



# Depot Fallout

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Dave Tarquino, WCC President

Happy New Year and Best Wishes to all for a safe, healthy, and prosperous year. We held the election of WCC Officers for December 2013-November 2015 at our Fall Social on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Since no one threw their hat in the ring to run against any of us, all the current officers were reelected by affirmation. The Election Committee members were Bob Fitzgerald (chairman), Ken Breitwieser, and Bob Baker. Thanks guys for beating the bushes for nominations, putting together the ballots and conducting the election!!

We had a nice turnout at our Fall Social on November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the China Buffet. 35 folks showed up to share some food and drink, share stories and kick off the Holiday Season. A big Thank You to Bob Fitzgerald for taking photos.

**A CALL TO ALL ALUMNI TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION IN THE DEPOT FALLOUT** Whether it is a "Way Back When," "What Are They Doin' Today," or just something you think is interesting, share it with us. The current Chapter Officers, which have pretty much been the same Officers for the past eight years, are running out of lies...er I mean tall tales... er stories to tell. Help us out....please!

Stay tuned for more info on our 2013 events: Spring Picnic (mid-May) and our Fall Social (mid November).

## **AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOC. – WEST COAST CHAPTER ELECTION REPORT**

*(Submitted 9 Dec 2013 by Bob Fitzgerald)*

An election of officers for a two year term **Dec 2013-Nov 2015** was held at the Fall Social Event on 9 November 2013. All of the 2012-2013 incumbent office-holders had agreed at the Spring Picnic in May to stand for reelection for the new term. Nominations were opened for all of the offices as of the May picnic. A nomination/ballot form was posted on the [www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org) website "Forms" page shortly thereafter and was also published in the July issue of the Depot Fallout newsletter.

Only two nomination/ballot forms were received in the months leading up to the Fall Social. All of the incumbents were re-elected at the social and were thanked by acclamation of those present for their service for the last two years and for volunteering to remain in office for the next two years. The WCC organization is very fortunate to have such dedicated and honest volunteers steer us into the future. My thanks to **Bob Baker & Ken Breitwieser**, the other Nomination/Election committee members, for their advice and assistance in getting this project completed successfully. *(Please refer to page one of the newsletter or to the "Contacts" page on our website for a list of WCC office-holders.)*

## 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.

## Website Activity Report

by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster

"www.AFTACWCC.org"

### Website Activity Report for the period 1 Sep 2013 – 30 Nov 2013

Submitted 09-Dec-2013 by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

<u>Month</u>	<u>Unique Visits</u>	<u>Highest Visit Day(#Visits)</u>	<u>Mo. Average Visits/Day</u>	<u>Most Popular Page* (#Visits)</u>	<u>Next Most Popular Page*</u>
Sep 2013	<b>6,162</b>	09/27 (383)	205	Departed (144)	Links (137)
Oct 2013	<b>4,187</b>	10/20 (327)	135	<b>Forms (404)</b>	Departed (159)
Nov 2013	<b>5,851</b>	11/13 (419)	195	Departed (163)	Links (125)

Notes: \* Does not include our 'Home' page, which always is the most popular page. And ... a blast from the past

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The most popular page in October was our "Forms" page which had links to the Fall Social Registration Form for that November 9<sup>th</sup> event and to a multi-updated list of attendees, which was based on registration forms received each week.

## Who Said That?

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

- >> The word "genius" isn't applicable in football. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein.
- >> Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life.
- >> Outside of the killings, Washington has one of the lowest crime rates in the country.
- >> It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air & water that are doing it.
- >> I love California. I practically grew up in Phoenix.
- >> Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances.

Do you think you know who the above quotes came from? Send your best guess to: [dkconsulting@juno.com](mailto:dkconsulting@juno.com)  
October 2013's quotes were from Frank Tyger, Frank Tyger, Frank Tyger, Frank Tyger and Frank Tyger. **Bob Baker's & Don King's** were the only replies I received. Bob got all five correct, Don got four. This time I'm submitting some really challenging quotes, in my continuing effort to stump ya'll.

## Membership News

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of 7 Sep, 2013:

**Total Active Members = 152 Life Members = 136**

**We welcome John Taylor as life member.**

**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.)

## What Is This?

*by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*

The photo is the Patrick HQ before the missiles were removed.



## Do You Know?

*by Don King, WCC Newsletter Editor*

**Correct responses in the order received were from Clark Creery (Florida Chapter), Jim Giordano, and Dale Klug'**

What nuclear event occurred on September 3, 1949? – First detection by a non-tester.

What nuclear event occurred on October 31, 1961? – Soviets detonate largest ever – 50MT.

What nuclear event occurred on October 9, 2006? – North Korea detonates their first.

What nuclear event occurred on July 16, 1945? – World's first Nuclear Detonation (Trinity)

What nuclear event occurred on August 29, 1949? – First Soviet Test

What nuclear event occurred on July 1, 1946? – First Peacetime Test (Able – Bikini)

What nuclear event occurred on March 1, 1954? – First Thermonuclear (Castle Bravo – Bikini – 15MT)

Were any of you involved in following these events?

## Guess Who Is Thirsty?

### **WC-135 Constant Phoenix**

This is how we look now to other USAF airborne airmen! We salute all of the current active duty AFTAC men and women for their dedication to the mission and the superlative job that they do every day.

The **WC-135 Constant Phoenix** is a special purpose aircraft derived from the [Boeing C-135](#) and used by the [United States Air Force](#). Its mission is to collect samples from the [atmosphere](#) for the purpose of detecting and identifying [nuclear explosions](#).



