

WFO/1155th TOS REUNION NEWSLETTER

P.O. BOX 1035, NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA. 95660-1035

VOL 5, NO 1

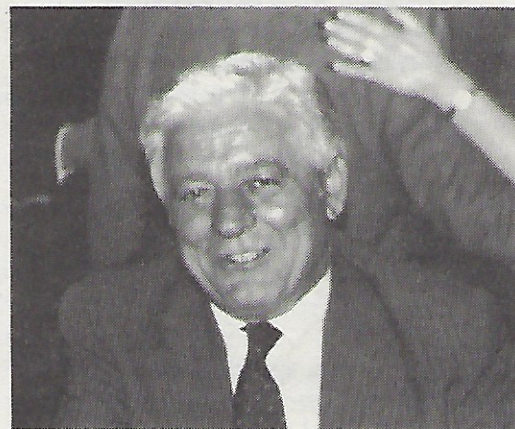
AUGUST, 1986

EDITOR'S NOTE: No, the mailman isn't to blame, neither have back issues of the Newsletter been lost. That old culprit "circumstances beyond our control" was responsible for the delay in publication. But, at last here is your Newsletter with all the information about the great '85 Reunion! I think you will find it was worth waiting for. One of our problems was with the photographs taken at the Dinner-Dance. When several rolls were taken to the Audio Visual Unit on Base for processing they were totally wiped out. Rumor had it that the old-timer who has been developing there for years, had suffered a heart attack and/or retired, so "gremlins" got our film. That was a terrible disaster. We're using unprofessional (mine) pictures, but they convey the pleasure everyone was having. If I have omitted a date's or spouse's name on our Attendees list I apologize. If I misspelled a name, or identified a picture incorrectly you have my abject regrets. By-the-way, Bob Fitzgerald, our resident video cameraman, filmed the reunion again this time. Contact him if you're interested in a copy. He is good enough to donate \$5 per tape to our Reunion treasury. We anticipate a number (continued on page 15)

* * * * *

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN "REUNION '85"

The second reunion of the WFO/1155th/AFTAC is another memory. But what a fantastic memory for those who participated! There were six major activities on the program and many informal mini reunions including the Det 202 party that drew forty ex-Sourdoughs. The only complaints that were registered were that there was just not sufficient time to meet with various individuals to discuss in depth what had happened to them in the many years since friends were stationed together. These comments led me to believe that the results of all our planning were a huge success. The program at our Dinner-Dance was a great experience thanks to Col Al Pavik and the Tech Ops Division (formerly WFO/1155th). There was a slide presentation accompanied by John Wayne narrating "Tribute To America" followed by the "Child A Smile" presentation with "We Are The World" softly playing in the background. When the Color Guard appeared and patriotic songs were sung there wasn't a dry eye among the old soldiers in the audience.



LEW HORNE, CHAIRMAN '85 REUNION

There were 324 people participating in one or more of the activities, with 282 attending the Dinner-Dance. The dance, with the Buddy Harpham Orchestra, was super and was one of the best WFO/1155th parties I ever attended.

The participation was exceptional considering the airline strike that caused several last minute cancellations and disappointments. Another factor affecting participation in the reunion was the old bugaboo of the mailing list. I heard many comments such as, "Why isn't so and so here? I just heard from, or saw, him recently..." Well, the answer to those questions is that in all probability old "so and so" is not on our mailing list! If you know of someone who is not, please send us their names and addresses so we can send them the Newsletter, then they can plan on attending future reunions. *Continued on page 3.*

REUNION '85 ATTENDEES

Participants from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii to Maine and Florida, 28 different states and Ontario, Canada, met in Sacramento, California for the '85 Reunion. The Thursday and Friday Cocktail parties were evenings filled with anticipation and excitement as friends met and made plans for the days and evenings to follow. There were 119 and 169 attending Thursday and Friday evenings. The Dinner-Dance spectacular on Saturday night was attended by 278 people. "See you at the next reunion" was the theme for the Sunday "wind-down" Brunch. All of these festivities took part at the beautiful Red Lion Inn. The following attended Reunion '85.

