



Depot Fallout



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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

by *Dave Tarquino, WCC President*

The WCC Alumni that attended the AFTAC Reunion in Denver had a great time. The Colorado Chapter did a great job hosting the event. Accommodations, tours, food, briefings and presentations were top notch. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to the Colorado Chapter Alumni. Election time is upon us and Bob Fitzgerald and his team has compiled the nomination form. Please join us for the election of officers that will take place at our Fall Social on 9 November.

Speaking of the Fall Social, it will be held at the China Buffet in Citrus Heights on 9 November from 11:30-2:00, price is \$13.00 per person. The required registration form will be available on our website "Forms" page soon and published in our October newsletter. The deadline for registration will be Nov 3rd

Our business meetings and social events are open to the entire AFTAC family. Put the dates on your calendar and join us if you can.

11 May - 9 Nov 2013 NOMINATION & ELECTION OF WCC OFFICERS

Nominations are now open for WCC Officers for Dec 2013 - Nov 2015.

Volunteer yourself and/or make nominations.

See our '[Forms](#)' page for details.

The Election will be held at our 'Fall Social' on 09 Nov 2013.

CAN YOU FIND THE ORIGINAL SPINSTRAS CLASSROOM AREA BELOW?

by *Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*



LOWRY AFB – 1950'S courtesy of Rex Ricks

AREA OUTLINED AT THE LOWER RIGHT IS THE ORIGINAL SPINSTRAS LOCATION.

The picture to the right is a better one of SPINSTRAS. The building, which is second from the left, housed the basic electronics classrooms. The top portion of the U to the right is the commander's office and A systems. The right hand end of the U is the break area and command desks. The nearest part of the U is B systems. Across the street is the weapons mechanics school.



NEWS REQUEST

by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor

I need "One OF Our Own" features to give interesting info about one of our talented members (all of you). Please feel free to submit neat things that you do. Remember that we are a fraternity! Also, there must be a lot of untold stories out there. They need not be humorous, just something interesting for AFTAC insiders. Don't be paranoid about the classified issues. I will sanitize it based upon advice from knowledgeable advisors.

WWW.AFTACWCC.ORG WEBSITE ACTIVITY REPORT

by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster

Our website is doing well, and since its creation in September of 2003 has remained very active and useful. For the 1st six months of this year (Jan-Jun) we have experienced the following activity: Jan – **3,055** visits; Feb – **2,678** visits; Mar – **3,305**; Apr – **2,962**; May – **3,198**; Jun – **3,257**. Most accessed each month are always the "**Departed**" and the "**Links**" pages. The exception comes right after an issue of the Depot Fallout is published and then access to the "**Fallout**" page will be the most active for that month. Whereas the "Departed" & "Fallout" pages are accessed for interesting information, the "**Links**" page is always the place where folks look for access to other useful web sites such as the HQ & Colorado Chapter web sites, the Tricare DEERS web site and the DFAS web site among others. If you have a favorite web site of interest to our alumni, please email me with the URL and details as to why you think it would be worthy of linking from our web site. Thank you!

WHO SAID THAT?

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

- >> The lack of money is the root of all evil.
- >> Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
- >> Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.
- >> Money isn't everything, but it sure keeps you in touch with your children.
- >> If you marry for money, you will earn every penny.

Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: dkconsulting@juno.com
April 2013's quotes were from Bruce Barton, Norman Vincent Peale, Edward George Bulwer-Lytton and Patrick Jane. **Bob Baker's** was the only submission I received. He gave Samuel Taylor Coleridge credit for the third quote, so I'm guessing that since neither Ed nor Sam is around to confirm it, I'll accept Bob's answers. There was no second submission & winner of the beer mugs.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 25 July, 2013:

Total Active Members = 153 Life Members = 136

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.)

IN MEMORY OF

Gayle Johnson: Thanks to all for the many prayers and kind words offered following the death of my wife Gayle. - Joe Johnson



Orville John Hollstein, TSgt, USAF, Retired.

Born: June 21, 1928 in Pioneer Ohio Passed: June 3, 2013

Born to John and Viva Hollstein. Preceded in death by brother (Harvey) and sister (Charlene). Survived by brother (George), sister (Janet), wife of 62 years (Betty), son (Robert) and his wife (Carol), grandchildren (Jon, Heather, David), great grandchildren (Natalie, Garrett, Nickolas, Alissa). Graduated Morenci High School (Michigan) in 1947. Joined Army Air Corps in June 1948, becoming US Air Force. Retired with 20 years of service as Tech Sergeant. Followed by retirement from the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier in Colton and Grand Terrace.

Active member as a Master Mason of Inland Empire Masonic Lodge (Rialto), recipient of Hiram Award, a 32 degree in Scottish Rite and York Rite (San Bernardino), a Noble to Al Malaikah Shrine (Los Angeles), past President of the Paradise Valley Shrine Club and parade unit, member of San Bernardino Elk's, Past Worthy Patron of Tri-Star Chapter 211 O.E.S., Past Associate Bethel Guardian of Job's Daughters (Rialto), Rainbow Dad for Rainbow for Girl's (Rialto), advisor of Order of DeMolay (Rialto).

