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WCC ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL 10 NOV 2018

by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster & Vice President

On Saturday, November 10th the West Coast Chapter will have our annual Fall Social at the **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant** in Citrus Heights from 11:30am-2:00pm. This restaurant will allow us each to order from their full menu and will bill us separately for our meals & drinks. This is always a great time of year to see and talk to friends. Details and the required reservation form is published in this newsletter and is also available now online from our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Forms" page. **The deadline for reservations is 5 Nov 2018 but please don't wait until then to send yours to us.**

SPRING PICNIC BBQ & POTLUCK

by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster & Vice President

The West Coast Chapter held our annual SPRING PICNIC BBQ & POTLUCK on ARMED FORCES DAY, **Saturday, 19 May 2018**. We had a beautiful day for our picnic, a wonderful time and a really good group of thirty-eight in attendance. If you missed this one you missed another good chance to see and visit with old friends ... and we missed you! **John "Butch" Kemna** our chief Picnic Guru, did a really good job putting it together again this year and our BBQ Chefs, **Ken Breitwieser & Denny Nolan**, worked their magic on the grill for us again. An abbreviated showing of the photos I took can be seen elsewhere in this newsletter. More of them, larger and in full color, can be see on our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Albums" page. You should plan now to be a part of this WCC spring tradition next year on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, 18 May 2019.

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO

Alumni Worldwide reunion next year, 13 - 16 June 2019

- Please let us know if you are:
1. Definitely interested and will be attending
 2. Definitely interested but may not be able to attend
 3. Just interested and it's really iffy

Please send ONE email, stating 1, 2 or 3 as above and include both of these addressees:

President@aftacco.org | Treasurer@aftacco.org

AFTAC Alumni Assoc – WCC Spring Picnic, 19May2018 at Tempo Park, C.H.



A nice place for a picnic & a beautiful day too!



BBQ Chefs: Ken Breitwieser & Dennis Nolan



Some great potluck dishes!



Great desserts too!



Tom Osborne, Jeanne Haslett, Nancy & Dave Price, Denise Dermenjian



Ken & Cathy Denbleyker, Bob Haslett, Rod Hinkle (WCC President)



Tom & Sue Wentz – Ken & Eva Breitwieser



Yuko & Glen Carson with daughter Mari



Tommie & Bob Baker – Denny & Chum Nolan



Dorothy Lanigan, Bob Fitzgerald, Corinne & John Miner



Dale Klug, Sylvia Hegelein (guest), Tony Carvelli (guest), John Lanigan



Carol Morrison, Laura Horne – Eva Breitwieser, Peggy Armintrout



Clay Lemire, Vern (guest), Ann McKeel, Myron Riddle



Donna Fritts, Butch Kemna (WCC Treasurer & Picnic Guru)

This event was arranged by **John “Butch” Kemna**
 Photos by *Bob Fitzgerald*
 See our “Albums” page at www.AFTACWCC.org for more & larger color photos



IN MEMORIAM

(Refer to www.AFTACWCC.org "Departed" page for add'l photos, details, etc., and other entries.)

CATHERINE BREWSTER, d. 05/01/2018, North Highlands, CA.

(Widow of "Fred Brewster", who passed away on 12/19/2017.)

(Note: Bob was notified on 6/1/18 of Catherine's passing by their son Mark Brewster.)

Mark said "that his mom was cremated and her remains at this time are in a box on his coffee table next to the box containing his father's ashes." Mark added that Catherine did not want a service or obituary published", however he also told me I could put a notice on our website and in our next newsletter to let all their AFTAC friends know about her passing. Note: The above information was added to Fred's entry on the www.AFTACWCC.org website "Departed" page. Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

MARIAN JORDAN, nee CHAMBERS, d. 06/11/2018, Elk Grove, CA.

(Note: Bob was notified on 7/7/18 of Marian's passing by her son-in-law, Wade Wayland.)



Wade said Marian's "work at McClellan AFB was a source of great pride for Marian and her memories and stories about her many friends brought her great joy." Wade added that he would advise Bob when an obit is published. An entry for Marian on the www.AFTACWCC.org website "Departed" page will be created as soon as Bob receives a notice from Wade of the obit being published.

Note: Marian Chambers was the "Sweetheart of MCL" and Executive Secretary to the Director of the McClellan Central Laboratory of the 1155th TechOpsSqd for many years. She was also a very talented pianist, singer & band director who formed a number of bands from talented 1155th TOS musicians, who called her "Mother". One of the bands was named "The Mother's Brothers" who performed for a number of events and at various venues in the greater Sacramento area. A number of band photos, including one with Marian, were published in 1999 on page 98 in the "Technical Operations Division Heritage Remembered" booklet. I hope to have some of the photos of the band(s), which I received from Marian and also from Warren Wachter, published in future issues of the Depot Fallout newsletter. I may even find a way some day to publish on our website some of the songs recorded by the band(s), members which I also received from Marian & from Warren. The band photos included Warren Wachter, Alan Gontang, Doug Clevenger, Bill Scott, Wayne Gunther and possibly others. Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

NCO SUPER GRADES

by Don King, Depot Fallout Editor

Dale Klug responded as follows.