Martin E. & Jane Alexander	FL	Ed & Rose Carfora	CA
Ed P. Allen	WA	Roy E. & Connie Carlson	CA
Walter D. & Lea Allen	CA	Cecil B. Carpenter	NC
Jack & Rosalie Allison	CA	Joseph R. & Lorelei Carroll	CA
Jose M. & Judy Alvarez	CA	Allison B. & Sumi Carter Jr.	CA
Richard A. & Mildred Anderson	CA	Arne & Paula Celick	CA
George P. & Harriette Antonio	GA	Richard & Jean Charles	CA
Richard & Toni Ardell	CA	Jim Chesnay	PA
Will & Peggy Armintrout	CA	Dan Cirelli	VA
William "Bill" Auth	CA	Larry A. & Ellen Clark	CA
Tommy D. Badley	OR	John C. & Peggy Courtney	LA
Clentis W. Bailey	NM	Ellis & Geneva Cozine	LA
George R. & Gail Barnes Sr.	CA	Thomas B. & Eleanore Crigler	CA
Mrs. Audrey (Barnes) Messerschmidt	CA	Ernest c. & Nickie Cutler	WA
Harold R. Barrett	CA	James C. & Joyce Davis	
Vincent A. & Lucille Bauman	MO	Robert M. & Joan Davis	CA
Bill & Joan Beck	CA	Jack L. & Ann Deets	CA
Gary and Jan Beck	CW	Herb & Jane Dettmer	WA
Bart Bias	CA	Dr. E.M. "Woody" & Beth Douthett	NV
Ronald A. & Margery Bird	CA	Kelly & Georgianna Driscoll	CA
Wm. "Bill" Binston	CA	Eugene D. & Rose Dunn	CA
Thomas S. Bressan	CA	Edgar J. Edwards	FL
Frederick K. & Catherine Brewster	CA	Richard A. & Hattie Espegren	CA
Calvin "Cal" & Alice Brown	CA	James & Mary Esping	CA
Frederick & Catherine Burkhart	CA	Clifford L. "Bo" & Pauline Ferris	CA
Frank Callahan	CO	F.W. "Ted" Fischer	ID
Jesse & Amy Camarillo	OT		

Continued on page 13.

* * * * *

Everyone was a winner at the Dinner-Dance, but a couple of the special winners were Larry Marston (left) and Ed Allen. Larry won his bottle for coming the farthest distance - Maine. The distinction of being the First Paid Registration for the '85 Reunion went to Ed. Al Pavik presented him with his prize bottle of champagne. —>



Nostalgia and memories overwhelmed visitors as they entered Building 628 on June 8, 1985, when the Technical Operations Division (Formerly WFO/1155th) held Open House for the '85 Reunion. Old photographs were displayed in the lobby, stirring memories and comments from the exAFTACers. There proudly displayed were the trophies—with many added, the ever present guard on duty, and the inviolate entry to what lay beyond—only hospitably open this time. As welcome guests proceeded throughout the facility their questions were many.

Col. Pavik and senior personnel were on hand with refreshments and a slide presentation of the organization as it is today. Also included were slides of exAFTACers from past years. A look to the future was the display of the architectural drawings of the new facility. It's planned for construction about two miles from the current site on the north side of the Base. Col. Pavik said it would probably be open for the next reunion. Among the 175 guests touring the facility were four of the previous commanders: Barney Kuntz, Bob Smith, Cal Brown and Mike Lubin.

Addressing his guests Col. Pavik commented that it was an honor and a pleasure for him and his staff to contribute to their Reunion experiences. He added, "The Division members who participated in this event want to thank all who attended and shared a bit of the WFO/1155th history. It is because of people like you, who over the years still feel a sense of belonging, that the Reunion and Open House are a success and a very worthwhile endeavor." Visitors left with their heads full of memories, their families' curiosity satisfied at last and all looking forward to seeing the new facility in the future.



← Four of the past commanders were present at the Reunion, Barney Kuntz (59-60), Bob Smith (66-70), Cal Brown (72-76), Mike Lubin (76-80), and present commander Col. Al Pavik (80 to June 86, a recent retiree.) They, like all of those attending, had a great time!

* * * * *

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE, from page 1

Regarding future reunions, we solicited comments, informally during the activities, to get some ideas on how frequently we should schedule them. Some thought that every two years was a hardship on those who must travel great distances. Most thought that four years was too long an interval considering the "frailty of humanity", and also the loss of enthusiasm that could occur over the longer period of time. So we suggest a compromise of three years, and we invite your comments and ideas. Along this line we also solicit volunteers to take on the task of planning the next "wing ding".

