

AFTAC Alumni Association

West Coast Chapter

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NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2001

AFTAC ALUMNI REUNION 2001

FROM THE COLORADO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER (ECHOES)

The Colorado Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association is hosting the 2001 reunion at the Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Red Lion Inn) at Denver's old Stapleton Airport. This is the same facility where they hosted the 1996 reunion. The dates are 14 through 17 June 2001. The agenda includes a golf tournament, Blackhawk/Central City gambling tour and a tour of Detachment 045 at Buckley ANG Station. A reunion reservation form is included in this newsletter. As always, guests are welcome. If you plan to attend, **THE RESERVATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEB 1, 2001**. Copies of the form are also available in the "Post Monitor" and the AFTAC home page. You can also call Ben Vlassick at 303-690-1239 or email him at aftacco@aol.com. Hope to see you there.

"Name Our Newsletter" Contest

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG

It's been suggested that we come up with a name for our newsletter. Everyone at our last membership meeting seemed to think that it's a great idea. The Florida chapter newsletter is the "Post Monitor" and the Colorado chapter named theirs "Echoes". I'm sure some former WFO, 1155th or Tech Ops Div member can come up with a creative suggestion for a newsletter name. We'll even consider entries from people who've never been stationed here. The chapter officers will decide on the name and appropriate prize for the person submitting the winning entry, so put your creative talents to work. Send your entry to Joe Johnson at our address or e-mail it to: **TOD.alumni@bigfoot.com**. We'll announce the winner in our June 2001 issue.

Spring 2001 Get-Together

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG

Already underway are plans for our next outing. Based on input from members we decided on the Amtrak trip to Oakland and cruise aboard FDR's "Floating White House". We are looking at springtime for this event. Joe Johnson and Orv Pritchard are getting all the details and arrangements made. Let us know if you're interested in participating. The final date will be announced at our March 6th membership meeting, and immediately published in the newsletter.

Tentative Plan: Amtrak, Oakland & the Good Ship "Potomac"

* Round-trip Amtrak tickets, Sacramento/Oakland.

* Professional host for duration of trip.

* Two-hour harbor cruise & boat tour aboard the "Potomac", FDR's beloved "Floating White House".

* Informational historical film before sailing.

* About a ten-hour day, station to station.

* \$84/adult, \$77/senior.

Amendments to Articles of Association

SUBMITTED BY BART CARTER (Chap Treasurer)

We mailed 112 newsletters with addressed, stamped postcards to active members. The postcards asked for your vote on changes to the Chapter Articles of Association. A total of 73 postcards were returned, for a participation rate of 65%. That is quite a bit lower than corporations expect when they send out annual proxies. There are 20 people on the active roster living in the Sacramento area whose postcards did not come back to us. I can call them and find out if they mailed their votes back to us. If they did we must have a problem with the postal service. If they did not, maybe we can find out why not and try to insure a better return in the future. Results of the voting are as follows:

	<u>AGREE</u>	<u>DISAGREE</u>
Change to Article II (Automatic life membership for widows & widowers)	72	1
Change to Article III (Creation of a locator service)	73	0
Elected to participate in the locator service	72	1

WORDS FROM THE PREZ' BY JOE JOHNSON

THE NEXT MEMBERSHIP OUTING IS IN THE PLANNING STAGE, AS INDICATED IN THE ARTICLE ABOVE. ANY SUGGESTIONS ANYONE HAS FOR FUTURE OUTINGS OR GET-TOGETHERS ARE CHEERFULLY WELCOME. JUST WRITE, CALL OR E-MAIL US.

HARM ANING HAS ACCEPTED A PROMOTION WITH SBC COMMUNICATIONS (PACIFIC BELL) AND HAS MOVED TO ST LOUIS, MO. HE HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR AT LARGE AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR CHAPTER ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD JACK ALLISON, PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR JOE JOHNSON AND VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE THOMPSON SELECTED BOB FITZGERALD TO REPLACE HARM. BOB ACCEPTED THE POSITION AND WILL SERVE THE REMAINDER OF HARM'S TERM

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 QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 2001 ARE SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY EVENINGS, 7PM, ON MAR 6TH, JUN 5TH, SEP 11TH AND DEC 4TH AT THE MCCLELLAN AIR MUSEUM. OTHERS WILL BE HELD AS NEEDED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR TOPICS YOU WISH TO BRING UP, CALL ME AT 916-783-8676 PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED MEETING AND I'LL INCLUDE IT ON THE AGENDA. HOPE FOR A GREAT TURNOUT AT THE AFTAC 2001 REUNION. WILL YOU BE THERE?

Editor's Note: Any ideas for, or newsletter articles are always welcome.