When was the first super grade NCO rank established? On 20 May 1958, President Eisenhower signed Public Law 85-422 creating 2 new enlisted grades.

My DOR for Airman Third Class was 1 April 1964.

My DOR for SMSgt was 1 April 1985.

My retirement date was 1 April 1991.

Do you see a pattern there?

AFTAC REORGANIZATION

There has occurred a pretty drastic reorganization of AFTAC while keeping it under the 25th Air Force. The following url gives you the details. They are still doing the same mission as before.

<http://www.25af.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1516645/reorganization-brings-structure-leadership-to-treaty-monitoring-center/>

THE USAF SYMBOL

by Don King, Depot Fallout Editor



U.S. AIR FORCE

The U.S. Air Force symbol honors the heritage of our past and represents the promise of our future. It retains the core elements of our Air Corps heritage -- the "Arnold" wings and star with circle -- and modernizes them to reflect our air and space force of today and tomorrow.

The symbol has two main parts. In the upper half, the stylized wings represent the stripes of our strength -- the enlisted men and women of our force. They are drawn with great angularity to emphasize our swiftness and power, and they are divided into six sections which represent our distinctive capabilities -- air and space superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority, and agile combat support.

In the lower half are a sphere, a star and three diamonds. The sphere within the star represents the globe. It reminds us of our obligation to secure our nation's freedom with Global Vigilance, Reach and Power. The globe also reminds us of our challenge as an expeditionary force to respond rapidly to crises and to provide decisive aerospace power, worldwide.

The area surrounding the sphere takes the shape of a star. The star has many meanings. Its five points represent the components of our Total Force and family -- our active duty, civilians, Guard, Reserve and retirees. The star symbolizes space as the high ground of our nation's air and space force. The rallying symbol in all our wars, the star also represents our officer corps, central to our combat leadership.

The star is framed with three diamonds, which represent our core values -- integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. The elements come together to form one symbol that presents two powerful images -- at once it is an eagle, the emblem of our nation, and a medal, representing valor in service to our nation.

Not just a buzzword; AFTAC showcases innovation to ISR community

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs / Published July 09, 2018

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Thirty-five Airmen from across the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance enterprise converged at the Air Force Technical Applications Center here recently to get a first-hand view of how the nuclear treaty monitoring center applies innovation techniques to its worldwide mission.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph, AFTAC's Command Chief, thought it would be beneficial to have Air Force ISR counterparts meet with members of AFTAC's Innovation Lab to learn how Airmen have capitalized on the vast amount of knowledge, expertise, skill and talent within the center to find non-traditional ways to solve problems using innovation. So he invited three dozen people from ISR units across the U.S., including Airmen from the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale AFB, Calif.; the 319th Air Base Wing at Grand Forks AFB, N.D.; the 480th ISR Wing and 363rd Wing at Langley AFB, Va.; the 70th ISR Wing at Ft. Meade, Md.; and the 655th ISR Group and National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

AFTAC, a surveillance wing of 25th Air Force's ISR structure, created its Innovation Lab in 2014 as a way to encourage the workforce to figure out ways to develop and streamline technologies and processes at a cheaper cost while simultaneously addressing mission gaps.

According to Joseph, innovation has been part of the AFTAC culture and is nothing new for the nuclear surveillance organization.

"The men and women of AFTAC have been doing innovation for 70 years," he said. "The purpose of this visit was to see how we can collaborate better and highlight issues to remove barriers our Airmen face. We have smart, innovative Airmen across the Air Force and in the 25th, and each wing has programs and initiatives that can make our Air Force better and more effective in accomplishing our mission."

During their visit, the group toured various places within DoD's sole nuclear treaty monitoring center. Some stops on the itinerary included AFTAC's machine shop, Ciambone Radiochemistry Lab, Heritage Room, Logistics Warehouse, Innovation Lab and Operations Center.

On the last day of the visit, Joseph ensured time was carved out to break the teams into groups for brainstorming and collaboration sessions, as well as to capture takeaways for both the visitors and the hosts.

Chief Master Sgt. Jessica L. Bender, Command Chief for the 9th RW, took note of the Airmen she met during her visit.

"I was very impressed with the skills and expertise of even the youngest Airmen here," Bender said. "Everyone seems proud to be part of AFTAC and it was a very positive environment."

