



Depot Fallout



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A WORD FROM THE PREZ

by Charlie Penn, WCC President

Greetings one and all. We haven't had a newsletter in quite some time but this issue will be the phoenix for The Depot Fallout. Since you last received our newsletter we hosted a successful AFTAC World-Wide Reunion in May which many of you attended. The venue was the Lions Gate Hotel, the old "O" Club at McClellan. **George Thompson** was the master of ceremonies at the hospitality suite, Friday night's reception was at the Commanding General's residence and Saturday's banquet was at the "O" Club. ... *(continued on page 2)*

ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL

by Dave Tarquino, WCC Vice President

Our Fall Social was held at the China Buffet in Citrus Heights on 12 November. Forty-two Alumni and friends enjoyed reminiscing; catching up on what has been happening in our lives and telling tall tales. We had our Chapter elections as the finale to our event. Last but not least, a big thank you to **Bob Fitzgerald** for taking all the photos at the event. *(See pg 6 for photos.) [See pg 3 for info about 2012's Fall Social.]*

WCC ELECTION

by Bob Baker, WCC Secretary

The officer election took place starting at 12:40 PM on 12 November 2011, during the WCC Fall Social at China Buffet. The Election Committee, consisting of Chairman **Bob Fitzgerald**, **Dennis Nolan**, and **Dave Tarquino**, passed out copies of the official ballot to all attending members. The ballot contained, for each office, one nominee and a space for a write-in nomination.

While the members were preparing their ballots, Bob Fitzgerald recognized the outgoing officers and holders of appointed positions. He then opened the floor for nominations. There being none, nominations were closed and the nominees listed on the ballot were elected by voice vote. Bob then mentioned the appointed positions for which volunteers are still being sought. The election closed at 12:48 PM. *(Ed Note: The new officers are listed at the left side of this page - a photo of the group is on pg 2.)*

ANNUAL WCC PICNIC

by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster/Asst. Newsletter Editor

Our 2011 annual spring picnic was delayed due to the WCC hosting of the AFTAC Worldwide Reunion at McClellan Park. *(Refer to the Prez's article about the Reunion.)*

The picnic held on 17-Sep-2011 was a great success with perfect weather and lots of good food, plus 46 good friends with which to share. Our Picnic Chairman **Butch Kemna** did a wonderful job again this year in arranging for our use of Tempo Park and in procuring all the dogs, burgers, paper products, etc. The BBQ cooking was masterfully accomplished by a team of BBQ Chefs: **Dave Tarquino**, his son **Dan**, **Ken Breitwieser**, & **Dennis Nolan**. A table was set up where **Bob Fitzgerald** had his laptop running a slideshow of photos of the Worldwide Reunion, plus copies of the WCC Roster and registration forms for upcoming events.. Fifty-two photos were taken at the picnic, all of which can be seen in full color from the "**Albums**" page on our web site. *(See pg 5 for a few of those photos.)* Please note:

Our 2012 Annual Picnic will be on Sat., 2 June. *(See pg 7 for details & sign-up form.)*

A WORD FROM THE PREZ

by **Charlie Penn** (continued from pg 1)

We were fortunate to have three keynote speakers; **Major General (ret) Glen Shaffer**, ex Commander of AFTAC; **CMSgt John Nederhoed**, present Superintendent of AFTAC; and **Dr. Daniel DeForest**; ex MCL Director and presently the Director of Materials Technology Directorate at AFTAC. Between the three of them, 137 banquet attendees were treated to glimpses of the past, present and future of our great organization.

After those presentations **George Thompson** and **Joe Johnson** awarded **Dale Klug** the “**Alumni of the Year**” award. This is in recognition for all the fine work Dale has done for our chapter & AFTAC alumni everywhere. This annual award is given by the folks at the Patrick chapter and has only been bestowed on one of our West Coast Chapter’s members once before (that would be you **Joe Johnson**) Thanks to all of our Chapter’s volunteers, special kudos to **Peggy Rheault** and **Nancy Price**, this event was a class act. If you haven’t already checked out the pictures of this event they are posted on our website. A big thanks to our webmaster, **Bob Fitzgerald** who cataloged, identified, and published 234 of those candid photos. (See pg 4 for a few of those photos.)