The Reunion '85 committee feels the need for a transfusion of new ideas for a bigger and better bash for "'88". We are also open for suggestions on the location for our next reunion. I heard suggestions that it be held in Japan, Hawaii,

Florida, Denver and again in Sacramento. Let us hear from you on this subject also. But, wherever it is held, the committee should be located in the proposed area for ease in making appropriate arrangements.

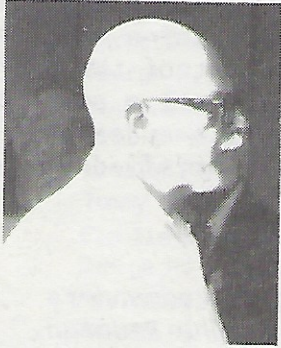
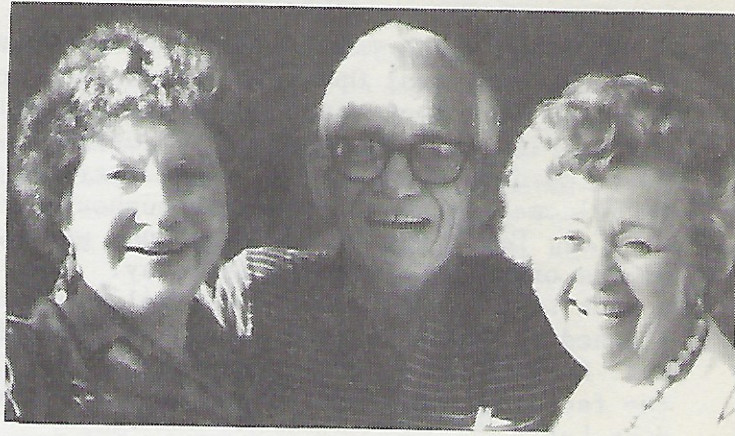
Before I say "so long", I wan't to thank everyone who came to the reunion for making it a stunning success. I want to thank those who couldn't get here for their support and interest. And, last but not least, I want to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to your Reunion '85 committee for a job well done!! Lew Horne, '85 Reunion Chairman.

* * * * *

Editor's Note: Due to the length of this issue, I am omitting "Lest We Forget" and "Whatever Happended To..." this time only. However, I think friends of Francis (or Vernon "Red" Aldrich would want to know that he died May 17. He is survived by his wife Betty in Florida.



1 <<
2 >>



3 <<
4 >>



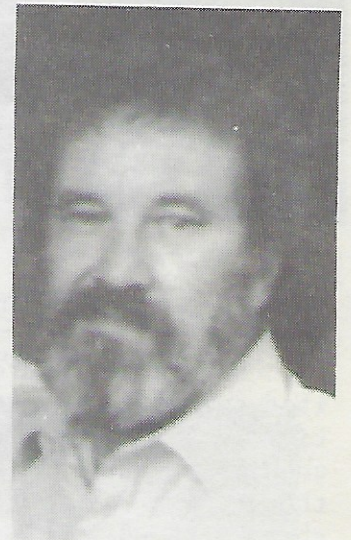
5 <<
6 >>



7 <<
8 >>



9 >>



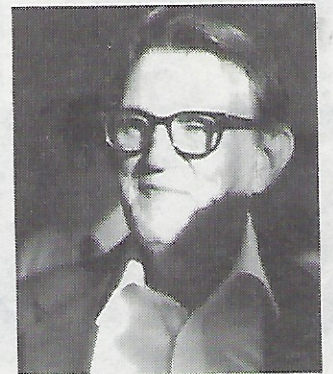
10 <<
11 >>



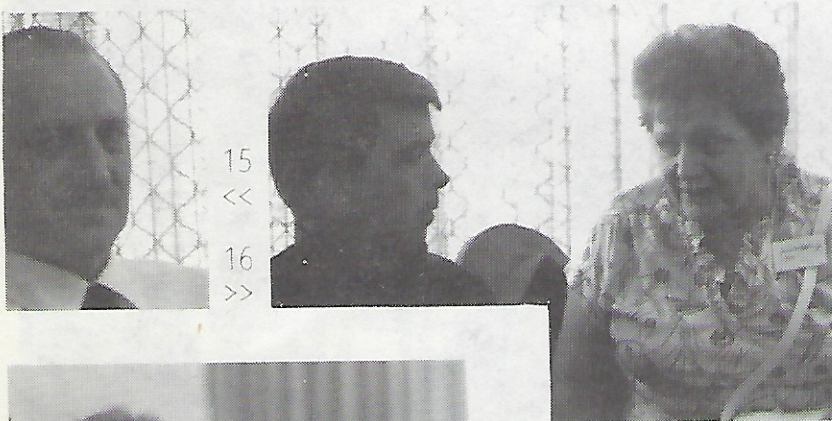
Parties

Among the retirees celebrating the re-union at the June 6 and 7th registration and cocktail parties were:

1. Jim Lucas, Don Paisley and Marge Iske who were eager to register arrivals.
2. Jimme and William Hutchinson with Helen James.
3. Past commander Mike Lubin
4. Jack Courtney.
5. Bill Bingston and Georgia Magness.
6. Gerry Lachner grins for the camera.
7. John McGettigan with Pete Snipes.
8. Alice Brown and Irene Rock.
9. Ken McCormick.
10. Gerry LaBarre, Wilbur McAllister and Cal Brown were three happy fellows.
11. Bill and Jean Johnston just arrived.
12. Rosalie and Jack Allison.
13. Ken Fisher, here from Hawaii.
14. Claude James.
15. Dave Riddle
16. Gary Beck and Ann McElhaney.
17. Catherine and Fred Brewster.
18. Mickey Smith with Sylvia Fisher.
19. Bob Heft and Bob Davis.
20. Gloria McGettigan.



13
<<
14
>>



15
<<
16
>>

17
>>



18
<<
19
>>



20
>>



PARTIES, CONTINUED

"I was dancin' with my Darlin'..." to the music of the Buddy Harpham Orchestra at the glamorous '85 Reunion Dinner-Dance. Celebrating the evening were:

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Happy couples enjoying the dancin'. | 11. Dr. Donald Rock and his wife, Irene. |
| 2. Frank Goodreau. | 12. Jo Nastal. |
| 3. Paula and Arne Celick. | 13. Janet and Keith Hamby. |
| 4. Esther Hartshorn. | 14. Dr. Jerry Leies and Jan Kellokoski. |
| 5. Joe and Mary Kearfott. | 15. Joan and Bob Davis |
| 6. Glenda Stancl and Irene Goodreau. | 16. Edith Kuntz. |
| 7. Lois and Jack McAllister. | 17. Catherine and Fred Brewster. |
| 8. Rose and Ed Carfora. | 18. Don and Mary Winstead dancing. |
| 9. (Facing page) John Nastal. | 19. Cindy and Tommy Badley. |
| 10. Fred and Catherine Brewster. | |

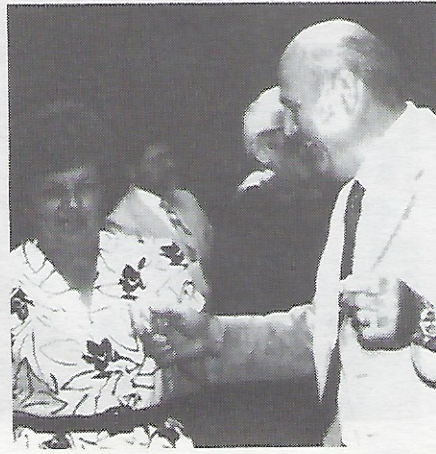


1 <<
2 >>



3 <<
4 >>

5 >>



6 <<
7 >>

8 >>



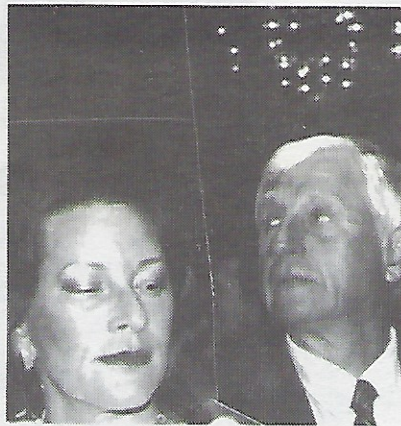
9 <<
10 >>



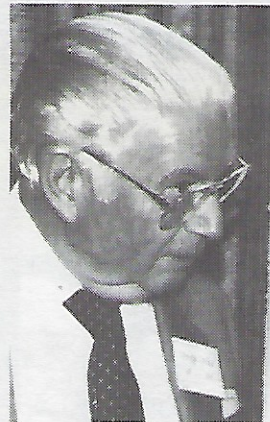
11 >>



12 <<
13 >>



14 >>



15 <<
16 >>



17 >>



18 <<
19 >>



FOR MEN ONLY

"Hey, good buddy! Here's to you!" Aren't they having a great time!