He and wife were self sufficient till a year ago when complicated by health conditions.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in his honor to the Shriners Hospitals for Children (Los Angeles 213-388-3151) or San Bernardino Scottish Rite Center Speech Clinic (909-887-4415).

Published in San Bernardino Sun on June 7, 2013. Note: Orville was a life member of AFTAC WCC and stationed at 1155 TOS, 1963-68 & a member of the squadron softball team. Also stationed at TUSLOG Det 38.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Just a reminder that our business meetings are held the 2nd Monday of March, June, September, and December at 7:00 PM at the Lionsgate Hotel on McClellan Park. The meetings last about an hour and all Alumni are welcome. The remaining 2013 meetings are Sep 9 & Dec 9.

Nov 9 @ 11:30am – Fall Social & Election at China Buffet, Citrus Heights, CA – details soon!

(Always check our 'Events' page at www.AFTACWCC.org or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)

DENVER REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AT DENVER REUNION



AOY FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

**John Horsch, AOY 1999 (FL), Ginny & Lonnie Gibbons, AOY 2013 (CO)
Dee & Gene Melchoir, AOY 2012 (FL), Joe Johnson, AOY 2002 (CA)
Dale Klug, AOY 2011 (CA), Bill Schmied, AOY 2007 (CO)**



Some of the California Chapter Attendees

Joe Johnson, Mary King, Don King, Dennis Nolan, Rose Klug, Dave Tarquino, Dale Klug

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Colonel John L. Parker, Vice Commander, AFTAC



Friday morning: Tours of the **Wings Over the Rockies Museum** were attended. Also, there was a four team scramble golf tournament involving both active duty and former AFTAC personnel.

Friday evening: We were fortunate to have several AFTAC briefers. **TSgt Steve Schermerhorn** from Detachment 45 located at Buckley AFB in Aurora and **TSgt Mark LeDoux** from Detachment 46 located at Schriever AFB east of Colorado Springs gave a joint briefing about their detachment missions and how the two detachments interact. **Mr. Jeff Moore**, the Operating Location Chief at OL-GT located at Cheyenne Mountain AFS just west of Colorado Springs gave a briefing about their research and development laboratory mission. Mr. Moore is a former 99106 laboratory technician. We also had a briefing by **MSgt (Sel) Chris Sutor** from the 566th Intelligence Squadron located at Buckley AFB. He is one of many 9S100's (99's) who are assigned to non-AFTAC units.

Saturday morning: Detachment 45 Tour: **SSgt Aaron Smith** was the primary NCO conducting the tours, assisted by several other active duty detachment members who drove the two vans and who set up the refreshments and briefings at the Leadership and Development Center staging area.

Saturday evening: **SSgt Aaron Smith** led the detachment members who excellently performed the Presentation of Colors. The first speaker was **Col John Parker**, the AFTAC Vice Commander (AFTAC/CV). He was followed by **Col Aaron Prupas**, the Commander of the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NAISC) which is located at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. Prior to his current assignment there, Col Prupas was the AFTAC Commander from Jun 2010 to May 2012. The third colonel was **Col James Denbow**, the AFTAC Director of Atmospheric and Space (AFTAC/TH). Col Denbow did not give a speech but did assist Col Parker with Q & A about AFTAC.

Congratulations to the Denver Chapter for having the large number of active duty personnel attending the event! This indeed sets the bar higher for both the Florida and the California chapters for future reunions. We need to inspire a greater involvement of active duty personnel as we move into the future. Thanks to all who attended this year.



WCC President, Dave Tarquino and Treasurer/Picnic Honcho, Butch Kemna EB



Super Chefs: George McAlister & Dennis Nolan Good job, guys! THANK YOU! BF



Chefs: Dennis Nolan & George McAlister (That's the backside of Ken Breitwieser) EB



Joe Johnson, George Thompson, Steve & Donna Fritts, and Laurie & Butch Kemna BF



Al & Ann Pavik, Peggy Armintrout, Mary Esping, Cal Brown, Laura Horne, Virginia Chamberlain and Alice Brown BF



Eva & Ken Breitwieser with Carol & Bob Morrison BF



Tommy & Bob Baker, Dennis & Chum Nolan and Suki & Dave Tarquino BF



Dave & Nancy Price with Darlene & Bob Fitzgerald EB/BF



Corrine Miner, Rose & Dale Klug and John Miner BF



Ken & Eva Breitwieser KD



George McAlister with Ken & Cathleen Denbleyker BF



WCC President, Dave Tarquino with WCC Asst Treasurer/Chef, Dennis Nolan KD



Bob Baker, Al & Ann Pavik, Laura Horne, Mary Esping and Virginia Chamberlain KD



Ann Pavik, Laura Horne, Mary Esping and Virginia Chamberlain BF



Dave Price, John Miner and Dale Klug KD



George McAlister, Steve & Donna Fritts, and Laurie Kemna KD



Nancy Price, Darlene Fitzgerald, Peggy Armintrout, Cal & Alice Brown BF

We had **35** in attendance at our Spring Picnic, which was arranged & coordinated by **BUTCH KEMNA**, WCC Treasurer.

These photos were taken by:*
EB=Eva Breitwieser
KD=Ken Denbleyker
BF=Bob Fitzgerald

*These and 19 more photos in full color are available on the "Albums" page of our www.AFTACWCC.org web site.



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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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