Mail Call

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

Margery Bird says: F Troopers and Wives: My family and I sincerely appreciate your memorial for Ron. It was wonderful to see the "F Troop" ribbon on the lovely bouquet of flowers for the service at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery. Your memorial money was sent to the foundation supporting the ND Veterans Cemetery. I was so happy to see Jon and Vi Richardson there. The effort they made to attend really touched us. Frank Goodreau helped me here with details and great support. I thank you, Frank and Irene!! F Troop is THE GREATEST!! Thank you all and God Bless---- Marge, Steve, John and Dave Bird. Margery Bird, 8431 Bay Meadows Court, Fair Oaks, Ca. 95628 E-mail address: r.bird@gateway.net

EDITOR'S NOTE: COL RONALD A BIRD, USAF RETIRED, PASSED AWAY IN SACRAMENTO ON OCT 4TH, 2000. COL BIRD SPENT 26 YEARS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 1155TH FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

George Thompson says: Received word that an old time SEO, Prosper E DeBee passed away on Nov 10th, 2000. Prosper also served as a pilot in the US Army Air Corps during WWII and retired as a Captain in the USAF. His family's address is: Mrs Lois DeBee, 11627 Sagepark Lane, Houston TX 77089.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (\$5.00) IS DUE IN APRIL EACH YEAR. YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION DATE IS PRINTED ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FEE (\$50) NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE PRINTED AND MAILED AFTER DUES ARE RECEIVED. TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP OR IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WISHING TO JOIN, PLEASE SEND THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALONG WITH DUES FOR AS MANY YEARS AS YOU WISH. REMEMBER, YOUR SPOUSE IS INCLUDED IN THE SAME MEMBERSHIP DUES.

Name _____
(last) (first) (M.I.) (rank) (serial no) (nickname)

Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zipcode)

Spouse _____
(name) (home phone) (work phone) (e-mail or fax no)

Years on Active Duty: _____ Time spent in AFTAC _____
(from/to,if applicable) (from/to)

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Roster Information Updates

Please send us any updates, when they occur, by letter or E-mail, for our membership roster. Here's the format we use. Thanks

Name _____
(last) (first) (M.I.) (rank) (serial no) (nickname)

Address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zipcode)

Spouse _____
(name) (home phone) (work phone) (e-mail or fax no)

*****REMEMBER - The completed form must be received by Feb 01, 2001.*****

REUNION 2001 REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print)

Name(s): Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Guests: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

(Please include a head count for each activity, even when there is no associated cost).

****Registration will start Thursday, June 14, at 10 AM in the hotel lobby. Packets with information will be available at that time.****

- 1. Reunion Administrative Fee (Badges, etc.)@ \$ 5.00/person X ____ = \$ _____
- 2. Golf Tournament (Friday, June 15, 7:30 AM) (price includes green fees, carts and prizes). Shotgun start with a minimum of 40-people. An additional \$6.00 will be required for the shotgun start. Transportation will be provided to the golf course if required. Guests are welcome.....# MEN = ____ # WOMEN = _____ \$ 40.00/person X ____ = \$ _____
- 3. Ice Breaker with Hors D'oeuvres/Cash Bar (Friday evening, June 15, 2001)@ \$ 20.00/person X ____ = \$ _____
- 4. Banquet Dinner and Dance/Cash Bar (Saturday evening, June 16, 2001).....TOTAL NEXT TWO LINES = \$ _____
 - a. Roasted Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish and Au Jus.....\$ 32.50 X ____ = \$ _____
 - b. Chicken stuffed w/Rock Shrimp and Scallops w/Basil Cream Sauce...\$32.50 X ____ = \$ _____
- 5. Tour - Detachment 045, Buckley ANGB, (Saturday Day, June 16, 2001)(no charge).....# people ____
Transportation will be required from the hotel: YES ____ NO _____# people _____
- 6. Tour - Central City/Blackhawk (Sunday, June 17, 2001). Transportation will be provided from the hotel. A fee is collected on the bus in exchange for tokens to be used in the casinos.....# people _____
- 7. Brunch, Monday morning (June 18, 2001), hotel cafe (pay at the event).....# people _____
- 8. For the total of items 1, 2, 3, and 4 I have enclosed a check in the amount ofTOTAL \$ _____

(Souvenir information will be announced in the next mailer)

This registration form must be received no later than **February 1, 2001**. Mail your form and check to
 Bob Tomlinson, P.O. Box 471344., Aurora, CO, 80047.
 Make checks payable to **Bill Schmied** and include your check with the registration form.

HOTEL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The reunion will be held at the **Doubletree Hotel**, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. (The Doubletree was formerly the Red Lion where the 1996 reunion was held across street from Stapleton - old airport). A special room rate of \$ 78.35 (includes taxes) is available for the reunion. Toll free number: 1-800-222-TREE (8733) Local: 303-321-3333.

When you call the hotel for reservations, be prepared with a credit card and tell them you are participating in the AFTAC Reunion. Reservations must be made prior to May 25, 2001. Special rate may not be available after May 25. You will be given a confirmation number; record that number. Hotel reservations must be canceled 24-hours in advance if your reservation is to qualify for a refund. Contact the hotel directly if you need to cancel.

SHUTTLE: The hotel's shuttle service to and from DIA airport runs 7 days a week from 4:30 am to 12:30 am rotating every 30 minutes. At DIA, West Terminal pickup is Door 512; East Terminal pickup is at Door 505. The hotel also offers a shuttle service to Downtown Denver and the Cherry Creek Mall 7-days a week. Information is available at the Guest Service Desk. From DIA, you can call the hotel at local number 303-321-3333 (ten digits are required) for shuttle info if necessary.

Airline travelers that will be renting a car should compare fares to Colorado Springs airport. Often, a better fare is possible. Enterprise Rent-a-Car has a booth in the hotel lobby. The only advantage in using the hotel booth at this mailing is a tax savings. A group rate cannot be negotiated at this time.