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VET'S DAY 2004 SOCIAL – A BIG SUCCESS

By Dale Klug

Our November 11th Fall Social and dinner party at the Buggy Whip was very well attended by over 60 people and everyone seemed to enjoy the food, beverages and camaraderie. Check out the next two pages and see how many of those smiling faces you remember. "Thank You" to **Charlie Penn** for organizing it and **Joe Johnson** for helping it go so smoothly.

AFTAC REUNION 2005 COMING SOON

By Joe Johnson

OK, all you AFTAC alumni. You probably already know that the next worldwide reunion will be held in Sacramento, 12-15 May 2005. The reunion committee is working hard to put on a memorable affair, but, YOU CAN MAKE THE REUNION MUCH BETTER. If many people attend, then everyone has more fun. I'm sure most of you know of one or more AFTACers who don't belong to an alumni association chapter. Many of these people would attend if they were aware of the reunion. That is where YOU come in. Please contact your old AFTAC friends and advise them of the reunion and invite them to attend. They can contact us by mail at the address on top of this page, or on the internet at www.aftacwest.org or by e-mail. The reunion agenda and all registration forms are included in this issue of the newsletter as well as on our website. **It is not too soon to advise people of the reunion**, as many of them are already planning 2005 vacations. Help us get an outstanding turnout. The reunion committee thanks you for your help.

LONG-TIME AFTACER - ANNE McELHANEY PASSES

By Dale Klug

Anne McElhaney passed away on November 2, 2004. Anne had been living at Grammercy Court Assisted Living Facility here in Sacramento for the past few years. I would visit her on occasion when I serviced fire alarm & nurse call equipment there. Anne was the secretary in 1155th Logistics Maintenance Branch in the 60's when I first arrived here. She moved up to the Technical Operations Logistics Directorate secretary position from where she retired after a long career in civil service and AFTAC. She will be missed by all of us who knew her.

"WAY BACK WHEN" — NEW SERIES OF ARTICLES

By Dale Klug, Editor

We're starting a new series of articles for the newsletter called "WAY BACK WHEN". This will be patterned after the Florida Chapter's series in the Post Monitor called "B.S. (Barely Substantiated) TALES". We're inviting everyone to submit articles with stories from days-gone-by at Detachments, OLs, Depot, Squadrons, Headquarters or TDYs. So crank up your "WAYBACK machines" and send us an article. Remember to keep all the inputs unclassified. E-mail all proposed articles to me at: FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org

WEST COAST CHAPTER ADDRESS CHANGE

In preparation for the 2005 reunion, we have changed our address to one more accessible to the officers & reunion committee. **Please note our new address on top of this page.**

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(Note from your webmaster: Pages 2 & 3 were 24 photos of the Veteran's Day Dinner at the Buggy Whip Restrauant. Check those out online, along with another 11, in full color from our 'Albums' web page at <http://www.AFTACwest.org/Albums.htm>. ...bf)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

John Miner changed his membership to lifetime in October.

Annual membership fee of \$5.⁰⁰ is due by 01 May each year. **Check your mailing label for an 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 Membership application/roster update on the last page of this newsletter or the one on our web site to send with your dues. Don't let your membership lapse and miss out on important 2005 Reunion information.

WORDS FROM THE PREZ'

By Rod Hinkle

If you haven't heard yet, the place to be in May this year is Sacramento on the 12th –15th. Our Reunion Committee, headed by Al Pavik and Jack Allison, is working hard to make this one of the best ever! Activities, including golf, casino trip, banquet with entertainment and a "Hospitality Suite" for those "way back when" sessions with old friends will be the norm.

The Sacramento Holiday Inn, North is going all-out with offerings and great rates to help us host an enjoyable affair for all. So, put the dates on your calendar, plan early to join us and spread the word. The weather is great in May and it should be a great time for all.

Hope to see you all there.

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Quarterly Business meetings: 1 Mar 2005, 7 Jun 2005, 6 Sep 2005, 6 Dec 2005. (Call Joe at, 916-783-8676, to confirm time & place. **Or check <www.AFTACwest.org> for updates.**)
- May 12 –15, 2005, AFTAC World-wide Reunion in Sacramento. Watch our web site for updates.

MAIL CALL

Don't forget our E-mail address: FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org

Bob Long E-mail: While "googling" this morning on the F117 reunion, etc (my last career til 1991 in Bldg 625), I decided to type in AFTAC and see if anything would surface... Three hours later, I write this. What old great memories surfaced, seeing Mr "B" Joe Johnson and others, Frank Goodreau, wasn't he Mr. F troop? On the Patrick site, Jim Payne, we were TDY together years ago when he was a young TSGT.. George Thompson of A. And so many more folks.