Last year we postponed our annual picnic that is normally held in May because of the reunion. The picnic was rescheduled for September. For those of you who have never attended one of these picnics you are really missing out on some great food and wonderful reminiscing with fellow alumni members. This once a year event will again revert to the spring in 2012, so reserve **June 2nd** on your calendars and come out and enjoy the festivities and food. Please, register early by going to our website or filling out and mailing the form that is provided in this newsletter.

The best news that I can report is **Don King** has “volunteered” to become our new **Depot Fallout Editor**. This means that once again we will have periodic newsletters to inform, amuse, and entertain you. Thanks Don, we appreciate you stepping up and filling this position and I know our membership is looking forward to reading future issues. Happy New Year to all of you! ... *Charlie Penn*

ANNUAL WCC DUES ARE DUE NOW FOR 2012

Refer to the “**WCC Roster**” link from our website “**Forms**” page to check your dues status.

WCC Officers for 2012-2013



L-R Front Row: Dale Klug, Publications/Distribution; Dave Price, Membership;

Ken Breitwieser, Asst Secretary; Ken Denbleyker, Chairman of the Board (COB);

Back Row: Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster; Bob Baker, Secretary; John “Butch” Kemna, Treasurer; Charlie Penn, President; Dennis Nolan, Asst Treasurer; George Thompson, Asst COB, Dave Tarquino, Vice President; (Not in photo: Steve Fritts, Director At Large)

This special edition of the Depot Fallout newsletter was created by **Bob Fitzgerald**, WCC Webmaster & Asst. Editor. Our new and soon to be aboard Depot Fallout Editor, **Don King**, will create upcoming editions of our newsletter.

WHO SAID THAT??

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

- >> When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.
- >> Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.
- >> The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- >> Before filling your wheelbarrow, point it in the direction you intend to go.

**Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: FalloutEditor@AFTACWCC.org
First WCC member to send in all four correct answers gets an "Attaboy" or "Attagirl" in the next edition of the newsletter.**

January 2011's quotes were from Lawrence J Peter, Herb Caen, Elbert Hubbard and Theodore Roosevelt. An "Attaboy" goes to **Bob Baker** who was the first to get all four correct. **Jim Giordano** also got 4 correct.

IN MEMORY OF

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus



William H. Meyer , MSgt, Ret, USAF, Surrounded by his family, Bill peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on September 21, 2011. Devoted husband of 61 years to Maureen (Reenie); loving father to daughter Arleen Saenger (Phil); son Jim (Jackie); and daughter Michelle. Loving grandfather to Kristen and Samantha Saenger, and Jessica and Michael Meyer. He was born in New York, NY on November 26, 1928 to Henry and Margaret Meyer. Survived by his sister, Mickey Wildey and nephews Paul and David Wildey, as well as numerous dear friends and neighbors. He proudly served his country in the Air Force for 20 years. After retiring from the Air Force, Bill had a second career at Sacramento State University in the Electronic Support Department. He also was a volunteer for the American Red Cross. Bill was a quiet man with a wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all. Friends and family are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday October 15th at 11 AM at St. John the Evangelist Church, 5751 Locust Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608. A reception will be held immediately following the service in St. John's hall.

Inurnment will be private. Remembrances may be made in his memory to the American Diabetes Association. **Published in Sacramento Bee on October 13, 2011.**

See more: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sacbee/obituary.aspx?n=william-h-meyer&pid=154058502#ixzz1c68GGsBR>

Editor's Note: Bill was stationed at 1155th and helped open Det 428, Guam and served as its first Superintendent.

2012 FALL SOCIAL

by Dave Tarquino, WCC Vice President

It is too early to nail down an exact date and place for our Fall Social but we have narrowed down the dates to **November 10th or 17th**. Pencil these dates into your calendar and look for an update with specifics in August. We are always open to other venues for our activities. It is difficult to find a place that will give us the use of a banquet room free of charge for less than 60 people and charge less than \$20.00 per person for lunch. If you have a favorite hangout that we should consider for a Social, let us know about it and we'll check it out.

