

# MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

## AFTAC / WFO - 1155th - TOD

AFTAC/WFO-1155th-TOD Reunion, P.O. Box 888, North Highlands, CA 95660-0888

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### A PROUD ERA ENDS

After 49 years, the illustrious unit, first known as the **Western Field Office (WFO)**, then the **1155<sup>th</sup> Technical Operations Squadron**, and finally, the **Technical Operations Division** is coming to a close. The commemorative inactivation ceremony will take place on the morning of 9 April 1999, followed by an open house, and concluded with a banquet dinner-dance. The theme for the scheduled events will be "A Heritage Remembered" and will focus on the history of the unit and those who served proudly. The Technical Operations Division will officially be inactivated 30 September 1999 with most of the unit members to leave McClellan AFB by 13 August 1999. The world-class McClellan Central Laboratory (MCL) component of TOD will be outsourced and the depot maintenance, supply, and technical services will be moved to San Antonio, Texas

..... by CMSgt Sue Spencer, TOD



### A TIME FOR REMEMBERING

WFO-1155th-TOD alumni are planning a reunion for everyone, active duty and retired, who has ever served anywhere under the 1009th Special Weapons Sqdn., 1035th FAG, AFOAT-1, AFTAC or any of the Squadrons or Field Units. Put April 8-11, 1999, on your calendar.

The reunion committee is working hard to make this a truly memorable event worthy of the ending of a historic era, which many of us will never forget. The committee is making plans in such a way as to allow time for everyone to really enjoy their short time together here in Sacramento.

I urge all to come and see the current TOD operation. Those that are only familiar with the operations at Building 628 will be impressed by the current facilities in the Irving J. Russell building.

A last thought: none of us is getting any younger. Come visit with old friends now, lest St. Peter be your host.

..... by Joe Johnson, Committee Chairperson

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### A FIRST CLASS REUNION

The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Northeast. This hotel is currently going through major renovations which are scheduled to be completed this November.

Major events will include a golf tournament, a cocktail party (including a full buffet meal), the TOD closing ceremonies, a tour of the McClellan Air Museum, a banquet dinner/dance, and a final farewell Sunday buffet.

The committee has been holding the line on costs while at the same time planning a "first class" celebration. Estimated cost per person for the cocktail party and banquet dinner/dance should be approximately \$50-\$55.

Reunion registration will open on Wednesday evening, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the hotel lobby area and open at 9am on Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, in the hospitality suite. Registration forms, along with complete details of all the activities and prices, will be included in a special mailing in early December to the 3,800+ the reunion committee has in their database.

The facilities will be first class, the food and drink will be first class, the dance band will be first class, the banquet program will be first class, the golf tournament and souvenirs will be first class, and the company will, of course, be first class.

..... by Bob Fitzgerald

## Thursday, April 8th, 1999

### HOSPITALITY SUITE

The suite will be our place to relax, enjoy a cool drink or coffee and renew old friendships.

This suite will serve as the location for the reunion registration desk. It will also serve as a focal point for the reunion when nothing else is scheduled.

The hospitality suite will open on Thursday at 8 a.m. and close on Sunday at 11 a.m.

The suite will have a room that can be reserved for mini-reunions, which must be coordinated at the reunion registration desk. Signup will be available upon arrival.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lawrence Links (McClellan AFB Golf Course) will be utilized for the tournament. Lawrence Links is a par 72 nine-hole course with separate tees for the front and back fairways. A maximum of 72 players (male and female) can be accommodated with a shotgun start.

Lawrence Links requires soft spikes. Presently, green fees are \$6 for E1-E4, \$11 for E5 and above, and \$11 for DOD civilians. Reciprocal fees are 75% of regular fees (bring your base membership card). Golf carts are available for \$16, pull carts for \$2 and rental clubs for \$5 per set.