I was an AFTAC'er from 1961 to retirement in 1975 from 1155th TOS. Deactivated Det 204, Activated 207, tdy 441, Det 436. Great tours. Printed out my form to get in mail. MSGT Robert J. Long (Bob) 329 N. East St Cameron, Mo 64429 sbear5360@aol.com **Editor's Note: Told Bob about the reunion and passing of Jim Payne's wife. Bob responded.** Thanks for the update. Will plan for trip in my motorhome. Jim Payne & I were young TSGT's together at Det 441, TDY, long ago. Great guy!! Now not the time but I remember one New Year's eve party or at least a party where folks got thrown in the pool at the Hotel Mogambo!!! The paybacks were hell though as some folks got doused as they slept later... Thank God, I stayed at the Tanoa.. Bob Long

George Barnes: E-mail: Dale, Please send a copy of the AFTAC reunion to: Maj Roy Hindman 200 E. Ramar Rd. # 671, Bullhead, AZ 86442. He was in AFTAC in Germany in the sixties. Thanks **Editor's Note: Sent Roy a reunion package.**

Tom Wentz E-mail: I have just switched my email address from tnw2834@aol.com to tomwentz@sbcglobal.net. Please use this new address on all future emails and instant messages. (AOL will still be active). Tom and Susan

Frank Goodreau E-mail: Memorial services for **John Castberg** were conducted Tuesday Dec 16th, at the Liberty Towers on Greenback Lane at Andrea. John was a crew chief in F Troop for several years. Paul Sears can give you more details.

John Bright E-mail: I am a member of the LRD Assoc, Patrick AFB, FL. From May 1950 until October 1952, I served in the 1009th Special Weapons Sq (that's what Long Range Detection was called then). Several years ago, I was asked to join the group in Florida by a current member. I have never been to an Association meeting or a Worldwide Reunion. I have a comrade from Saudi Arabia in 1951 that was at the last reunion in Florida. We are both planning to attend this one with our wives. I would like to reserve one of those 50 rooms. Please let me know if a reservation fee is required & who to send it to. Also, if I need to send in a fee for the festivities 12-15 May, 2005. John R. Bright, Email Johnrobright@aol.com Ph 757-539-2975 307 Shore Drive, Suffolk, VA. 23434 **Editor's Note: Sent John a reunion package.**

AFTAC Worldwide Reunions—History and Overview

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 1999, 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 reunion was held in Florida (a super time was had by all and no hurricanes). In 2005 the West Coast Chapter of the Alumni Association will host another reunion, and is already taking reservations. **Included with this issue are the AGENDA and REGISTRATION (both Hotel & Reunion) FORMS.**

The agenda and registration forms will also be included in the Colorado and Florida alumni chapter newsletters and can be found on the West Coast Chapter home page (www.AFTACwest.org). 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 chapter members.

Now is the time to pull out your 2005 calendar, and your checkbook. Next, you need to write in "AFTAC REUNION" for the dates 12-15 May on your calendar. Then, you need to fill in the following registration forms, write a check for the appropriate amount, and return your hotel registration to the HOLIDAY INN and reunion/golf tourney registration package to the WEST COAST CHAPTER (addresses on top of forms). If everyone does that, it will make the committee's job a lot easier. Early registration will make the planning simple. Remember, you can assure your spot by getting your registration in early (while doing them a big favor).

They have a terrific Reunion Committee, headed by **AL PAVIK & JACK ALLISON**, but can always use more help. If you would like to help out, please include a note with your registration.

To summarize what we need from you:

- Reserve your hotel room early **by calling the Holiday Inn** or by completing the enclosed hotel registration form, and returning it **to the hotel** with your check or credit card info.
- Register early for the 12 - 15 May Reunion by completing the enclosed registration forms and returning it with your check
- Volunteer to help the Reunion Committee.
- Pass the word along to others and encourage them to attend the reunion
- Attend the Reunion and have a great weekend.

AFTAC 2005 Worldwide Reunion at Holiday Inn Northeast, Sacramento CA

The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn, Northeast, and Sacramento. They have 50 rooms reserved each night; May 12, 13, & 14, 2005 with checkout on Sunday the 15th; all rooms are "Kings" with possible switch to or addition of doubles, triples and double/doubles. All rooms are \$89/night plus 12% tax. Check-in: 4:00 PM; Checkout: 12:00 noon.

2005 Reunion Hospitality at Holiday Inn Northeast in the McClellan Suite.

As has been the case with previous reunions, we plan to operate a memorable hospitality room. We have a 3-room suite with a bar, which allows plenty of room for lots of bull sessions. This is the same facility we had for the last reunion and attendees spent many enjoyable hours there. We hope to have your favorite beverages and light snacks available for all. Of course, no charge other than what you might want to put in the can at the bar. If you have photographs or other memorabilia that you would care to bring, please do so; there will be lots of rooms for their display. Be sure to identify your property so it gets back to you when you depart. The reunion committee is leaving no stone unturned in turning out all alumni in this area. We urge the Florida and Colorado chapters to bring everyone. More people always equal more fun for all. We look forward to seeing you.

Golf Tournament at Diamond Oaks Golf Club – Friday 13 May 2005, 10AM-?

