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VETERANS DAY 2004 FALL SOCIAL

By Charlie Penn

Where: **Buggy Whip, 2737 Fulton Avenue, Sacramento, CA**

When: **Veteran's Day, 11 November; 1800 – 2130 hours**

Why: **Eat, Drink, and Socialize**

Who: **You, of course. Deadline for reservations is October 22nd**

It's a perfect time to start the Festive Season and spread Holiday Cheer. Spend Veteran's Day with fellow Veterans, Alumni & families. Activities will start with a no-host bar & socializing, 6 – 7 pm, then dinner from 7 - ?? pm. Dress is casual. Cost is **\$23.95/person** (includes tax and gratuity). Meal includes entree with pasta, tossed salad & homemade house dressing, baked potato, roll & butter, coffee or tea. See you there!! **Please fill out the form on page 3 & mail it to us by October 22nd**. Questions? E-mail Charlie charliegrca@rcip.com

SPRING FLING – HUGE SUCCESS

By Dale Klug

Our May 15th Picnic was a huge success. We had about 75 people attend. Some people we hadn't seen in a long time, like **Rose Dunn**; people who came a long distance, like **Walt & Judy Siemiller** from Fallon NV; and those who show up when its an outside event, the beer is cold and they can ride their Harleys, like **Bob Land & Neil Adler**. **Rod Hinkle** got us the best picnic spot for the best price and **Charlie Penn & Butch Kemna** rounded up some delicious hot dogs and burgers. We can't forget our guest chef **Ken Breitwieser**, who helped Charlie & Butch with the food preparation. Thanks so much for the fantastic potluck dishes you all brought. It looks like a late Spring and early Fall outdoors event is clearly a favorite. Check out the pictures on the next couple pages.

TELL EVERYONE ABOUT REUNION 2005

By Joe Johnson

OK, listen up all you AFTAC alumni. This is important. You have probably already read that the next world-wide reunion will be held in Sacramento, 12-15 May 2005. Now the reunion committee will make every effort to put on a memorable affair, but, and a big but, **YOU CAN MAKE THE REUNION MUCH BETTER**. If many people attend, then everyone has more fun. I am certain that many of you know of one or more AFTACers that do not belong to an alumni association chapter. Many of these people would attend if they were aware of the reunion. That is where **YOU** come in. Please contact your old AFTAC friends and advise them of the reunion and invite them to attend. They can contact us by mail at the address on top of this page, or on the internet at www.aftacwest.org or by e-mail. **It is not too soon to advise people of the reunion**, as many of them are already planning 2005 vacations. Help us get an outstanding turnout. The reunion committee thanks you for your help.

WEST COAST CHAPTER ADDRESS CHANGE

In preparation for the 2005 reunion, we have changed our address to one more accessible to the officers & reunion committee. **Please note our new address on top of this page.**

"WAY BACK WHEN" – NEW SERIES OF ARTICLES

By Dale Klug, Editor

We're starting a new series of articles for the newsletter called "WAY BACK WHEN". This will be patterned after the Florida Chapter's series in the Post Monitor called "B.S. (Barely Substantiated) TALES". We're inviting everyone to submit articles with stories from days-gone-by at Detachments, OLS, Depot, Squadrons, Headquarters or TDYs. So crank up your "WAYBACK machines" and send us an article. Remember to keep all the inputs unclassified. E-mail all proposed articles to me at: FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org

WAY BACK WHEN – EUROPE IN THE 60s

By Jim Hall

OK, You asked for it, but I'm not computer literate, so this is it!! You asked for some "WAY BACK WHENS", don't know if this will fall into the categories you want, but it goes back forty years.

To set the stage: I was the Director of Operations in the 1157th. We had a pretty wide area to cover in that part of the world but our responsibilities didn't stop there in emergencies. So, to preclude administrative delays when we had "emergencies" that needed expeditious attention, Headquarters had authorized orders as attached. Look at the coordinates and you will see how widespread our responsibilities were back in those days. There were only a few of these authorized and they came in handy in two cases for me. I shouldn't go any further with this discussion but I think the orders will speak to the subject and bring back a lot of memories to the "old timers", especially when noting the date.