The tournament will be stroke play. To assist us in establishing handicap flights, please advise us of your present handicap. Those without a handicap will compete within a Calloway flight. Be at the links NLT 12:00 noon for a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

There will be a signup form for golf with the registration information that will be mailed out later this year. In the mean time, for an answer to any questions relating to the tournament, contact Cal Brown at (916) 961-5646 or Jim Esping at (916) 481-5664 (email: [jesping@juno.com](mailto:jesping@juno.com)). *by Cal Brown*

### COCKTAIL PARTY

There will be a cocktail party at the hotel from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. There will be a no-host bar available. A buffet meal will be served during the party.

## Friday, April 9th, 1999

### TOD

TOD staff are working hard on the inactivation ceremony and open house/reception for everyone. There will be transportation from the hotel to the base for the 9 a.m. ceremony and then to the reception at the Russell building TOD facility.

### AIR MUSEUM TOUR

Following the TOD open house/reception, transportation will be provided from the Russell building to the McClellan Air Museum. Following the museum tour, transportation will be provided back to the hotel.

### BANQUET DINNER/DANCE

A banquet dinner and dance will be held at the hotel from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. TOD will provide the guest speakers and special presentations. There will be a no-host bar for drinks. Those who wish to have wine with dinner will be able to order it by the glass or bottle. John Skinner and his Big Band will provide great music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

#### THE JOHN SKINNER BIG BAND



John's 14 piece orchestra with a repertoire of music that includes everything from the '40s - '90s, from nostalgia to rock-and-roll will provide music for listening and dancing.

**Saturday, April 10th, 1999**

**Sunday, April 11th, 1999**

**OLD SACRAMENTO TOUR**

Shuttle service will be available between the hotel and Old Sacramento.

What to do in Old Sacramento:

- Take a tour of the world renowned California State Railroad Museum and/or a ride down the river front on the steam train.
- Tour the Towe-Ford Museum.
- Tour the Military Museum.
- Take a boat ride down the Sacramento river.
- Shop ‘til you drop at all the wonderful gift shops in Old Sac.
- Eat and eat and drink at all the great watering holes and eating places in Old Sac.
- Walk the new river front promenade just south of the Tower Bridge in Old Sac.
- Enjoy the walk and browsing all over Old Sac.
- Take a surrey ride around Old Sac in an authentic carriage.
- Take a short taxicab ride to the restored State Capitol building 11 blocks away.
- Walk, or take an even shorter taxicab ride, to Crocker Art Museum.
- Bring your camera. There are lots of “photo op’s”.
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**OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR FUN**

*(You make your own arrangements here)*

There are regular bus tours that will take you to South Lake Tahoe or Reno for the day for gambling or a show. Most of these offer coupons and cash back from the sponsoring casino(s).

San Francisco is just 2.5 hours away. Lots of shopping and sightseeing opportunities there.

**SOUVENIRS**

TOD is creating a special commemorative coin and other souvenirs (T-Shirts, caps, etc.) which you will be able to pre-order with the registration forms that will be sent to you. Look for detailed information in the reunion newsletter this December.

**FAREWELL BUFFET**

Sunday morning: This is our last chance to get together with friends, new and old, to say our goodbyes “until we meet again”.



**YOUR REUNION COMMITTEE**



(Left to Right)

**Back:** Lew Horne, Frank Goodreau, Rich Charles, Orville Pritchard, Jack Allison, Harm Aning, and George Thompson  
**Front:** Bob Fitzgerald, Cal Brown, Joe Johnson, Bart Carter, CMSgt Sue Spencer, and Jim Lucas  
 (Not pictured: Dale Klug, Lew Milligan and Jim Esping)