We will kickoff the 2005 AFTAC West Reunion festivities with a golf tournament at the Diamond Oaks golf course in Roseville. Play will start at 1000 hours with a shotgun start. Lunch can be purchased at the clubhouse when turning the front and back nines for those who opt not to drink their meal. We will have a short program awarding prizes immediately following play. Cost is \$44.00; which includes the round of golf, cart, and prizes. The format will be Select Shot (Scramble) with unbiased team handicapping done by the tournament director(s) if sober. 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 or by contacting **Butch Kemna** (major arranger of this tournament) Phone: 916-722-8509, Email: jklk@mindsync.com or **Charlie Penn** Phone: 916-624-1067 Email: chaspenn@starstream.net. See you on 13 May 2005. **FEES MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.**

Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Indian Casino – Saturday, 14 May , 10AM-3PM.

For only \$14 you will get door-to-door service for a pleasant ½ hour ride from the reunion hotel to and from the casino on a luxury bus. On arrival, you will get a \$5 coupon for slot or tables play plus a \$5 food coupon. You will have four hours to play and enjoy this large Nevada style casino with over 2,700 slots and 98 gaming tables. Thunder Valley has many places to eat: A 24-hour All-You-Can-Eat Buffet with Latin, American, Asian, Italian and Seafood cooking stations; Five "Quick-Serve" outlets such as Starbucks, Villa Pizza, Fatburger, Gordito Burrito and Panda Express; plus Austin's Steakhouse and Shanghai Fat's restaurants. Join us for a fun day. *Note: We must have you pre-registered and pre-paid for this trip in order to contract for the transportation. So please make sure you include this item on the reunion registration form. Depending on available bus seating, we may not be able to accept last minute requests for this trip at the reunion.* Thunder Valley is on the web at <http://www.thundervalleyresort.com/templates/tv_home.asp>.

Reunion Banquet Entertainment – Saturday, 14 May 2005, 7:45-8:30PM:

The "**Country Club Aires**" (**CCA**) **Men's Chorus and Band** will perform at our banquet following dinner. The CCA has been in existence for over 35 years. The CCA has a roster of 55 of whom a number are military veterans. They are known as a "sing-a-long" chorus who perform the "good old songs" and a lot of show tunes that we all know so well.

AFTAC ALUMNI WORLDWIDE REUNION

12-15 May 2005

Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Ave, Sacramento, CA

Watch our web site <www.AFTACwest.org> for updates to this information and these forms.

Agenda/Events Schedule

Thursday, 12 May 2005

- 5:00PM–11:00PM: **Welcome!** McClellan Hospitality Suite Open. **Bring Photo Albums if you have 'em.**
5:00PM – 9:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., in the McClellan Hospitality Suite

Friday, 13 May 2005

- 10:00 AM-- ???PM: Golf Tournament @ *Diamond Oaks Golf Club*
9:00AM – 5:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc. McClellan Hospitality Suite Open
6:00PM – 8:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., outside the Aviator Room
6:00PM – 8:00PM: Cocktail Party Reception in the Aviator Room
8:00PM–12:00AM: McClellan Hospitality Suite Open. **Bring Photo Albums if you have 'em.**

Saturday, 14 May 2005

- 9:00AM – 5:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc. McClellan Hospitality Suite Open
10:00AM – 3:00PM: Chartered Bus Trip to Thunder Valley Indian Casino, Lincoln, CA
6:00PM – 7:00PM: Sign-in & pickup badges, etc., outside the Grand Ballroom
6:00PM – 6:45PM: No-host cocktails in the Grand Ballroom
6:45PM – 7:00PM: Posting of the Colors
7:00PM – 7:45PM: Banquet Dinner
7:45PM – 8:30PM: Entertainment by the Country Club Aires Men's Chorus & Band
8:30PM – 9:00PM: AFTAC update by Col Turnerf (AFTAC CC)
9:00PM–11:00PM: BS time with old friends. Background music courtesy of the Hotel.

Sunday, 15 May 2005

- 9:00AM–12:00PM: Brunch Buffet (*no host*) at the Aces Restaurant in the hotel.
12:00PM: Hotel checkout time. Thank you for coming. Farewell until the next reunion.

Reunion registration cutoff date is 08 April 2005. After that date you must Contact Al Pavik or Jack Allison.

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM

Holiday Inn Northeast, 5321 Date Ave., Sacramento, CA 95841

1-800-338-2810 or (916) 338-5800 Local Sacramento

Send this form directly to the hotel or call them for reservations.

Name (print): _____ # Adults: _____ (Children <16 stay free)

Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____

Phone#: (_____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Room (check one): [] King or [] Double-Double or [] Double. **Type:** [] Handicap [] Non-smoking

Reunion Rate is \$89/night if reservations are made before 21 April 2005. Use code "TOD".

Check-in date: _____ Check-out date: _____

(check one) [] Visa [] MasterCard [] American Express [] Discover [] Other: _____

Card#: _____ Name (as it appears on the card): _____

Card Expiration date: _____ Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

