipment from anyone that isn't looking. Glad you enjoyed.)

Wow!! I envy those people who can resurrect the past and recall all the good times (and bad), e.g., Leo Cotter from NOL to Thule. I'll vote for a '96 Colorado Reunion. 'Scuse me for being late, please (with dues). Edgar Beabout, TX. (An added note with Ed's pre-registration: You forgot NOL and AFOAT-1 (in

our list of organizations on the registration page). Sorry I missed the picnic).

Just rec'd "ECHO's", Vol 5, No. 1. Count me (and wife) in for Colorado Reunion in 1996.

Mention was made of either April or May--from year's weather casts we have seen down here, April would seem to be a bit early unless you are catering to ski enthusiasts. I would vote for at least May. However, I recognize that there are many factors to be considered so the host should be the deciding group.

Keep up the good work of keeping your group together. I am a member of several military associations, but none are as close knit as those of AFTAC (FL, CO, CA). It is just great to read the Newsletters and attend reunions and reminisce about the good old times. Thanks for your efforts. Jim Hall.

(ED NOTE: In fact, Jim, we were thinking of ski enthusiasts. But the group decided on more favorable weather conditions, therefore, June is the selected date - as everyone now knows).

I recently visited my home country of New Zealand and met up with someone (Jim Crowley) who was stationed there with my husband. I don't know if he is included in the directory or not. Anne Rubincan, Aurora, CO. (ED NOTE: We have sent Jims address to Florida for inclusion in the directory - Thank you, Anne and Richard).

Whoops - I'm a little bit past my "re-up" time, so here goes for another year (dues). Tedd Martin, Oceanside, CA.

Enclosed is my \$5 check to cover dues for a year. leaving Colorado and returning to Florida and the HQs. Feel like a regular 99 -- A 1979-82 tour at 407, COT to 460, 82-85, Tech Ops Div, 85-89, overseas (non-AFTAC), the HQs, 91-93, here in Colorado, and now back to HQs. At least the tour here in CO kept in with the AFTAC crowd. The 544 Intelligence Group provides administrative support to the Det 45 and OL-CO people at Buckley and Falcon respectively.

Look forward to the return to FL, especially the big reunion. The 1991 version was great, we had just returned from Egypt and it was a good way to catch up on all the news. See you in FL (in 97). Eric Larson (written while in Aurora, CO).

Is Jo Dulick listed in your membership? Don Peterson? (from) Lanny Fahlenkamp (AOL: Fahlenkamp). (ED NOTE: Sorry, Lanny. Jo Dulick is not listed. The only Petersen with a D. for first name is D.J.Petersen, Major, but no address. Anyone out there know the where-abouts of Jo Dulick or Don Peterson?)

Dear Bill (Schmied): Enclosed is yet another years dues. As always, I look forward to the newsletter. Unfortunately, like Marian Chambers-Jorden of Kings Beach, CA, I too only received the cover of that particular issue. It's good to see that you have corrected the problem with an additional staple.

Anyway, although I enjoy reading all the letters and such, I just wish I would occasionally see a name of someone I knew. True, there were just a few of us "I" troops at Det 436