



**AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WEST COAST CHAPTER
NEWSLETTER**



Depot Fallout

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Winter Social - Overflow Attendance!

Our Winter Social held at the "Shepherd Inn" on Saturday the 16th of November, was a huge success. The dining room seated 70 people and we had 77 in attendance. Quite a few alumni we hadn't seen in a long time joined our chapter members and families to make this a get-together to remember. Heavy fog and an early next-morning commitment kept Jim and Evelyn Gillmore from driving up from Concord, but we're looking forward to seeing them at our next event. "Thank You" to all who attended. A special "Thanks" goes out to Al and Ann Pavik, who made all the arrangements. Thanks also to Bob Fitzgerald for the pictures, included in this issue.

SMSgt (ret) Joe Johnson AFTAC Alumni of the Year, 2002

SUBMITTED BY: AL PAVIK, CHAPTER PRESIDENT



Joe has been selected 'Alumni Of The Year, 2002' He is a vital member of the alumni association, especially the West Coast Chapter, to include being a charter member and past President. Joe was critical to the formation of the chapter in '99, and was 'Committee Chair' for the worldwide reunion held in conjunction with the TOD Inactivation Ceremony in April '99. Joe has continued to serve the alumni, both at the local and worldwide level. He can be counted on to support events and never fails to 'lend a hand.'

Joe's selection was announced at the Florida Chapter's annual SnowBall (Feb 8th). He was honored there and will also be recognized at the Command Award Banquet on February 27th and at the '2003 Worldwide Reunion' in late May '03. Joe wasn't at the SnowBall (and cannot be at the banquet), but he will be present to receive his honors at the reunion.

Joe's service to his country began on Sept 1950 and to AFTAC on May 1951, being first assigned to the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant May 1974 being assigned to the 1155th TOS as Superintendent Seismic Systems Engineering. Joe's AF assignments after his initial training, were within AFTAC. His assignments and duties included: **1009th SWS, 1951-52**, Seismology training, Installed/operated 1 of 50 seismic stations monitoring atomic tests at the Nevada Test Site; **Det 142, 1952-54**, Equipment operations, Met and married wife Gayle; **Det 204, 1955-56**, Operations/maintenance, Son Robert born; **Hqtrs 1035th, 1957-60**, Established/operated first real time recording system for Technical Director, Daughter Carol born; **1155th 1960-61**, Depot Maintenance; **Det 423, 1961-62**, Operation/maintenance, Established new Det from the ground up; **1155th, 1962-66**, Engineering Department, Conducted initial seismic installations on Attu & Murphy Dome AFS, Alaska; **1159th, 1966-67**, Operations Section, Established new Tech Ops Squadron; **1156th, 1967-70**, Operations Section, Performed technical surveys for Det 452; **1155th, 1970-74**, Engineering Superintendent, Directed support for the worldwide seismic system; **Retired May 1974**. Congratulations Joe! Thanks for your service to the country, the US Air Force, AFTAC, and the Alumni Association. Your service is truly appreciated.

Upcoming Election of Officers

SUBMITTED BY DALE KLUG

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 as soon as possible, so we can get the ballots ready & mailed for the election. Call Al Pavik at 916-797-1472.

Yearly Membership Fees are Due in May

Annual membership fee of \$5.⁰⁰ is due by 01 May 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 \$50.⁰⁰ and include a laminated membership card. You can use the

Words From The Prez' by Al Pavik

- > The November get-together at Shepherder's was truly a GREAT event. Thank You to all the people for participating. We will plan on having another later this year.
- > We still plan to have a golf outing in the April time frame. I'm working with Rod Hinkle on this. It would be an event for both golfers and families.
- > Congratulations to Herb and Jayne on their 60th wedding anniversary.
- > We're looking for inputs from members on what they would like to do for future social events.
- > On December 12th, we had our quarterly Business Meeting. Thanks to all attendees.

Events Calendar for 2003

Scheduled/Proposed

- > April , Golf outing and social get-together. Time & place **TBD**.
- > 30 May – 1 June 2003: Worldwide Reunion at Long-Range Detection Alumni Florida Chapter
- > September 2, Election of Officers at business meeting.