The organization had a 1-4 priority for personnel and resources back in those days. That was the fourth highest priority in the Air Force and sure did come in handy in accomplishing our mission. Don't know what the AFTAC priority is now or whether the Air Force still grades organizations in that manner, but they are probably still very high.

I had a great tour with 1009th, 1035th, AFTAC. Started in Headquarters in Virginia, then to 1157th and finally to 1155th, totalling over ten years.

Good luck to you guys and congratulations for keeping the old outfit going. I really miss the camaraderie we had throughout the whole organization – lots of good guys. The "Elite of the Elite". Good Luck & God Bless, Jim Hall, Apt 1209, 5100 Randol Mill Rd, Fort Worth TX 76112 **Editor's Note: Following is most of the order Jim attached.**

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
APO 633, NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SPECIAL ORDER TA – 2476

17 June 1964

The following named individual, Hq Comd (USAF), attached this Hq, this stn, will proceed at such times as may be necessary during the period 1 Jul 64 to 30 Jun 65, both dates inclusive, from Wiesbaden, Germany to such places as may be necessary within the USAFE area of responsibility and to those areas bounded by 130 degrees Longitude West and 105 degrees Longitude East; 50 degrees Latitude South and 75 degrees Latitude North, on temporary duty for the purpose of coordinating technical matters as directed by Hq USAF, and upon completion of each mission, will return to proper organization and duty station. Individual is cleared for access to classified material up to and including Top Secret while performing this duty. Authority is granted to use military air, commercial air, rail, bus or travel by privately owned conveyance (TPA). Travel by extra fare aircraft or train authorized when it is determined that travel by regular fare carriers cannot satisfy the requirements of the mission. Whenever commercial aircraft is used, routing will provide earliest possible arrival at destination, without regard to cost or shortest available route. The use of the lowest rate enclosed accommodations available which meet security requirements and the furnishing of any additional transportation when required under carriers tariffs for the exclusive occupancy thereof is authorized. Hiring of special conveyance at TDY points, is authorized in accordance with paragraph 4405, JTR. Travel by foreign registry aircraft to, from and between TDY points, is authorized, when US registry is not available to meet mission requirements. Items 3,4,5,6,11 (100 pounds), and 25b on reverse side apply.

LTCOL JAMES M HALL JR, 37963A

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, ROBERT E GOETSCHIUS, Capt, USAF, Asst Dir Admin Svc

CHANGES TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Enclosed in this issue is a copy of the proposed changes to our Articles of Association. The portions to be changed (Article VII, Section 1 and Article X, Section 1) are highlighted. You are asked to approve or disapprove the proposed changes and send us your decision by Nov 10th. **If no response is received by Nov 10, 2004, your approval of the changes is assumed.** Please send your response to our new address. AFTAC Alumni West Coast Chapter, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974.

VETERAN'S DAY 2004 FALL SOCIAL RESERVATION FORM

Name(s): _____
(Please print) _____

ENTREES: [Indicate number of meals in each box]

12 oz. Sirloin Steak Hawaiian Chicken Halibut

Meals ___ x \$23.95 each = \$ _____. Include Check Payable to "AFTAC – WCC".

Mail to: **AFTAC - WCC**
 PO Box 3974
 Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Chuck Passini joined as a lifetime member at the May 15th picnic. **Steve Fritts** changed his membership to lifetime. Also joining as lifetime members are **William Hutenberg, Michael Ransom,** and **Thomas Poole**. New and renewing members are **Dain Leadmon, Joe Amerena, Carl Gailey, George Barnes, Karl Dankof, John Lanigan** and **Willis Johnson**. All life members can expect to find new laminated membership cards enclosed with this issue of the Depot Fallout.