## WHAT ARE THEY DOIN' TODAY? ....UPDATE

### The Change of Commode Ceremony

By Dave Tarquino

In the last **Fallout** issue I spoke of my bicycle riding with Dennis Nolan. Our Editor, Don King, thought it would be appropriate to do an update on the 100 mile ride we had planned to do in October. So here it is. My 100 miler took place on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We started the ride at 8:30 AM in Sacramento, went to Dixon and we were back by 5:00 PM. We averaged 16.4 mph even with 20 mph gusting to 30 mph crosswinds!! We had lunch in Dixon and stopped four other times for potty breaks. I was accompanied by six bike riders from the Sacramento Bikehikers Club. **DENNIS NOLAN WAS NOT ONE OF THEM!!!** Why...you may ask? Well, on October 10<sup>th</sup> on the return leg of a bike ride to Whitey's in West Sacramento, Dennis failed to properly negotiate a railroad track crossing. His bike came to an abrupt stop but he sailed over the handlebars and landed not so elegantly on the concrete. A trip to the emergency room revealed a fractured tibial plateau of the left leg and some bruised ribs. I rushed to the emergency room to let him know that his bike was OK. Dennis has healed up nicely (even his ego) and on January 2, 2014 he was cleared by his doctor to ride his bike again. Dennis wasted no time and rushed home to take his bike for a spin around the neighborhood. His first ride of the year was a whopping three miles. Since he no longer needs the walker, crutches, cane, and toilet seat extension, he has passed them along to me at an official Sacramento Bikehiker event (The Change of Commode Ceremony) because I will need them as I recover from hip surgery scheduled for January 13<sup>th</sup>. It's the price we pay for not being couch potatoes!



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **Walk-in Service at TRICARE Service Centers to end by April 1, 2014**

"TRICARE Communications" [tricare@service.govdelivery.com](mailto:tricare@service.govdelivery.com)

January 14, 2014

Since the first TRICARE Service Center opened in the mid 1990's, we've seen a shift in how you get information. With today's technology, anything you can do at a TRICARE Service Center can be done online or over the phone. Consequently, walk-in service ends at TRICARE Service Centers in the U.S. by April 1, 2014. Because our overseas areas are unique, walk-in service at TRICARE Service Centers in all overseas areas will continue. This change does not affect any TRICARE benefits or health care services.

For more detailed information and updates go to [www.tricare.mil/TSC](http://www.tricare.mil/TSC). Read the Department of Defense article [www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=121473](http://www.defense.gov/News/NewsArticle.aspx?ID=121473).

## AFTAC Honors Pearl Harbor Survivors



**Lt. Gen John Phillips**, United States Marine Corps Retired, renders a salute to the Pearl Harbor survivors during a ceremony hosted by AFTAC at Patrick AFB on December 6, 2013. Gen Phillips was guest speaker at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual commemoration honoring all those affected by the attack on Pearl Harbor as well as other Pacific theater veterans. (USAF photo by Matthew Jurgens USAF ISR Agency, AFTAC)

## Events Calendar

Just a reminder that our business meetings are held the **2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*(Always check our 'Events' page at [www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org) or call ahead to our President to confirm time & place.)*

## Down Memory Lane

1999

*By Bob Fitzgerald*



### **1999 AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

*Back:* Joe Johnson, Jack Allison, Cal Brown, Jim Esping, Bart Carter, Dale Klug, Bob Fitzgerald

*Front:* Rich "Nick" Charles, Susan Spencer, Harm Aning, George Thompson, Lew Milligan Jr., Orv Pritchard

## **What do you all think of this YOUNG crowd?**

**Look through your photo archives and send me people pictures from your active duty service. All of us will enjoy seeing people we know or, good grief, ourselves!**

# AFTAC ALUMNI ASSN – WCC 2013 ANNUAL FALL SOCIAL

At China Garden Restaurant in Citrus Heights, CA - 9 Nov 2013



Al Pavik, Irene Goodreau,  
Cathleen & Ken Denbleyker & Ann Pavik



Bob & Tommie Baker,  
Suki & Dave Tarquino



Becky Ryan (dau) w/Virginia Chamberlain,  
Dain Leadmon, Russ Abell (guest) &  
Richard Chamberlain



Rose Klug, Corrine Miner, Denise & (dau)  
Noelle Dermenjian, John Miner & Dale Klug



Bob Fitzgerald, George Thompson,  
John "Butch" Kemna, Dave & Nancy Price  
& Darlene Fitzgerald



Rod Hinkle, Mary Esping, Alice & Cal Brown,  
Peggy Armintrout, Carol & Bob Morrison,  
& Betty Jo Hinkle



Thirty-four Alumni + one guest (missing is John Taylor who had to leave early)

The 2013  
Fall Social Luncheon  
was arranged by  
**Dave Tarquino**

Photos by  
**Bob Fitzgerald**

See these enlarged in a  
full-color online slideshow  
on our "Albums" page at  
[www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org)

**Please check out the delightful slide show that Bob has put together on the picnic! It really makes it come alive! Thanks to Bob for his creativity and his talents!**



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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / ROSTER UPDATE

Annual membership fee of \$10.<sup>00</sup> 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.<sup>00</sup>.

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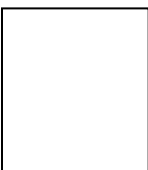
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