- Chairman ..... Joe Johnson (Bob Fitzgerald, Vice Chair)
- Secretary..... Frank Goodreau
- Treasurer..... Jim Lucas
- TOD Liason..... CMSgt Sue Sencer
- Database .....Bob Fitzgerald, Harm Aning
- Newsletter Editor..... Bob Fitzgerald
- Facilities .....Jack Allison, Bart Carter
- Publicity .....Rich Charles & Bart Carter
- Banquet Program..... CMSgt Sue Spencer
- Hospitality .....Lew Horne, George Thompson,  
 " .....Frank Goodreau, Lew Milligan
- Registrations..... Bob Fitzgerald, Jim Lucas,  
 " ..... Frank Goodreau, Dale Klug, Harm Aning
- Golf Tournament ..... Cal Brown, Jim Esping
- Postal Liasons..... Orville Pritchard
- Souvenirs..... CMSgt Sue Spencer, Orville Pritchard
- McCellan Air Museum Tour ..... Orville Pritchard

**Note:** Old photos of WFO, 1155th, TOD and MCL wanted. Send them to Joe Johnson at AFTAC/WFO-1155<sup>th</sup>-TOD Reunion, P.O. Box 888, North Highlands, CA 95660-0888.

*Comments or questions can be sent to the address shown above or via email to.. <[TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com](mailto:TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com)>*

**YOUR CHECK LIST**

- Hotel Reservations (Directly to the Holiday Inn Hotel nlt 20 March 1999) ..... [ ]
- Souvenir Order Form (mailed with Reunion Registration Form nlt 1 March)..... [ ]
- Golf Tournament Regis. (mailed with Reunion Registration Form nlt 1 March) ..... [ ]
- Reunion Registration Form and check for the total (nlt 1 March 1999)..... [ ]

*If you would like to join an Alumni Association, write to the following:*  
 WFO-1155th-TOD Alumni Association, PO Box 888, North Highlands, CA 95660-0888  
 AFTAC Alumni Association, Box 4892, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-0892  
 AFTAC Alumni Assn. - Colorado Branch  
 c/o Benjamin P. Vlassick, 18207 E. Loyola Dr., Aurora, CO 80013-3314

**HEALTH and WELFARE**

To all of our comrades and their family members who are seriously ill or suffering we would like to send our good wishes and prayers for a speedy recovery. Those that we currently know about are:

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**FINAL FLY BY**



Since we were last together nine years ago, some of our comrades have left this world for a better place. To their families we send our sympathies and prayers for comfort and peace. We also extend our hands and hearts to you as part of our "family" and pledge to help in any way we can.

**SOUVENIRS**

Above the breast pocket logo  
 for the Golf Shirts (black logo)  
 (sm, med, lge, x-lge)  
 (white or powder blue shirt)

BaseBall Cap Logo  
 (powder blue cap with black logo)

**SOUVENIR ORDER FORM**

**GOLF SHIRTS @ \$15.00 each:**

Small (White).....# \_\_\_\_\_

Medium (White).....# \_\_\_\_\_

Large (White).....# \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large (White).....# \_\_\_\_\_

Small (Powder Blue).....# \_\_\_\_\_

Medium (Powder Blue).....# \_\_\_\_\_

Large (Powder Blue).....# \_\_\_\_\_

X-Large (Powder Blue).....# \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Golf Shirts.....= \_\_\_\_\_

**BASEBALL CAPS @ \$5.00 each:**

(one size fits all)

Powder Blue.....# \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate the total number of shirts and caps being ordered on the proper lines on the Reunion Registration Form.*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This order form is **only for those that will be attending the reunion.**

All orders must be picked up at the reunion registration desk.

*(Sorry, we do not have the capability to ship orders to you.)*

(Please submit this form with your Reunion Registration Form and all monies nlt 1 May)

**SOUVENIRS**

**GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM**

	Name(s)	Present Handicap	No Handicap
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

I/We would like to play with the following people:

\_\_\_\_\_

I/We will need transportation from the Red Lion Hotel to the Tournament and return:    Y    N

(circle one)

(Please submit this form with your Reunion Registration Form and all monies nlt 1 May)

**GOLF**

**MAIL THE FORMS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE  
TO OUR ADDRESS ALONG WITH YOUR  
REUNION REGISTRATION FORM.**