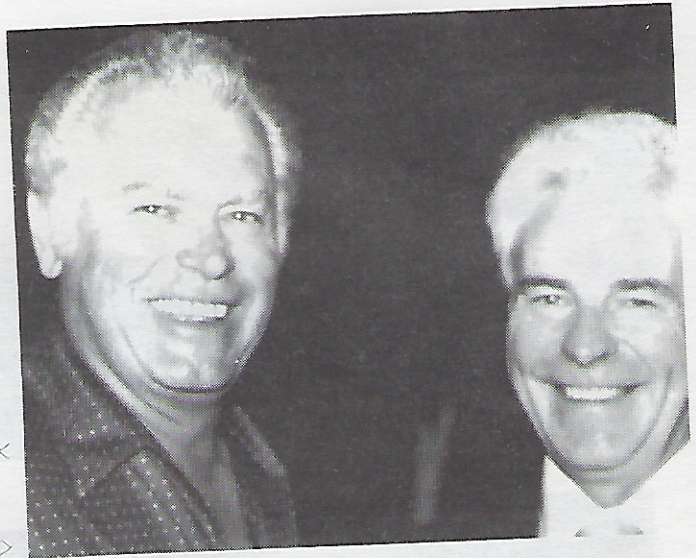
1. Clent Bailey.
2. Dr. "Woody" Douthett, a staunch supporter of the Reunion. Chris Trytton, in the background, is retired now also.
3. Kelly Driscoll and Ernie Long.
4. Ron Bird.
5. Tommy Bressan, Don Hartshorn, Grank Goodreau and Ed Klanjac were saying something about being graduates of Factory Training in Maryland.
6. Jack Allison.
7. Dave Price and Dave Paquette; looks like their buddy, Ted Rapp, is camera shy.
8. Nothing shy about Dave "Tweek" Stancl or Roy Yarnell.



1 <<



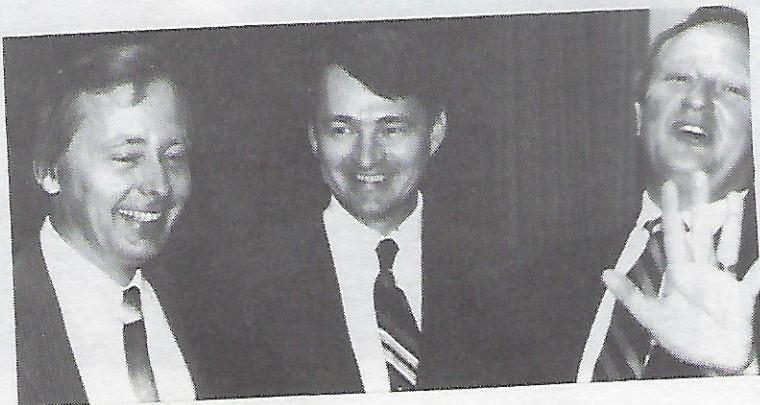
2 <<
3 >>



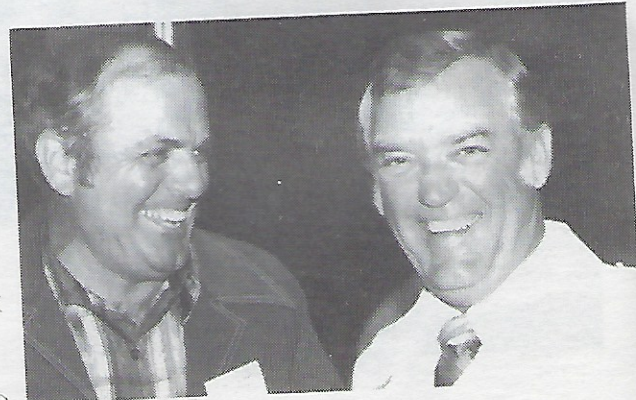
4 <<



5 <<
6 >>

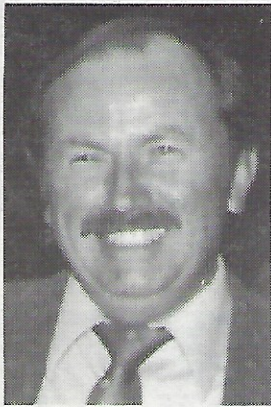


7 <<
8 >>



MORE OF THE FELLOWS:

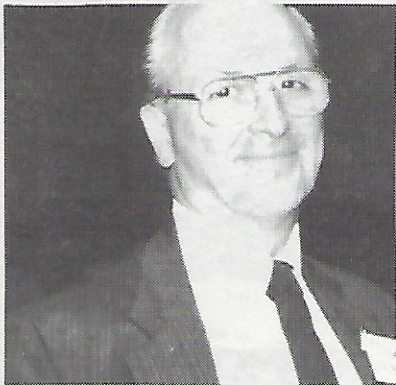
1. Bruce Wheeler listens as Al Pavik explains about the "water".
2. Tom Osborne.
3. Terry O'Reilly.
4. Al Carter.
5. Bill Rumpf and Bob Morrison.
6. Carr Whitener
7. Pete Snipes, Phil Guilmet and Dick Ardell.
8. Ed Edwards.
9. Connie Robinson and Dave Kellokoski.
10. Barnie Kuntz and Jack Deets.



<<
3
>>



<<
5
>>



<<
7
>>



<<
9
10
>>



AND, MORE PARTIES

A mini reunion hosted by Herb and Jane Dettmer for retirees from DET 202 was a happy occasion. Those attending reminisced about the "good ol' days" in Alaska. Ann and Al Pavik are shown below, right, with Herb and Jane. Meanwhile guests celebrating at the Dinner-Dance were:

1. The Paviks and the Dettmers.
2. Rosalie Allison in earnest conversation behind Amy Camarillo.
3. Alice and Richard Lema.
4. Catherine and Bob Heft.
5. Here's a happy group: Jim Chesnay, Bob and Darlene Fitzgerald and Roy and Peggy Rheault.
6. Ellen Clark.



>>1



2
<<
3
>>



4
>>



5
<<
6
>>



'85 ATTENDEES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Kenneth L. & Sylvia Fisher	HI	J. Michael & Itoko Long	CA
Bob & Darlene Fitzgerald	CA	Michael D. & Mary Lubin	CA
Harold D. & Lue Fletcher	CA	James S. & Annie Lucas	CA
Wally Fowble	CA	John H. & Georgia Magness	OR
Mrs. David (Lois) Gaddis	CA	Frank Mann	AR
Carl & Mayme Gailey	FL	Donald D. & Virginia Marler	CA
C.W. & Mary Gehling	CA	Lawrence & Nancy Marston	MA
Gary & Donna Gerick		Tedd Martin	CA
Edward L. Gieszmann	CA	Wilbur C. & Lois McAllister	CO
Joseph "Cliff" & Nora Giles	NM	Kenneth & Deanna McCormick	CA
Robert E. & Betty Gill	CA	Anne McElhaney	CA
Francis & Irene Goodreau	CA	John & Gloria McGettigan	CA
Joseph & Lenore Gosselin	CA	George & Anne McKeel	CA
Philip J. Guilmet	CA	Lyle E. "Mike" & Eleanor McMichael	MS
Barbara Haase	CA	Richard & Gloria McNalley	CA
Keith & Janet Hamby	CA	Arthur & Jo Meek	CA
James W. & Margaret Harris	CA	Larry Metz	CA
Donald C. & Esther Hartshorn	WA	Lew & Shirley Milligan	CA
Dr. Robert E. & Catherine Heft	CA	Patricia Milstead	CA
D.B. "Bert" & Marge Herbert	OH	Bob & Garnett Morris	CA
Jerome Hill	CA	Robert L. & Carol Morrison	CA
Rod L. Hinkle	AD	John & Jo Nastal	CA
Harry & Cristel Hodges	NM	Luther L. & Doris Nolen	CA
Fredrick K. & Ruth Holderman	CA	Kelly & Joyce O'Connor	CA
Orville J. & Betty Hollstein	CA	Terry & Betty O'Reilly	CA
Lewis C. & Laura Horne	CA	W. Thomas & Sandra Osborne	CA
Arthur "Sam" & Gloria Houston	CA	Al & Mo Owsiany	CA
William C. & Jimmie Hutchinson	NV	Donald L. & Marcene Paisley	CA
Claude & Helen James	TN	Francis H. & Eleanor Papineau	CA
Joseph M. & Gayle Johnson	CA	Dave & June Paquette	CA
Willis R. Johnson	DE	M.R. "Pat" & Jean Patterson	IA
Wm. D. "Bill" & Jean Johnston	FL	Alvin & Ann Pavik	CA
Bobby G. & Helen Jones	CA	Charlie Penn	CA
Leroy E. & Ruth Jones	OR	Frank E. & Jean Peters	CA
Michael & Arlene Jones	CA	Mary (Mrs. Donald) Pollock	CA
Norman & Carol Jonson	CA	Dave J. Price	CA
George Jubber	OR	Orville H. & Carol Pritchard	CA
Ronald D. "Ron" & Bertha Kane	FL	Richard D. & Jody Probst	CA
Joe G. Kearfott	CA	Gerald & Grace Proctor	SC
David E. & Janet Kellokoski	CA	Michael B. & Lyla Ragar	CA
John & Laurie Kemna	CA	Ted C & Christy Rapp	CA
Ed & Nancy Klanjak	CA	Jim & Barbara Renfrow	CA
Richard A. & Margaret Kowaleski	CA	Charles "Ray" & Peggy Rheault	CA
John A. Kozak	CA	Dave Riddle	CA
Gary & Barbara Kramer	CA	Bill & Mary Rigby	TX
Bernard R. & Edith Kuntz	CA	Robert B. & Charlotte Riley	CA
Gerald & Terry LaBarre	AK	Donald N. Ritchey	CA
Gerald & Maddie Lachner	CA	Conrad Robinson	CA
John Lanigan	CA	Dr. Donald H. & Irene Rock	MN
Gerry & Bonnie Leies	FL	Frank P. & Kathleen "Kitty" Romano	CA
Richard A. & Alice Lema	CA	Bill & Pat Rumpf	CA
William E. & Georganna Leone	FL	W.K. "Bill" Russell	TX
John & Carren Leuthey	CA	Reid & Nancy Samuelson	CT
Leon & Alexandra Leventhal	CA	Tom "George" Sanderson	CA
Earnest D. & Joyce Long	CO	Lowell & Peggy Satterlee	CA