She added that this was a great opportunity to network with other Airmen from different bases to help develop innovative programs at their respective organizations.

"We gained a greater perspective on the capabilities of other units, what projects they are working on, and how to reach out to ask for assistance if needed. Our Airmen were already floating ideas prior to the last day (of our visit). They were thinking outside the box, and that's good for any career field or specialty."

David Paynter, Logistics Flight Chief in the 709th Support Squadron, was glad host the group that visited his warehouse to showcase some of the innovative ways his section has improved logistic processes and procedures.

"I have been pushing innovation and thinking outside the box in terms of logistics support to AFTAC for some time now," said Paynter. "Tom Lehnerz, our materiel management lead, and his team of experts took that to heart. During this recent visit, we were able to showcase some of the projects we've been working on, including a prototype diagram of a crate that houses precision seismic components related to our worldwide mission to ensure the equipment can be safely and securely shipped. This prototype is expected to decrease maintenance preparation and annual inventory time in half, improve our inventory accuracy, and save nearly \$20,000 in commercial fabrication costs."

He added, "The visitors seemed to be very impressed with our creativity and innovative approach to logistics, and I'm extremely proud of a job well done!"

EVENTS CALENDAR

Just a reminder that our business meetings are held the **2nd Monday** of March, June, September, and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel in McClellan Park. The meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome. It is also a great time for the kind of informal get-togethers that we had when we were on active duty at a site or on TDY somewhere, or when we are in the hospitality rooms during a reunion. The date of the next meeting is **Mon Sep 10th**.

Always check our 'Events' page at www.AFTACWCC.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.

UPCOMING 2018 SOCIAL EVENTS:

. **Saturday 10 Nov 2018 11:30am-2:00pm Fall Social.** Details and Sign-up form on website & in this Fallout issue.

(Note: Updated schedules of all meetings & social activities are always available our www.AFTACWCC.org website "Events" page.)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of May 6, 2018

Total Active Members = 148 Life Members = 141.

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. Check your mailing label, or check the "WCC Roster" from our website "Forms" page. **Life memberships are available for \$75.** You can use the "Membership Application/Roster Update" form on the last page of this newsletter or the one from our web site "Forms" page to send with your dues. Don't let your membership lapse. **Those alumni who are not current with their membership dues will be dropped from the "active" roster along with our newsletter distribution & email notification lists.** (See our web site "Forms" page, "WCC Roster" link to check your status.)

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Website Quarterly Activity Report for the period 1 Apr 2018 – 30 Jun 2018
Submitted 3-Jul-2018 by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

<u>Visitors</u> <u>This Quarter</u>	<u>Highest</u> <u>Visitors Week</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Sessions</u>	<u>Most Popular*</u> <u>Page (#Sessions)</u>	<u>Next Most Popular*</u> <u>Page (#Sessions)</u>
2,707	04/09-04/15 (245)	3,069	Contacts (461)	Departed (353)

Notes: * Does not include our 'Home' page, which almost always is the most popular page.

Visitors: This evaluation shows how many visitors accessed our website. Visitors are uniquely identified on the basis of the IP address and the browser ID. **If a visitor goes to our website more than once a day, only one visitor is counted.**

Sessions: This evaluation shows the number of sessions. A session starts when a visitor accesses our website and ends when he or she leaves it. A session ends automatically after 30 minutes without activity. **If a visitor goes to our website more than once a day, multiple sessions are counted.**

NCO SUPER GRADES

by Don King, Depot Fallout Editor

When was the first super grade NCO rank established? Who in our AFTAC membership has the earliest date of rank for each of the super grades? Send your DOR's to retdking6158@gmail.com and I will publish the results.

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER
WCC 2018 FALL SOCIAL

Saturday, 10 Nov 2018 – 11:30am-2:00pm
at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant
5445 Sunrise Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610



The Olive Garden has assured us that we can each order off of their regular menu and pay separately for our meals. Therefore, no money will be required with your reservation form. **However, you need to inform us no less than 48 hours in advance if you must cancel your reservation.**

SAVE THIS PART FOR YOUR REFERENCE

My Name: _____ Spouse/Other: _____
Additional Guests Name(s): _____
TOTAL ATTENDING: ____

The deadline for receipt of your reservation is Monday, 5 Nov 2018

I/We sent our signup for the above names on ___/___/2018
via USPS to: **AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974**
or

I/We sent our signup for the above names on ___/___/2018
via Email to: FallSocial@AFTACWCC.org

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / ROSTER UPDATE

Annual membership fee of \$10.00 is due by 01 January each year. Check your mailing label for expiration date. *Your last newsletter will be the one following your expiration date.* Life memberships are available for **\$75.00.**

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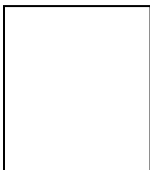
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