Quarterly Business Meetings (at McClellan Air Museum at 7:00 PM) (Call ahead,797-1472, to confirm time & place)

- > 4 March, 3 June, 2 September, 2 December 2003

Mail Call

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

Samuel Band E-mail: I am a former member of the 1155th (1968-1971) and got your details from another former member, John French. Where can I get general information regarding former 1155th members? I currently live in Sydney, Australia and have run into a former member of the 1156th who has retired here, Larry Marang. Thanks for your help. Sam, S L Band, Director, JustIT-Business Technical Support (Div. Just IT Recruitment Pty Ltd) (02) 9630 8633 slband@just-it.sydney.net

EDITOR'S NOTE: SENT SAM AN E-MAIL WITH INFO ON OUR CHAPTER AND HOW TO ACCESS THE ALUMNI WEBSITE.

Dave Riddle E-mail: Just to bring you up to date on Ed & Kitty Slover. Here's an email I received from Kitty. WE HAVE SOLD OUR HOME IN ALBANY MUCH SOONER THAN EXPECTED. ED & I ARE REMAINING IN ALBANY AND MOVING INTO AN APT. WE HAVE BOUGHT OUR RETIREMENT HOME IN MOBILE, AND MARIAM, MY SISTER IS GOING TO LIVE THERE UNTIL ED RETIRES IN MAY. OUR ADDRESS IN ALBANY UNTIL SOMETIME IN MAY: PO BOX 43235, ALBANY, GA 31704 Phone: 229-420-6162. WE WILL HAVE THE SAME E MAIL ADDRESS: edskitty@bellsouth.net THE MOBILE ADDRESS: 7438 MEADOW GROVE COURT, MOBILE, AL 36619 Phone: 251-6632-2095 MARIAM WILL BE AT THIS ADDRESS STARTING FEBRUARY 17TH.

Kim Hughes E-Mail: Jack Deets, born on June 22, 1917, died on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002 in Citrus Heights, CA. He was with AFTAC from 1951 to 1958, with service in Washington, DC, McClellan AFB and Japan. In Japan he was commander of the Eastern Field Office from 1955 to 1958. He will be buried next summer in Arlington National Cemetery. He is survived by his five children - Jackie, Peter, Jill, Kim and Chris. We'd love to hear from anyone who might have a special memory of our dad. Please contact us through Kim Deets Hughes, 7724 Blackwater Way, Sacramento, CA 95831.

Rich Charles E-mail: MSgt USAF (Ret) Andrew "Andy" Quisenberry passed away on 6 February 2003 in Vallejo, California. Andy was assigned to the Budget Branch, Headquarters 1009th Special Weapons Squadron, Washington DC and other parts of AFTAC during his many years with the organization. A memorial service will be held at 1100 Hours (PT) on 13 February in Vallejo, California. Andy was an avid bowler and outstanding bowler and Budget Analyst. Donations can be made to Parkinson's Disease Research or to a charity of choice. Cards of condolence can be sent to: Mrs Karen Quisenberry, 720 Jennings Ave, Vallejo, California 94590, Phone: (707) 553-6406.

Julie Doll E-mail : Our email should work now as thegrypps@acsalaska.net Happy New Year to all! Julie Doll, SMSgt, Superintendent, Det 460/CCS

Jim Payne E-mail: An easy way for interested ex-AFTAC'rs to get an application form to join the Long Range Detection Program Alumni Association (Florida Chapter) is to go to the homepage at <http://www.csihq.com/aftacalumni> Go to the member locator/info and enter their name. After they enter their data, there is a provision whereby they can print out a membership application which has been preprinted with their data. Then you have to use the snail mail, along with some money to join the chapter. When that happens (or anytime a change is made to any homepage data) an email is kicked out to me (and a few others) and I use that data to update my stand-alone ACCESS database. If the person is not an alumni member (of the Florida chapter) I send them an Email of membership solicitation. Sometimes I recommend they join a Denver or Sacramento chapter). **EDITOR'S NOTE:** JIM IS THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN IN FLORIDA AND HE SENT THIS AS A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST ON HOW TO JOIN THE CHAPTER THERE. USEFUL INFORMATION INDEED. WE ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO UPDATE YOUR INFO ON THE WEBSITE.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board	Rodney Hinkle	Director & President.....	Al Pavik
Director At Large	Orville Pritchard	Vice President	Joe Johnson
Treasurer & Membership	Bart Carter	Secretary	Marge Iske
Asst. Treasurer	Frank Goodreau	Newsletter Editor.....	Dale Klug

[Note from your WCC Webmaster: Look on our web site through our "Albums" page for the nine photos of the Nov 2002 Dinner Party that were included in the Feb 2003 issue of the Depot Fallout that was mailed to active members. There you will also find those nine photos and 12 more, all in glorious color.bf]