⇒⇒

Terrence N. & Merylynd Scheffler	CA	George J. Thompson	CA
Robert C. Bob" & Ann Schmidt	CA	Lt. Col. Chris Trytten	CA
Gilbert & Joyce Schmidt	CA	Jacqueline J. Reese Walls	CA
Russ & Norma Sell	CA	Bruce & Marianne Wheeler	NM
Mrs. William (Jean Sherman) Smith	VA	Carr C. Whitener	VA
James & Jerry Smith	TX	George M. & Virginia Williams	WV
Robert E. & Mickey Smith	CA	Don & Mary Winstead	CA
Pete & Betty Snipes	SC	Ron & Karen Wirtanen	CA
Jack & Jean Spencer	CA	Jim & Rosana Wymer	CA
David M. & Gloria Stancl	CA	Wando Jo Yager	CA
Sidney P. & Hester Stubbs	CA	Leroy Yarnell	CA
Bard & Toddie Suverkrop	CA	Vito & Louise Zaker	CA
John W. & Judy Taylor	CA	That's all folks!	

* * * * *

A BIT OF HISTORY

This bit of history was included in the Dinner-Dance program. There was so much interest voiced about it, I felt it was worthwhile to include it here.

The genesis of the Air Force Technical Applications Center occurred in 1949 when a new staff agency was established in Headquarters, USAF. It was designated AFOAT-1 (Air Force Office of Atomic Energy). It was formed to monitor nuclear activities at a very critical time in the history of our nation. An operational arm of AFOAT-1 was activated shortly thereafter and was named the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron. This squadron eventually evolved into the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC).

The first AFTAC programs at McClellan AFB were the B-20 system and a civilian laboratory. In the spring of 1950 AFOAT-1 sent personnel on temporary duty to McClellan AFB to coordinate air sampling operations with the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron. The Squadron was equipped with WB-29 and WB-50 aircraft. This marked the beginning of a long productive relationship with the 55th WRS and its parent Wing which continues today. The squadron is now equipped with WC-135 aircraft which are capable of worldwide aerial sampling.

