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## VETERANS DAY 2007 FALL SOCIAL

by Dave Tarquino

We had our fall social November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Buggy Whip restaurant. Thirty-nine alumni attended the event and everyone seemed to enjoy the food, beverages and camaraderie. "Thank You" to Charlie Penn and Bob Fitzgerald for assisting with organizing the event. **Editor's Note: See pictures of attendees on page 3.**

## AIRBORNE REUNION @ LAS VEGAS NOV 6 - 9TH

by Charlie Penn (from website)

All past & present Airborne folks (SEOs, F-Troop, & Lab Airborne)! A reunion is really gonna happen in Las Vegas, November 6 - 9, 2008 to coincide with the Aviation Nation Air Show in a venue that is yet to be decided. The weather will not be as hot as the war stories. The plan for this event is to have a formal banquet and other events scheduled such as golf, Boulder Dam tours, etc. or any other activities that "you" decide should be included. We have enough people interested to press forward, setting up the venue and contacting hotels/casinos for package deals. Jimmy Frits is getting information about renting some Harleys for those of you that like to ride. If anyone has any experience in setting up this type of function please volunteer your expertise. We will soon be asking for deposits. Please spread the word about this reunion to anyone who might be interested as the more "green baggers" the better. Our website, (<http://chaspenn.tripod.com/>) is dedicated to keeping interested SEOs and other airborne folks updated on the reunion. **Please take time to check the website for further updates, make sure your information is correct. Contact me, Charlie Penn at 916-624-1067 (chaspenn@sbcglobal.net), or 'Butch' Kemna at 916-722-8509 (jklk@mindsync.com), if there are questions, information, or comments.**

Let's get the "Green Baggers" reunited to exchange and relive old war stories. Thanks!

## E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATES NEEDED

by Joe Johnson

We recently needed to send information to as many alumni as possible in the shortest time possible. So I e-mailed all of you who provided us with an address. The e-mail to the members listed below failed due to inoperable addresses. If your name is listed below, **please send your current e-mail address to: [d1price@pacbell.com](mailto:d1price@pacbell.com) and [ga9jo8ro7ca@hotmail.com](mailto:ga9jo8ro7ca@hotmail.com).** We will acknowledge your message and ensure our roster is corrected. **Thank You Very Much!**

Richard Anderson  
Donald Paisley  
John Smith

Whitney Burke  
Gerald Pitstick  
Warren Wascher

Dick Davis  
James Renfrow

Chester Finnerty  
John Slankas

# **NEW DETACHMENT OPENS IN NEBRASKA**

*by CMSgt Steven Herrick, AFTAC Superintendent (from Post Monitor)*

I was proud to represent the many past and present Special Equipment Operators and Atmospheric Research Equipment technicians on November 27th as we formally cut the ribbon on our newest detachment. While I stood by, the AFTAC commander presided at the activation ceremony of Det 1 AFTAC, Offutt AFB, Nebraska.

Ever since the closure of McClellan AFB in the late 1990s, the crews flying the WC-135 as well as the aircraft themselves were located separately from the SEOs handling the collection mission and the ARE techs keeping the equipment operational. That separation posed numerous logistical and timeliness challenges. The solution for enhancing mission effectiveness lay in rejoining the SEOs and maintenance personnel with the aircraft and crew.

Our first commander for Det 1 is Major Bryan Rogers, who came to us from the 55th Operations Group at Offutt. He along with his new superintendent, MSgt Matt Brown, our former Det Chief of Det 415, worked hard to transform a dirty, unused corner of a former B-29 assembly facility into a fine detachment. Most of the new SEOs and maintenance folks are on-site and more are inbound. Once all the Airmen are assigned, Det 1 is destined to become our largest detachment. Congratulations to Major Rogers and his new command. I'm confident that our superb Airmen will continue the record of success operating America's only nuclear treaty monitoring aircraft. **Editor's Note: That's MSgt Matt Brown's picture, 17 years ago as a Sgt (E-4), in the back row, second from left in the "Way Back When" article on page 4.**