Annual membership fee of \$5.⁰⁰ is due by 01 May each year. **Check your mailing label for expiration date. If there is a notation on the mailing label of this newsletter showing "EXP 2004" then a \$5 renewal fee is due if you plan to continue as an active member.** Your last newsletter will be the one following your expiration date. Life memberships are available for \$50.⁰⁰ and include a laminated membership card. You can use the Membership application/roster update on the last page of this newsletter or the one on our web site to send with your dues. Please note that the West Coast Chapter will host the next world-wide reunion in 2005 and planning is underway. Don't let your membership lapse and miss out on important 2005 Reunion information.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ'

By Rod Hinkle

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. Ours has been packed with planning the move into our new home in Cameron Park in early August. Speaking of planning, as most of you know we are hosting the AFTAC World-wide Reunion next summer, so please continue to monitor our website to stay up with the latest developments. As mentioned in our last newsletter, we welcome any ideas for social events. . Send or call any ideas you may have to me or any Chapter officer. My new phone is 530-672-9421. At our last meeting, a dinner at the Buggy Whip on Fulton Ave was suggested for a get-together and Charlie Penn has provided the groundwork for the Fall event. Have a great fall and hope to see you at the Buggy Whip social.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Quarterly Business meetings: 7 Dec 2004, 1 Mar 2005, 7 Jun 2005, 6 Sep 2005, 6 Dec 2005. (Call Joe at, 916-783-8676, to confirm time & place. **Or check** <www.AFTACwest.org> for updates.)
- May 12 –15, 2005, AFTAC World-wide Reunion in Sacramento. Watch our web site for updates.

MAIL CALL

Don't forget our E-mail address: FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org

Ken Smith E-mail: I was at Lowry AFB most of 1965, Det 207 Eielson AFB Alaska Jan '66 to Mar '67 and then AFTAC in Alexandria from Apr '67 to Mar '71. Is there anyone in your alumni association that fits in any of these windows?
Regards, Ken Smith, solol@gte.net

Clay Lemire Phone Call: Really enjoyed the picnic on May 15th. After I mentioned it to several other old 1155th people they expressed an interest in more picnics where things are more informal and easier to get around to talk to everyone versus inside sit-down dinners. **Editor's Note: Told Clay to get us the names & phone numbers of these people so we can contact them next time we have a function.**

Julie Doll E-mail: Just wanted to let my friends know I got married up here in Alaska--on Leap Day, no less! He's a retired E8 from the "real AF" (aircraft maintenance). I will continue to be known as JD though, I'm too old to change my name now. I've attached photos for some of the local folks who knew me when.. Would you please forward it to Marge, she'll know who would want to see. Thanks. Julie Doll (Grypp) 247 W 7th, North Pole, AK 99705
thegrypps@acsalaska.net ,907-488-6185

Marian Chambers-Jordan Letter: Thanks for the newsletter, you all do a terrific job! I will attend the picnic on May 15th and will call Joe Johnson or Rod accordingly. I will bring a few goodies re: the 1155th history – I even started writing about it some years ago but got involved in building a library building here in Kings Beach. Please change my name on your roster. It should read Marian Chambers-Jordan and be listed in the "Cs". People have tried to find me, but since I was married after leaving the organization they can't find me. Thank You, See you on the 15th.

Bob Fitzgerald E-mail: I have just completed the update to our <http://www.AFTACwest.org> web site. Notation has been made on the "New Stuff" pop-up window of the addition now of the 61 new photos from our May picnic that I received from Steve Fritts and Frank Goodreau. The 'Albums' button now links to the first of 3 pages of thumbnails for the picnic photos, but if you start by clicking on the first thumbnail photo (or anywhere in between) you can step from one photo to the next through the whole album. **ALL OF THE PHOTOS IN THE PICNIC ALBUM NOW HAVE CAPTIONS!** Folks in some of them are not ID'd yet but I have a link under the photo to Email me if the person recognizes who is in that photo. Hopefully, we'll have all the captions corrected soon. My appreciation to Steve and Frank for taking photos at the picnic and for putting them on CD-ROM's and mailing them to me. And much thanks to Frank for sending along to me a list of the folks in as many of his photos as he was able to ID. That helped me a lot. I also received an Email from Dain Leadmon with an ID for person #18 in my 'Mystery Photo'. That photo page has also been updated and a notation made on the "New Stuff" pop-up window. Any comments about the albums that you'd care to send me would be welcomed. Have a great day, . Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