In the fall of 1950 a permanent extension of the 1009th SWS, the Western Field Office (WFO) was activated at McClellan AFB. Its initial mission was to provide logistical support to the B-20 program. It eventually absorbed the laboratory (after it was converted to military manning) and in 1950 it took on the mission of Airborne Operations. In the early 1960's the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron (Western Field Office) assumed all supply responsibilities from ALC and instituted worldwide depot supply and maintenance support for AFTAC and its units worldwide.

The Western Field Office was originally located in a facility in the vicinity of the Base Cafeteria. In the spring of 1953, the unit moved into what is now the Base Photo Laboratory. In 1958, the unit moved into its present facility. In 1960 the Western Field Office was redesignated the 1155th Technical Operations Squadron (WFO). In 1963 the signing of the Limited Test Ban Treaty enlarged the mission of AFTAC and the squadron reached manpower peak of over 1500 spaces. Many of these spaces were for training airmen and officers for worldwide assignment to new detachments activated to monitor the Test Ban Treaty. In the 1970's new technology allowed redundant systems to be phased out and the manpower authorizations were reduced to 500 spaces where they remain today.

On 1 February 1984, the 1155th Technical Operation Squadron was re-designated the Technical Operations Division, Air Force Technical Applications Center, and was assigned the command designation of Intermediate Command.

Today the unit continues to provide logistics support for AFTAC systems around the world, laboratory analysis for a multitude of special missions and sampling support for our four types of aircraft in two major commands. The Technical Operations Division continues to build upon a long unbroken heritage of accomplishments that began in 1949.

AFTAC is the recipient of ten Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards.

EDITOR'S NOTE, continued from page 1

of changes to the mailing list, although I have received notification of only two changes this past year. For this reason, and due to the size of this issue, we are not sending a roster this time. We will update it as a result of this mailing and send one with a future Newsletter. Please, if you anticipate a move in the near future let me know.

Returned Newsletters cost us about one dollar now! One more thought, do you know of someone who is not on our mailing list, perhaps someone you've run into recently? Why not do them, and us, a favor and send their names and addresses to me. I sincerely hope you enjoy this picture filled edition of your newsletter. Lois Gaddis, Editor.

#####

PLEASE NOTE: To keep a record of your donation for the Newsletter a code has been devised that indicates the amount and date of your last donation. It appears on the upper right hand corner of your mailing label.

EXAMPLE:

LOIS M. GADDIS	5	12-82
7763 UPLANDS WAY		
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA	95610	

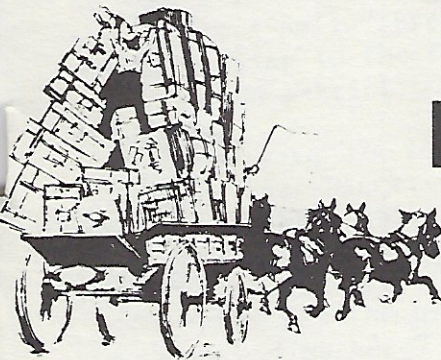
This indicates that 5 (dollars) was received December 1982.

In order to cover the costs of printing and mailing we ask for a donation of \$5 annually. Thanks for your generous support. Please make checks payable to: WFO/1155th Reunion Committee Treasurer and mail to P.O. Box 1035, North Highlands CA 95660-1035.

#####

WANTED

The Technical Operation Division (AFTAC TOD) (formerly 1155 Tech Ops Sq, formerly WFO) Has established a historical committee. The committee's charter is to search and collect items which can be used to establish a historical repository/museum. The committee is soliciting former members of the organization who may possess photographs and/or documents they think may be useful as a piece of the organization's history. If you think you may have an item which may be of interest to the committee, send to Technical Operations Division, Attn: DLR, McClellan AFB, CA 95652. The committee would prefer not to have to return the item. However, if the owner desires to have the item returned an attempt will be made to have it reproduced and returned.



MOVING!

PLEASE PRINT
YOUR NEW
ADDRESS:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Post code _____

() _____
Area Code Phone Number

CLIP THIS FORM AND THE ADDRESS LABEL-SEND TO:
WFO/1155TH TOS REUNION
P.O. BOX 1035
NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA 95660-1035

TO: Bob Fitzgerald
4437 Wyman Dr.
Sacramento CA
95821

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit No. 17
North Highlands, CA

WFO/1155th REUNION COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 1035
NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA 95660-1035

