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AFTAC REUNION 2007 DENVER REUNION A HUGE SUCCESS

By Joe Johnson, Chapter President

Congratulations to the Colorado alumni for a great reunion. Over 170 people attended and I observed all having a great time. Your California chapter had a good number of attendees as follows: Patrick Burke, Bo and Deannie Ferris, Steve and Donna Fritts, Marge Iske, Joe and Gayle Johnson, Max and Nancy Jones, Dale and Rose Klug, John and Dorothy Lanigan, Al and Ann Pavik, Curt and Leona Riggs, Tom and Mary Riley, William and Denise Robinson, Dennis and Doris Tasto, George Thompson, Roy and Steve Taylor, George and Gennie Waters.



In addition to the mixer on Friday night and the dinner on Saturday night, a free bus tour of the former Lowry AFB and Rocky Mountain Arsenal was offered. Lowry is now mostly housing and retail development. The old Det 57/SPINSTRA schoolhouse is now a private academy. The Arsenal has been converted to a National Wildlife Refuge. During our bus tour there we observed deer, coyotes, bison, prairie dogs, lots of birds and wild flowers. It appears most of the 17,000 acres of the Refuge is open to the public except for some areas still being cleaned of the toxics left after the Arsenal closed.

As final and much appreciated act, each alumnus in attendance was presented with a silver dollar size medallion commemorating the 60th anniversary of AFTAC.

<u>Editor's Note: Photo shows AFTAC 2007 Alumni of the Year, Bill Schmied at the podium with Colorado Chapter President, Jack Smith & AFTAC Commander, Col Westergren looking on.</u>

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The Picnic Crew: Ken Breitwieser, Butch Kemna, Dave Tarquino, Charlie Penn & Dennis Nolan



Donna & Steve Fritts along with Gretchen & Russel Berguam and a portion of the other 61 in attendance



George McAlister, Dale & Rose Klug, Bob Fitzgerald & Bob Baker



Dot & John Lanigan, Rich Charles, Jim Lucas, Jean Charles & Orv Pritchard



(Walt Partridge), Suki Tarquino & Chum Nolan



Jim Esping, Dane Leadmon, Mary Esping & Jane Leadmon



Charlie Penn (Treasurer) taking check & ap from new LIFE member, George McAlister w/Bob Fitzgerald twisting his arm



Ann Pavik, Mary & Jim Esping & Al Pavik

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Carol Pritchard & Gayle Johnson



Orv Pritchard, Clay Lemire & George Thompson



The Picnic Co-Chairs: Charlie Penn, Butch & Laurie Kemna



Peggy & 'Satch' Satterlee



Joe Johnson (President) & John Lanigan



Tanoa & Walt Partridge with Dave Price (Memb. Chairman)
Tanoa & Walt were here all the way from South Dakota



Corrine & John Miner, Gretchen & Russel Berquam & George McAlister (Gretchen & Russ were here from Texas)



Peggy Rheault &
Darlene Fitzgerald



Ken Breitwieser, Marge Iske & George Thompson

MANY MORE PHOTOS (55 TOTAL) ON OUR WEBSITE AT: www.AFTACwest.org bf

WORDS FROM THE PREZ

by Joe Johnson, President

Election of new West Coast Chapter officers is coming up at our December meeting and we need nominations & volunteers. Our new officers will be elected for 2-year terms at our general membership meeting on December 4th. A nominating committee has been selected to recommend a slate of candidates for the various officer positions. Ken Denbleyker heads the committee with Denny Nolan and Dave Tarquino rounding out the group. The committee asks that you advise if you would like to run for a position or would like to nominate a person for a position. Elected positions to be filled are: Chairman of the Board, Asst. Chairman of the Board, Director at Large, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Asst. Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. If you have computer access, you can download a nomination volunteer form from our Web Site www.aftacwest.com. Mark your selections and mail the form to: AFTAC Alumni Assoc.-West Coast Chapter, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA, 95611-3974. You can also nominate or volunteer for a position by Email. Just indicate what you want to do and Email your info to VicePres@AFTACwest.org We must have your inputs in hand no later than 3 September 2007. (A nomination/volunteer form is provided in this newsletter issue). We urge each of our members to consider running for an officer position. The scheduled meetings will only require about two hours of your time every three months. Your name will not be placed in nomination unless the committee has your OK to place your name in nomination. Please help us out by volunteering to become more active in YOUR Association.

WAY BACK WHEN by Dale Klug, Editor

We've started a series of articles 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. 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 or snail-mail to: P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974.



Editor's Note: This photo came from my "Wayback" machine circa 1970. Pictured is Det 428 when it was still in the trailers out back of the NAVFAC compound on Ritidian Point, Guam. It was a hardship tour, especially since the Pacific Ocean beach was just about 20 yards to the left of that lone pine tree. It was a rough assignment, but we persevered for two whole years.

Who Said That??

by Dale Klug, Editor

Someone who runs ten miles a day and tells you they enjoyed it will also lie to you about other things.

Growing older is inevitable. Growing up is optional.

Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you're not good at them.

Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org
First WCC member to send in a correct answer gets a free adult beverage. April issue's quotes were from Will Rogers.

Bob Baker was the first to send in the correct answer, followed 4hrs, 3mins, 42secs later by Ken Breitwieser.

John Horsch also sent in the correct answer and I had to go all the way to the Reunion to pay him off.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 6 July 2007: Active Members = 155 Life Members = 128

We have three new life members **Harm Aning**, **George McAlister** and **Stephen Cary**. We got renewals from **Arnie Celick** (5 yrs) and **Jackie Phelps**.

Annual membership fee of \$5.\(\frac{90}{2}\) is due by 01 Jan each year. **Check your mailing label for an expiration date.** *Your last newsletter will be the one following your expiration date.* Life memberships are available for \$50.\(\frac{90}{2}\) 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. Don't let your membership lapse. **Several alumni who have not yet paid their 2007 membership dues have been dropped from the "active" roster.**

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Fall Social coming up in November. Watch for details on our website and in our next newsletter.
- ➤ Election of Chapter Officers, 4 December 2007 at our quarterly membership meeting.
- Quarterly Membership meetings are held the 1st Tuesdays at the LionsGate restaurant on McClellan Park.
 Next meetings are: 4 September & 4 December 2007

(Call ahead to our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at <www.AFTACwest.org>.)

MAIL CALL

Don't forget our E-mail address: TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com

Tom Wentz, Email: 8 April 2007; Hello to All: Just to let you know, we will be out of town on our way to Altus AFB for our granddaughter's high school graduation. Know you all will have a great time at the 19 May picnic. Best to all. Tom and Sue Wentz, tomwentz@sbcglobal.net

Clay Lemire, In person: 19 May 2007; Pass on my best wishes to Jim Lee & the "702 Gang" pictured in the April newsletter. Have fond memories of you guys playing on the 1155th sports teams I coached. Stop in and say "Hi" if you're ever in town. Clay Lemire, 7112 Thomas Drive, No Highlands CA, 95660, 916-332-0968

In Memory Of

NARGOSKI, Leon E , CMSgt, USAF (Ret.)

Leon E. Nargoski, 77, of West Ashley PA passed away Wednesday morning at his home. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Georgianna Rumer, on May 11, 1994. Born and raised in Ashley, he was the son of the late Theodore and Adeline Nartowicz Nargoski. He was a 1947 graduate of Ashley High School. A US Air Force veteran, he served his country for 28 years, retiring as a chief master sergeant. He was a member of Holy Rosary Church, Ashley. He was also a member of the American Legion, Ashley; the Catholic War Veterans, Post 274, Ashley; and the Disabled American Veterans Post 32, Plymouth. He is survived by a daughter, Roxie McCann, Jacksonville, Fla.; son, Leonard Brock, California; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; sister, Doris Nargoski, Ashley. Interment will be in Fort Indiantown Gap VA National Cemetery. Please visit the Notice for Leon E. Nargoski. http://www.legacy.com/Link.asp?I=LS000087068776X

GET THIS FORM BACK TO US BEFORE, OR BRING IT TO THE SEPTEMBER 4th BUSINESS MEETING

WCC ELECTIVE OFFICE	I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING PERSON TO BE ELECTED TO THE WCC OFFICE NOTED
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
ASST. CHMN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
DIRECTOR AT LARGE	
PRESIDENT - MEMBER OF BD OF DIRECTORS	
VICE PRESIDENT	
TREASURER	
ASST. TREASURER	
SECRETARY	
ASST. SECRETARY	
WCC APPOINTED VOLUNTEER POSITIONS	I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING PERSON FOR THE APPOINTED POSITION NOTED
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - DATABASE MANAGER	
ASST. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - DB MANAGER	
"DEPOT FALLOUT" NEWSLETTER EDITOR	
ASST. TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR	
CHAPTER PHOTOGRAPHER	
CHAPTER HISTORIAN	
ASST. TO THE WEBMASTER	
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Note: You must be a paid up member of the West Coast Chapter in order to volunteer or nominate anyone for office. The election will be held on 04 Dec 2007 at the General Business Meeting which is open to all active WCC members.

PARTIAL DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES INVOLVED

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN – DATABASE MANAGER: Maintain a database of all past & present WCC members; provide listings of Active Members to the WCC Officers; create mailing labels; promote membership in WCC.

ASST. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - DATABASE MANAGER: Provide backup for the Chairman for all functions.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Solicit input for & publish quarterly "Depot Fallout" newsletter & other communications as requested by the WCC Officers.

ASST. NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Assist the Editor in publishing the newsletter or other forms of written communication as needed.

CHAPTER PHOTOGRAPHER: Take digital photographs at all WCC functions to create a visual history of who attended & what occurred at the event. Send a copy of the photos on CD to the Webmaster.

CHAPTER HISTORIAN: Archive and maintain copies of all WCC business documents, rosters, newsletters, photographs, etc.

ASST. TO THE WEBMASTER: Assist the chapter Webmaster in creating and maintaining content for the "www.AFTACwest.org" web site.

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