Orv Pritchard E-mail: Retired Chief **Ed Carfora** passed away on May 7, 2004. Ed came to the depot from the Air Force and was at the 1155th in the 60s working in engineering & logistics management sections. Ed had been battling cancer for some time. It had gone into remission but came back. He was still working this spring for H & R Block doing executive taxes. After Rose died he remarried. He did our taxes for a couple of years so we did keep in touch. He was present at several of our Alumni get-togethers in 2003. **Editor's Note: Ed was also very active in the 1155th's Child-A-Smile" program when on active duty.**

Dain Leadmon/Bob Fitzgerald E-mail: Hello, Dain. I am finally catching up on my email. Thank you very much for the ID for Don Parr in my 'Mystery Photo'. If you happen to contact him sometime, please let him know about the West Coast Chapter website at <http://www.AFTACwest.org/> and the photo. He may be able to help identify and/or verify when, why, where, and who regarding the photo. I'm glad to hear that you are submitting your application for membership in the WCC. We're happy to have you and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming function or meeting. Thank you again. Have a great day,Bob Fitzgerald WCC Webmaster

-----Original Message-----

Hi Bob, My name is Dain Leadmon and I was in AFTAC for all the 8 years I was in the Air Force. From 1964 to 1972 I was a 99125B and 99125L guy. Found your web site today and called Ken Breitweiser. Your Mystery picture was great and I can add a last name to your list as the man worked for me in the Lab. # 18 is Donald Parr who probably still lives in TN. Saw him and his family just a few years ago. I live in Orangevale at 8504 Cloudcroft Way. Have been here since 1968 and retired from Federal Service in Sep 1999. I downloaded the Membership application and will send it in.

Dain zzhawg@northvalley.com

Bruce Deffler E-mail: I'm part of the Colorado AFTAC alumni and have come across pictures of Phillip Sparman in one of the AFTAC anniversary books. I found a Phillip Sparman in Sacramento and the age appears correct, but I can't get any address or phone from the internet. Anybody in your group every have contact?

Thanks - Bruce Deffler bhdeffler@sudiweb.com

AFTAC ALUMNI WORLDWIDE REUNION

SACRAMENTO, CA

12-15 May 2005

The following information is for your planning purposes. The reunion committee is still working out some of the details. We will have all the details and complete registration forms mailed to WCC members in our next **Depot Fallout** newsletter (approx 30 Dec). In the mean time, watch our web site www.AFTACwest.org for updates and the forms to be posted when they are final. The Hotel registration form, below is good now and is already posted there.

Preliminary Agenda/Events Schedule

➤ **Thursday, 12 May 2005**

5PM - 7PM: Registration/Welcome Reception in the McClellan Suite

➤ **Friday, 13 May 2005**

10AM: Golf Tournament at Diamond Oaks Municipal Course [Shotgun start]

3PM – 6PM: Registration in the McClellan Suite

3PM – 11PM: McClellan Hospitality Suite Open

6PM – 9PM: Cocktail Party Reception in the Aviator Room

➤ **Saturday, 14 May 2005**

10AM – 3PM: Chartered Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Indian Casino, Lincoln, CA

(The cost will be \$14/person but the casino will give you \$5 slot/table credit + a \$5 food coupon.)

3PM – 6PM: Registration in the McClellan Suite

3PM – 11PM: McClellan Hospitality Suite Open

6PM – 12AM: Banquet Dinner in the Grand Ballroom

➤ **Sunday, 15 May 2005**

9AM – 1PM: Brunch Buffet (*no host*) at the Aces Restaurant in the hotel.

11AM: Hotel checkout time. Farewell until the next reunion.

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento, CA 95841

1-800-338-2810 or (916) 338-5800 Local Sacramento

Send this form directly to the hotel or call them for reservations.

Name (*print*): _____ # Adults: _____ (Children <16 stay free)

Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____

Phone#: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Room (check one): [] King or [] Double-Double or [] Double. **Type:** [] Handicap [] Non-smoking

Reunion Rate is \$89/night if reservations are made before 21 April 2005. Use code "TOD".

Check-in date: _____ Check-out date: _____

(*check one*) [] Visa [] MasterCard [] American Express [] Discover [] Other: _____

Card#: _____ Name (*as it appears on the card*): _____

Card Expiration date: _____ Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____