**BANQUET MENU**

Dinners include starter, fresh vegetables,  
choice of rice, pasta, or potatoes,  
rolls and butter, dessert and choice of beverage

**Roast Prime Rib of Beef**

Served with creamed horseradish

**Breast of Chicken Seafood**

Filled with Scallops and Bay Shrimp  
Laced with Sauvignon Blanc Sauce

**Fresh Salmon**

Lemon Caper Sauce

**WFO-1155<sup>th</sup>-TOD Reunion**  
**April 8-11, 1999**

Per Night

- Single, 1 Person, Queen Bed..... [ ] \$\_\_
- Double, 2 Persons, Queen Bed ..... [ ] \$\_\_
- Double,-Double, 2 Persons, 2 Queen Beds ..... [ ] \$\_\_
- Parlor Suite ..... [ ] \$\_\_
- Handicapped Room..... [ ] Charge for additional person ..... [ ] \$\_\_

NON SMOKING ROOMS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. ROOM RATES SUBJECT TO LOCAL TAX.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*LAST DATE TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AT GROUP RATE: 3/1/99. DEPOSIT OF ONE NIGHTS RATE REQUIRED TO HOLD ROOM PAST 6:00 P.M. Deposit refunded if 24 hour cancellation notice is given.

COURTESY VAN SERVICE: YES NO Upon arrival, contact hotel via airport courtesy phone.

FLIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF ARRIVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

(please cut on above line)

NOTE: USE THE MAIL-IN HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST, ABOVE, IF YOU PREFER TO PAY FOR YOUR FIRST NIGHT'S STAY BY CHECK. OTHERWISE, YOU MAY USE THE TOLL-FREE NUMBER BELOW TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION USING YOUR CHARGE CARD TO HOLD IT:

*For Hotel reservations, please mail in the Hotel registration form directly to the Holiday Inn Hotel and tell the agent that you want the special guaranteed group rate\* for the*

**"WFO-1155<sup>th</sup>-TOD Reunion"**

*\*(Group Rates: \$\_\_ single, \$\_\_ double, \$\_\_ triple, \$\_\_ quad. All plus \_\_. % county occupancy tax.)*

**MAIL THE HOTEL RESERVATION FORM ON THE  
UPPER PORTION OF THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE  
DIRECTLY TO THE RED LION HOTEL**

**REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please Print. The following information will also be used on your badge for entry to the reunion functions)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**1009th/1035th/AFTAC UNIT TOUR DATES**

Unit: _____	From (year): _____	To (year): _____
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Unit: _____	From (year): _____	To (year): _____

*(Please print and fill in all the blanks)*

Reunion Administrative Fee (Newsletter, mailings, etc.) *[Please ignore if already paid]* ..... \$10.00/family = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Tournament\* (Fri) (Includes prizes & refreshments but **not** the Green fees nor cart).....\$10.00ea x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cocktail Party (Fri Eve).....(Snacks & Hors d'oeuvres included) (No-Host Bar) .....\$ 7.50ea x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Souvenirs\* (Golf-Shirts \$15.00 ea x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + Ball Caps \$5.00 ea x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_) ..... = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOD Tour (Sat) .....\$ n/c x \_\_\_\_ = \$ n/c

Dinner/Dance\* (Sat Eve) .....[\_\_\_\_#Prime Rib, \_\_\_\_#Seafood Stuffed Chicken, \_\_\_\_#Salmon] .....\$37.50ea x \_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday Brunch Buffet.....(pay at hotel, but tell us how many people ---->). .....\$18.00ea x \_\_\_\_ = \$ hotel

Total Remitted = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please send your check, order form and registration forms for the total amount nlt 1 May payable to:*  
AFTAC/WFO/1155th/TOD Reunion, P.O. Box 454, North Highlands, CA 95660-0454

(\*Note: Remember to include your **Souvenir Order Form** and your **Golf Tournament Registration Form**. See page six for details about the banquet menu. Hotel reservations should go directly to the Red Lion Inn.)

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