2003 Worldwide Reunion in Florida

CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN & CHRIS HORSCH LRDP Alumni Assoc. Newsletter Editors

Long-Range Detection Alumni Worldwide Reunions—History and Overview

JUDY MILAM

Everybody loves a reunion – time to get together with old friends, make new friends, and see what everyone has been up to in recent years. As most of you already know, for a number of years, we've tried to hold a reunion about every two years, alternating between California, Colorado, and Florida. In 1998, the reunion was held in California and coincided with the closing of Tech Ops Division (a great weekend with a somewhat sad ending). In 2001, the reunion was in Colorado (another great weekend). In 2003, the Florida Chapter of the Alumni Association will host another reunion, and we're ready to start taking reservations. Included with this issue are the AGENDA and REGISTRATION FORM. The agenda and registration form can also be found on the Florida Chapter Alumni Long-Range Detection (LRD) home page (www.csi-inc.com/aftacalumni). Be sure to pass the word along to other LRD (AFTAC, AFMSW-1, 1009th SWS, AFOAT-1, and 1035th FAG) alumni who might not be members of one of the chapters of the Alumni Association.

Now is the time to pull out your pen(cil), your 2003 calendar, and your checkbook. Next, you need to write in "LRD ALUMNI WORLDWIDE REUNION" on the dates 30 May – 1 June on your calendar. Last, but not least, you need to fill in the following REGISTRATION FORM, write a check for the appropriate amount, and RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION PACKAGE TO US. If everyone will do that, it will make our job a lot easier. Early registration will make the planning simple. Remember that

some functions are limited by the size of the facility, and even though we don't anticipate filling up, you can assure your spot by getting your registration in early (while doing us a big favor).

We have a terrific Reunion Committee, headed by **CARL GAILEY**, but we can always use more help. If you would like to volunteer to work on the committee, please notify Carl via telephone at (321) 777-0569 or email at gaileyc@juno.com. If you would like to volunteer to work in the Hospitality Room during the reunion, please contact **Swede Swanson** by phone at (321) 773-8297 or email swansenr@earthlink.net. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Registration Table during the reunion, please contact **Pat Snyder** by phone at (321) 494-6867 or email at patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil

To summarize what we need from you:

- **Register early** for the 30 May – 1 June 2003 LRD Alumni Association Reunion by completing the enclosed registration form, and returning it with your check
- **Volunteer** for the Reunion Committee, the Hospitality Room, and/or the Registration Table.
- **Attend** the Reunion and have a great weekend.
- **Pass the word** along to other alumni and encourage them to attend the reunion

LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION AGENDA

30 MAY-1 JUNE 2003

30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)

WORLDWIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT

1100AM Signup/Lunch We will kickoff the Worldwide Reunion festivities with a golf tournament at the Manatee Cove golf course on Patrick AFB—play will start at 1230/1300 hours. Lunch will be served prior to the beginning of the tournament and for about two hours as each foursome comes by the clubhouse. With this approach, people attending the icebreaker will have adequate time. We will have a short program awarding prizes immediately following play.

Cost is \$35.00 for dues paying 'Alumni Association' members of any chapter (CA/CO/FL) and \$40.00 for nonmembers. This fee will cover the cost of golf, carts, food and prizes. The format will be Select Shot (Scramble) with handicapping by teams. If you do not have a team, that is not a problem. You can sign up as a single player and be placed on an open team. In fact, we will like to have lots of single players, as this will give us the opportunity to meet and greet our friends from the past.

We will be limited to 144 players. We believe that we will have more than 144 players so please get your reservations in early. Reservations can be made by completing the registration form in this issue, or by contacting Frank **Hall** (major arranger of this tournament) @ 321-773-2430/bevcol@aol.com or Pat **Snyder**, 321-494-6867/patricia.snyder@aftac.patrick.af.mil. See you on 30 May 2003.

FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)

CRUISE TO NO WHERE

930AM-4:30PM A free cruise on the Sterling Casino Line is being offered for those who are not golfers. Free hors d'oeuvres are served during the cruise. Free cocktails are served to all **gaming participants**. On board entertainment is provided by 'Legends in Concert.' Free transportation may be provided depending upon response. Must have at least 50 people sign up to qualify.

Photo ID is required to board cruise.