We put together these activities to give AFTAC'ers an opportunity to get together and catch up on what our friends and colleagues are doing. You don't have to be an Alumni member to attend the Fall Social. All AFTAC'ers, family & friends are welcome. Please invite them to join you. (Ed note: Please watch our web site "**Events**" page for updates.)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

Welcome to new LIFE members: **Dave Brown, Robert Emerson, and Mary Esping;**

Welcome also to new members: **David Holmwood, David Janes, Deuber Maurer, and William Moran.**

Total Active Members = 156 Life Members = 135

Annual membership fee of \$10 is due by 01 Jan each year. Check your mailing label, or check the "WCC Roster" from our website "**Forms**" page. Life memberships are available for \$75. You can use the "Membership Application/Roster Update" form on the last page of this newsletter or the one from our web site "**Forms**" page to send with your dues. Don't let your membership lapse. **Those alumni who are not current with their membership dues will be dropped from the "active" roster along with our newsletter distribution & email notification lists.** (See our web site "**Forms**" page, "**WCC Roster**" link to check your status.)

PHOTOS OF THE 12-15 MAY 2011 AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION



Peggy Rheault & Nancy Price
Eva Breitwieser & Joe Johnson (Registration Team of four)



Curt & Leona Riggs with Donna & Harm Aning
(The Reception was held on the patio & back lawn at the McClellan AFB Commanding General's Quarters)



Linda & Bill Scott with Steve & Donna Fritts



George Thompson,
Hospitality House Host



Ken & Mary Ann Luesing with Joe Johnson
In the dining room at McClellan House



Dave Price & Dave Tarquino
Taking it easy in the living room



Charlie Penn, Reunion Chairman & Emcee



Eryn Shaffer; Tony & Alyson Balentine;
Kathy & Maj. Gen. Glen Shaffer



Mary & Michael Lubin with June & David Paquette
(The banquet was held at the Lions Gate Hotel [former McClellan "O" Club])



CMSGT John Nederhoed,
Keynote Speaker



Dr. Daniel DeForest



Maj. Gen. Glen Shaffer, USAF Ret.



2011 AOY Presented to Dale Klug by George Thompson
Previous Alumni of the Year (AOY): Bill Schmeid & Joe Johnson with new AOY, Dale Klug

PHOTOS OF THE 17 SEPTEMBER 2011 WCC PICNIC BBQ & POTLUCK



Charlie Penn, Pres; Butch Kemna, Treas./Picnic Chairman



Chefs: Ken Breitwieser; Dan & Dave Tarquino; Dennis Nolan



Photog: Eva Breitwieser



Jim Giordano & Steve Fritts



Al & Ann Pavik; Judie & Jim Giordano; Betty Jo & Rod Hinkle



George Thompson; Tommie Baker; Chum Nolan; Suki Tarquino; Tom Bressan; Dave Riddle



Peggy Armintrout; Bob Morrison; Cal Brown; Carol Morrison; Alice Brown



Susan Chamberlain & dad Don Marler; Darlene Fitzgerald; Peggy Rheault; Deloris Frazier; David Baker



Cathleen & Ken Denbleyker



David Baker; Denise Dermenjian; Roger Schwarting



Cal Brown; Mary Esping; Virginia Chamberlain; Betty Jo Hinkle; Peggy Armintrout; Laura Horne; Alice Brown



Laurie Kemna and Donna Fritts



Photog: Bob Fitzgerald with Virginia Chamberlain

PHOTOS OF THE 12 NOVEMBER 2011 WCC FALL SOCIAL LUNCHEON



Joe Johnson; George Thompson; Butch Kemna; Charlie & Debi Penn



Lillian & Bill Bridges; Rose Lee Dunn



Marge Iske; Cal & Alice Brown; Betty Jo & Rod Hinkle;
Denise Dermenjjan; Ken Breitwieser



