



AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WEST COAST CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER



DEPOT FALLOUT

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AFTAC ALUMNI REUNION 2001 A Big Success

SUBMITTED BY GEORGE THOMPSON, CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT

Everyone attending the AFTAC Reunion 2001 in Colorado appeared to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Even the weather cooperated – changing from cold and rainy to warm and sunny at the start of the reunion. The Colorado Chapter is to be commended for a job well done.

The attendees from the West Coast Chapter were: Clentis & Betty Bailey, Richard & Sharon Black, Wildon & Ann Blackburn, William & Ruth Bridges, Whitney Burke, Lee & June Cline, Richard & Barbara Deal, Clifford & Deannie Ferris, Pat & Pepper Genzler, Frank & Irene Goodreau, Joseph & Gayle Johnson, Leroy & Ruth Jones, Jon & Violet Richardson, Dennis & Doris Tasto, George Thompson and George & Gennie Waters.

“Name Our Newsletter” Contest Over

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG

It was a tough decision. There were twelve entries. We had no problem coming up with a way to cover the logistics supply, maintenance, engineering, technical publications and field support missions. That was easy, “**DEPOT**”. Now how could we cover the laboratory, flying, ground sampling and mission support aspects of WFO, 1155th and TOD and still refer to all of us still around to be so proud of our “MISSION ACCOMPLISHED”? Bill Stephan came up with “**FALLOUT**” and the vote in favor of “**DEPOT FALLOUT**” at our June 5th meeting was unanimous. Congratulations Bill, you did good! Thanks to those who submitted the other eleven entries from all over the country.

Summer Social Outing

SUBMITTED BY JOE JOHNSON

Our Amtrak trip to Oakland and cruise aboard FDR’s “Floating White House” was unable to garner the necessary 25 or more people to participate, so it was cancelled. However, the Alumni dinner at the Luau Gardens Buffet on April 7th was a huge success. Our official chapter photographer, Bob Fitzgerald, provided the photos on the next page.

Upcoming Elections

SUBMITTED BY BART CARTER

Our Articles of Association specify that our directors and officers be elected for a two year term. Believe it or not, the two years since they were elected is almost upon us. The current officers need your help with nominations for the upcoming election. They will present their slate of nominees based on inputs from all of you. If you would like to help us out as a nominee or volunteer, or know someone who does, please contact us via e-mail, letter or phone call. All six positions, Chairman of the Board, Director/President, Director at Large, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, are open. We need help with membership and the newsletter also. We need your input by August 1st, so we can get the ballots mailed for the election in September. Call Joe Johnson at 916-783-8676.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ' BY JOE JOHNSON

As stated above, we didn't get enough people for the Amtrak trip and cruise, but our **Alumni Meet to Eat** at the "Luau Gardens" was a roaring success. About 50 people showed up and we had a great time. Our telephone committee and e-mail senders did a good job. Thanks to all of you for your support. We are looking into another dinner, with a European cuisine, this fall and possibly another trip on the "Clear Lake Queen" for next spring. Any suggestions anyone has for future outings or get-togethers are cheerfully welcome. Just write, call or E-mail us.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as our chapter officers. The new officers' terms will start after the election in September. Please get in touch with us.

We have set up our general membership meetings for the rest of the year. The quarterly meetings for 2001 are scheduled for Tuesday evenings, 7pm, on Sep 11th and Dec 4th at the McClellan Air Museum. Due to a last minute commitment we were unable to get into the Air Museum for our June 5th meeting, my apologies to those who showed up and found the doors locked (we had it at my house instead). 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. There was a great turnout at the AFTAC 2001 reunion in Colorado. We really enjoyed ourselves.

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

Mail Call

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

Rich Charles says: The following Obituary appeared in the 5 May issue of the Sacramento Bee: "DUVALL, JAMES ROBERT (aka SMSgt Jim Brest) Age 65, born January 21 1936 in Sharon, Pa and passed away April 30 2001 at his home in Sacramento. Mr. Duvall retired from the US Air Force in 1976 after 26 years of service. He retired from McClellan AFB as a Supervising Production Controller in 1998. He is survived by his devoted wife of 23 years, Andree; loving children Michael Duvall and Catherine (Volin) Marianovich and grandchildren Nichole and Nadia Marianovich. Friends are invited to a Memorial Mass, Monday at 11:00 AM at St. Philomene Catholic Church. Reichert's Funeral Directors (916) 729-2229."

Rich (Nick) Charles E-mail: Jeri4025@AOL.Com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim spent several years in the 1155th before he retired from active duty. He was assigned to Logistics Maintenance as NCOIC, Production Control and was very active with the 1155th Base Championship Softball Team.

Al & Joyce Koscheski say: Hi, hope things are going well out your way. Thought you might enjoy the story in this weeks Air Force Times (dated Monday, June 25), inside the front cover under FRONTLINES). The story is about Mike an Nelson Wayne Koscheski, Al's brother who flew in WWII. Warm regards, Joyce & Al E-mail: ALJKosch@aol.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike Koscheski is Al & Joyce's son, a Air Force Academy graduate and fighter pilot stationed in UK.

Sue Spencer says: It's been a long time since I've been in touch. Bob Fitzgerald e-mailed a few days ago since he'd seen my registration for the June alumni event in Denver. I've been remiss on getting all my contact information up to date. Last summer was quite a whirlwind for me and things haven't slowed down since. In October I moved to Maryland taking advantage of my retirement move. Lee's still in California and still looking for a position in D.C. so he can join me. I've started interviewing for positions as a real estate salesperson and expect to be licensed within the next month. (April) I mailed off my membership renewal which also has my updated information, but I thought I'd pass it on to you also.

Lee & Susan Spencer, 7601 Elioak Terrace, Gaithersburg, MD 20879, E-mail: onthemove@bigfoot.com (no change from previous email) Thanks, Sue.

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[Note from the www.AFTACwest.org Webmaster: Not included here, but included in the mailings of this issue on page two were seven photos from our "Alumni Meet to Eat" at Luau Gardens on 7 April 2001. See our 'Albums' web page for those photos.]