30 MAY 2003 (FRIDAY)

ICEBREAKER (casual dress)

6-10PM At the Radisson Resorts Convention Center, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral FL 32920. (Phone 321-784-0000) Informal mixer—heavy hors d'oeuvres—cash bar

31 MAY 2003 (SATURDAY)

FAMILY DAY

8AM-3PM Tour of the AFTAC building to include, Hall of Heritage and an unclassified briefing. Shuttle bus transportation will be provided from the Radisson to the AFTAC building and back.

11 AM-2 PM The AFTAC boosters club will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for a nominal fee at the outback area behind the AFTAC building.

31 MAY 2003 (SATURDAY)

BANQUET (coat and tie preferred; service uniform for active-duty)

6-7PM Social at the Radisson Resorts Convention Center, Cocktails (cash bar) followed by

7-9 PM Sit down dinner with a choice of prime rib or Florida lemon grouper baked and topped with citrus sauce. Dinners include salad, seasonal vegetables and potato or rice, dessert and coffee or tea.

9-? Program, guest speaker and dancing.

1 JUNE 2003 (SUNDAY)

BREAKFAST BUFFET (\$7 per person)

6-1030 AM At the Radisson Resorts Convention Center: A chance to wish all a final farewell and a safe trip home. If you wish to attend, pay cashier and make food selection and proceed to the Jamaica room where tables will be set up for our use.

NOTES:

---**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** The reunion will be held at the Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral FL 32920. A block of rooms have been reserved at the rate of \$85.00 per night. Be sure and ask for the AFTAC reunion rate. The toll free number for reservations is 1-800-333-3333, local number is 321-784-0000. Reservations must be made prior to 30 April 2003 to receive this rate. The hotel **does not** have shuttle service from the airport. Avis car rental has an office at the hotel. Call 1-800-331-1600 and give them the AWD number K825442 to check their rates.

---**REGISTRATION PACKAGE:** Registration will be set up in the Convention Center lobby 29-30 May 2003. If you cannot pick up your package on the 29 or 30 May, your package will be available in the Convention Center lobby prior to the banquet. Nametags will be issued in the packages and your name tag will be your entry to paid activities. **Please wear your nametag to all activities.**

---**HOSPITALITY ROOM:** Is located in the Bonaire room located off the Convention Center lobby. Operating hours will be posted

---**BANQUET SEATING:** To ensure attendees will be seated with friends, a display showing table arrangements will be located in the Conventions Center lobby at the Radisson 29-30 May 2003. Each table will seat 10 people.

---**CANCELLATIONS:** Please call or write immediately if you must cancel. Because of contractual commitments, no refunds will be made after 1 May 2003 unless we have someone waiting to sign up. To cancel contact: James Payne (321-777-4731) paynejb@juno.com or Carl Gailey (321-777-0569) gaileyc@juno.com or mail to LRD Alumni Association, PO box 254892, Patrick AFB FL, 32925-0892

REGISTRATION FORM-

LONG-RANGE DETECTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION (30 MAY-1 JUNE 2003)

P.O. BOX 254892 PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE,FLORIDA 32925-0892

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RETURNED **WITH PAYMENT**
TO ADDRESS ABOVE **NLT 25 APRIL 2003**

PLEASE PRINT

NAME:LAST,FIRST,MI _____

NAME OF SPOUSE/GUEST _____

STREET ADDRESS/PO BOX _____

CITY,STATE,ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) _____

EVENT	COST	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT OF MONEY
REGISTRATION FEE	\$5.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
ICE BREAKER (FRI,30 MAY 03)	\$20.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
FAMILY DAY (SAT,31 MAY 03)	NONE	_____	
BANQUET (SAT,31 MAY 03)	\$30.00 PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
BANQUET FOOD SELECTION	PRIME RIB _____ OR BAKED GROUPER _____		
GOLF TOURNAMENT (FRI,30 MAY 03)	**** PER PERSON	_____	\$ _____
	**** Dues paying alumni members (\$35.00), all others (\$40.00)		
BREAKFAST BUFFET (SUN,1 JUN 03)	\$7.00 PAY cashier	_____	
CRUISE TO NOWHERE	NONE	_____	
		TOTAL AMOUNT SENT:	\$ _____

PLEASE NOTE: MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
LRD ALUMNI ASSOC AND MAIL TO:
PO BOX 254892
PATRICK AFB FL 32925-0892

NO REFUNDS MADE FOR CANCELLATIONS/CHANGES AFTER 1 MAY 2003

RESERVATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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