Jim & Judie Giordano; Dale & Rose Klug



Dennis & Chum Nolan; Bob & Carol Morrison; Suki & Dave Tarquino



Mary Esping; Ann & Al Pavik



Bob Fitzgerald; Bob Baker; Marci & Don Paisley;
Dave & Nancy Price; Tommie Baker; Darlene "Leilani" Fitzgerald



Irene Goodreau; Ken & Cathleen Denbleyker;
Richard & Virginia Chamberlain; Laura Horne

ALL OF THESE PHOTOS, AND MANY MORE, CAN BE SEEN IN FULL COLOR AND IN LARGER SIZES ON OUR WEB SITE <WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG> "ALBUMS" PAGE

EVENTS CALENDAR

- Business/Member meetings are now the **2nd Mondays** quarterly at the Lions Gate Restaurant, McClellan. (Always check our **Events** page at www.AFTACWCC.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)
12 Mar 2012 – 11 Jun 2012 - 10 Sep 2012 - 10 Dec 2012
- **02 Jun, Sat. 11am-3pm: Annual Picnic BBQ & Potluck** (Sign-up form is required - see below.)
- **Nov: FALL SOCIAL** (Note: Date, Time & Location to be decided. Watch our web site! **Registration will be required.**)

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER **ANNUAL PICNIC – 02 JUN 2012** Tempo Park, 13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

ATTENTION TO ORDERS

Yes, folks, it's time for the aroma of burnt meat. We will be hosting the annual WCC picnic on 02 June 2012 at the same venue as Sep 2011's picnic. Good restroom facilities, ample parking, and a covered pavilion. We will be lighting the BBQs at 1100 hours and wind things up around 1500 hours. Once again the West Coast Chapter (WCC) of our alumni association will supply the basics: hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks & water. We ask that you bring a salad, side dish, dessert, or chips to help out. **Please remember that due to current county regulations there is no alcohol consumption allowed at this facility.** All members and their guests are cordially invited, but please sign up early so the logistics can be tweaked. Don't forget to bring your stories, goodies & appetite to the picnic. Please fill out the sign-up form & send it to us.

VITAL DETAILS:

When: **Saturday, 02 June 2012**

Where: **Tempo Park**

Address: **13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights, 95610**

Hours: **1100 Hrs -1500 Hrs (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)**

Cost: **Nada** (However, if you would like to help defray the cost of this event, there will be a container at the picnic for your donation, which will be gratefully accepted.)



DIRECTIONS

From I-80: Go East on Greenback, turn left (North) on Fair Oaks Blvd, the park will be on the left side.

From Hwy 50: Go North on Sunrise Blvd, turn right (East) on Greenback and left (North) on Fair Oaks Blvd.

The 2012 Picnic is being arranged by Butch Kemna, WCC Treasurer, and Charlie Penn, WCC President. If you have any questions, call Butch, (916) 722-8509 or Charlie, (916) 391-6956 or Email them at "PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org".

PLEASE FILL IN & MAIL or EMAIL YOUR SIGN-UP FORM TODAY TO:
AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

I [] mailed / [] Emailed my form on ___/___/12. There will be ___ of us coming & we'll bring _____ for potluck.

(The upper part is for your records, so keep it as a reminder)

----- (cut here & mail or copy the form & e-mail it to: "<PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org>") -----

Picnic Sign-up Form

ANNUAL WCC PICNIC – 02 JUNE 2012

(Please print)

NAME: _____ SPOUSE/GUEST: _____

Add'l Guest(s): _____ Total Number Attending [____]

I/We will bring for the potluck:

Salad [] Side Dish [] Dessert [] Other _____

Your Ph#: (____) _____ - _____ Email Addr: _____



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / ROSTER UPDATE

Annual membership fee of \$10.⁰⁰ is due by 01 January 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 **\$75.⁰⁰.**

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Last, First MI Last Rank Held Nickname Name of Spouse

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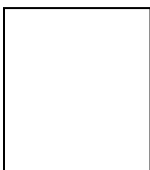
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