## **DEPOT eFALLOUT NEWSLETTER**

*by Joe Johnson*

We need your help! Please consider receiving your Depot Fallout newsletter via email. It now costs the association nearly \$1.00 per copy to furnish you the newsletter via regular USPS snail-mail. We now have 50 members on the email distribution list and these people are saving your association about \$400.00 yearly. How about increasing that savings to \$1000.00? Those selecting the email option enjoy several advantages. They receive the newsletter days, if not a week, before mailed copies get delivered. They get copies in full color; great for viewing the many photographs in the newsletter. You can read your email copy online anywhere in the world when you are not at home. You can choose to print or not print your copy. **To subscribe to the "Depot eFallout" contact us at [ga9jo8ro7ca@hotmail.com](mailto:ga9jo8ro7ca@hotmail.com).**

This may not be advantageous for you, but it frees up a fellow member from printing, folding, stapling and posting over 100 copies of the newsletter. I wish all of you a Healthy and Happy New Year! *Joe Johnson*

## **STATUS OF AFTAC FAMILY NEWSLETTER & MONITOR**

*by MSgt Patrick Murphy, AFTAC, Public Affairs*

Unfortunately, the AFTAC Family newsletter is no more. Due to manpower cuts, Headquarters Air Force Public Affairs made the decision to stop producing base newspapers, magazines and newsletters, and most of them stopped publishing at the end of fiscal 2007 (Patrick AFB's Missileer is a notable exception). The Air Force ISR Agency, our new higher headquarters, stopped publishing its magazine, the Spokesman, at that time. The PA guidance from them was to stop putting out the AFTAC Family newsletter as well.

Instead of printed publications, Air Force PA is putting stories out through the various Web Sites. Stories and photos about AFTAC activities appear on the Air Force ISR Agency Web Site at <http://www.afisr.af.mil>. There is also an AFTAC-specific section of that site at <http://www.afisr.af.mil/units/aftac.asp>, which has the biographies of our leadership and a unit fact sheet.

There were three AFTAC Family issues produced and sent out after the January, February-March, April and May 2007 issues. The final issue, June-July, was produced but never sent out due to a security and policy review conflict that took several months to resolve. **Editor's Note: The above was a 1 Nov 07 email response to a query from me and the Post-Monitor editors in Florida.**

**West Coast Alumni Fall Social - 08 Nov 2007 at the Buggy Whip Restaurant**



#359: Dave & Nancy Price with Jeanne & Bob Haslett



#360: Ken Breitwieser with Jane & Dain Leadmon



#361: Darlene & Bob Fitzgerald



#362: Dennis Nolan, Dave & Suki Tarquino, Chum Nolan



#363: Ann & Al Pavik with Tommie & Bob Baker



#364: Ken & Cathy Denbleyker with Jack & Rosalie Allison



#365: Peggy & "Satch" Satterlee + Corinne & John Miner



#366: Jim + Orville & Carol Pritchard + Deanie & Bo Ferris



#367: Steve & Donna Fritts with Charlie Penn



#368: Laurie & "Butch" Kemna



#369: Rose Dunn with Gayle & Joe Johnson

Photos by Bob Fitzgerald

See all of these photos full-sized at  
6"x4" @ 150 dpi resolution and in full color  
on our website:

[www.AFTACwest.org](http://www.AFTACwest.org)

## WORDS FROM THE PREZ

*by Joe Johnson, Past President*

Thanks to all AFTAC alumni and significant others for your many years of cooperation and support. The association is in good hands with your newly elected President Col. (Ret) Jack Allison. **Editor's Note: See list of all officers on page 1.**

## WAY BACK WHEN

*by Dale Klug, Editor*

We've started a series of articles 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 or pictures with stories from days-gone-by at Detachments, OLs, Depot, Squadrons, Headquarters or TDYs. **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](mailto:FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org) or snail-mail to: P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974.



Detachment 452 – 1990 (Only AFTAC detachment to have 15 handsome men assigned at the same time)

## Who Said That??

*by Dale Klug, Editor*

- >> A man never knows what a fool he is until he hears himself imitated by one.
- >> Not all chemicals are bad. Without hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer.
- >> Everybody's got to believe in something. I believe I'll have another beer.

**Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: [FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org](mailto:FalloutEditor@AFTACwest.org)**  
**First WCC member to send in all three correct answers gets recognized & the second gets an honorable mention. (I lost my expense account am not able to give away any more adult beverages.)**

July's quotes were from Col Dana Kelly, Chili Davis & Kevin Costner. Ken Breitweiser was the first to correctly identify the authors of the second & third quotes and wins 2/3 can of beer. But no one got all three correct.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

*by Dave Price, Membership Chairman)*

### **As of 4 December 2007: Active Members = 158 Life Members = 128**

Welcome to **John Shampnoi**, our new life member.

Annual membership fee of \$5.<sup>00</sup> is due by 01 Jan 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.<sup>00</sup> 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. **Several alumni who have not yet paid their 2008 membership dues will soon be dropped from the "active" roster and newsletter distribution list.**

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

- Business/Member meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays quarterly at the Lion's Gate Restaurant at McClellan Park:  
**4 Mar 2008 - 3 Jun 2008 - 2 Sep 2008 - 2 Dec 2008**  
*(Call ahead to our President, to confirm time & place. Or check our 'Events' page at <[www.AFTACwest.org](http://www.AFTACwest.org)>.)*
- TBA May 2008 Watch our website for information on our annual Spring Fling Picnic to be announced.
- 06-09 Nov 2008 Airborne Personnel REUNION in Las Vegas.

## **MAIL CALL**

**Don't forget our E-mail address: [TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com](mailto:TOD.Alumni@bigfoot.com)**

Nothing to include in this edition.

## **In Memory Of**

**CHARLES, Sr., Richard J. "Rich"** Born in Wilkes-Barre, PA on March 18, 1928, Rich passed away peacefully at home on August 30, 2007. He is survived by Jean, his devoted wife of 58 years, along with his children and their spouses Richard Jr. and Kate, Robin and Steve Hutcheson, and Dawn and Terry Klundt, along with his grandchildren Jennifer, Jaclyn, Peter, Matthew, Timothy and Mary, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. He also leaves a brother, John and sisters Jean Namey and Naida Abraham of PA. Rich was a graduate of GAR High School in Wilkes-Barre, PA, and attended the University of Connecticut where he was both a student and an Air Force ROTC Instructor. He also graduated from American River College in June 1977. Rich retired from the US Air Force after 22 years. He was employed at McClellan AFB where he subsequently retired in October 1988 after 20 years with the 2852nd Air Base Group. Rich was a veteran of WWII, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He was a life member of Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1322, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4647 and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 93. Rich served overseas in Greenland, Newfoundland, and Germany. He was also a dedicated volunteer for the Air Force Retiree Activities Office at McClellan AFB since 1992. Rich is best remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was truly dedicated to the well being of his family with his wit, good nature, and kind-heartedness. Rich will be truly missed by those whose lives he touched. Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Lawrence Church, No Highlands CA on Sept 5th followed by interment in the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, CA. Published in the Sacramento Bee 9/2/07 - 9/3/07. ([www.legacy.com/SacBee/](http://www.legacy.com/SacBee/))

**HORNE, Colonel Lewis Clay USAF (Retired)** Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1928, Lewis passed peacefully in Sacramento, CA on December 7, 2007. His wife of fifty years, Laura, and three living sons Lewis Jr., David, and Douglas were by his side. Lewis Horne will be severely missed by his family. His character, code of ethics, values, and selflessness continue to be our model for living life. Services were held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Carmichael, CA) on December 13th with interment at the National Cemetery in Dixon, CA. on Dec 14th. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Angelman Syndrome Foundation ([info@angelman.org](mailto:info@angelman.org)). Published in the Sacramento Bee 12/11/07 - 12/12/07. ([www.legacy.com/SacBee/](http://www.legacy.com/SacBee/))



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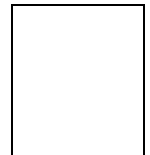
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