

AFTAC Alumni Association

West Coast Chapter

161 Southcreek Circle. Folsom CA 95630-1510

Spring Get-Together

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE THOMPSON (CHAP VICE PRESIDENT)

Come join us on a cruise on the Clear Lake Queen, 29 April 2000. The Queen is a three-deck paddlewheeler that carries 150 passengers with dining accommodations for 96 and a bar on the second deck. Clear Lake is the largest natural lake in California, with 127 miles of shoreline. Believed to be the oldest (4 million years) lake in North America, the lake and surrounding area abounds in Indian folklore. The three-hour cruise offers ample time to view the lake and surrounding mountains. Mt Konocti, although dormant, is still listed as an active volcano and is clearly visible from the boat. All dining tables have a window view. The on-board chef promises a delicious luncheon.

The cruise, including lunch, tax and tip costs **\$25 per person**. Make reservations **by April 10th** by contacting George Thompson **707-994-4143**. Messages may be left on the answering machine. **Cruise time: 11 am to 2 pm**. Please be at the marina by 10:30 am. **Location: Aurora RV Park & Marina, 2985 Lakeshore Blvd, Nice CA, 95464**. Mail check payable to **Clear Lake Queen** to George Thompson, PO Box 5025, Clearlake CA 95422 ---OR --- Call George with your reservations and pay cash, check or Visa|Mastercard at the boat.

If you'd like to spend the night, there are quite a few motels, resorts, RV park and an Indian gaming casino close by. Clear Lake is about 100 miles (2-hour drive) from Sacramento. Interstate 5 to Williams, then State Route 20 is the easiest, most direct route. But, for a scenic drive along Cache Creek, take Interstate 5 to Woodland, then State Routes 16 & 20.

Alumni Gain Valued Member

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CMSgt Susan J Spencer's retirement ceremony on Nov 23, 1999, resulted in another active duty member becoming a true alumnus. The chapter has gained what the active military lost. As many of you already know, Sue was a very valuable member of the reunion committee, making last year's reunion a memorable one. 18 members of the West Coast Chapter attended the ceremony held in Club McClellan. It was a moving ceremony highlighting many of Sue's accomplishments. The presiding officer, LTC Denbleyker, master of ceremonies, CMSgt Edward Cahoon, and MSGt Richard Perez conducted the retirement and presentations. Sue received the Meritorious Service Medal, presidential certificate, and numerous gifts and accolades from friends and fellow AF members. One of our alumni, CMSgt (ret) Harm Aning, presented Sue with a shadow box. We all wish Sue the best of everything in the future and look forward to seeing her at our activities and future reunions. Alumni members attending the ceremony were Jack Allison, Harm Aning, Cal & Alice Brown, Bart & Virginia Carter, Jim & Mary Esping, Bob Fitzgerald, Frank & Irene Goodreau, Lew Horne, Marge Iske, Joe & Gayle Johnson, Dale Klug, Orv Prichard, and George Thompson.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ' BY JOE JOHNSON

COME ON OUT FOR AN ENJOYABLE CRUISE ON CLEAR LAKE, CALIFORNIA. VISIT WITH FRIENDS AND MAKE SOME NEW ONES WHILE ENJOYING LUNCH ON THE PADDLEWHEELER TRIP ABOUT THE LAKE.

YOUR CHAPTER OFFICERS WANT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL THE MEMBERSHIP TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS. SINCE IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE TO NOTIFY EACH OF YOU OF EVERY MEETING, WE HAVE SET UP OUR MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. THE THREE REMAINING QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 2000 ARE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 22, AUG 28, AND NOV 27. OTHERS WILL BE HELD AS NEEDED. MEETING LOCATIONS

March 2000

AND TIMES ARE NOT FIXED; SO IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND, CALL ME AT 916-783-8676 JUST PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED MEETING AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE TIME & PLACE INFORMATION.

EXTREEMELY IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE OUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS. MAIL TO THE OLD ADDRESS WILL BE FORWARDED FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY, SO SEND FUTURE MAIL TO:

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, WEST COAST CHAPTER ,161 SOUTHCREEK CIRCLE Folsom CA 95630

THE **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (\$5.00) IS DUE IN APRIL 2000.** LIFETIME MEMBERS (**\$50 LIFE MEMBERSHIP**) EXCLUDED OF COURSE. NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE PRINTED AND MAILED AFTER DUES ARE RECEIVED. PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE STILL ON A LEARNING CURVE HERE AND THE US MAIL IS NOT INFALLIBLE, SO IF YOU DON'T GET OR HAVEN'T RECEIVED A MEMBERSHIP CARD, LET US KNOW.

WE HOPE TO FOR A GREAT TURNOUT AT CLEAR LAKE ON APR 10TH. I WILL BE THERE. HOW ABOUT YOU?

EDITOR'S NOTE: ANY IDEAS FOR FUTURE GATHERINGS OR ARTICLES FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Mail Call

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

RALPH SIMONTON SAYS: I'M INTERESTED IN GETTING REAQUAINTED WITH SOME OF THOSE WHO SERVED WITH ME IN 1965-1966. I WASN'T ABLE TO ATTEND THE TOD CLOSING, BUT I SURE WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN THERE. THAT WAS MY FIRST AFTAC ASSIGNMENT, AFTER CROSS-TRAINING INTO THE OUTFIT. I WENT FROM THERE TO 441, THEN TO HQ, THEN TO THE 1157TH, FROM WHICH I RETIRED AT THE PORT IN '72. REGARDS, RALPH SIMONTON, 44939 N 16TH ST WEST, LANCASTER CA 93534

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