



# Depot Fallout

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## **WCC ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

*by Bob Fitzgerald*

### **WE NEED YOU!**

Our chapter is in dire need for all our members to step up and volunteer to fill an office of the WCC. We especially need someone to fill the Officer positions of **President** and **Vice President** and the volunteer position of **Publications & Distribution Chairman**. We have been without an elected President since December 2015. Our current Vice President, **Joe Johnson**, has been ably fulfilling the duties of President since that time but Joe will retire from his VP position after the reunion in June and will not continue after that time.

So, please volunteer for the office of **President** or **Vice President**. The WCC also has an immediate need for a volunteer for **Publications & Distribution Chairman**. These and all the other WCC Officer positions are open for the election but these are the most important and most in immediate need of someone to fill each of them now.

The following current WCC Officers have graciously consented to continue in their positions if elected for the new term:

Chairman of the Board of Directors – **Ken Denbleyker**;

Assistant Chairman of the Board – **Dave Tarquino**;

Director At Large – **Dennis Nolan**;

Treasurer – **John "Butch" Kemna**;

Secretary – **Bob Baker**;

Assistant Secretary – **Ken Breitwieser**.

Also consenting to continue are these volunteers:

Membership Chairman – **Dave Price**;

Newsletter Editor – **Don King**;

Website Administrator – **Dave Tarquino**;

Webmaster – **Bob Fitzgerald**.

*Note: All of the aforementioned Officers will be happy to assist those elected/appointed for the new term.*

The election of officers for the West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association will be held at our Fall Social in November 2017. The term of office for those elected will be from December 2017 – through November 2019. Nominations & volunteers for all the offices you see on the first page of the **Depot Fallout** newsletter are now open so please consider volunteering by notifying the Elections Chairman, Ken Denbleyker + Ken Breitwieser & Bob Fitzgerald by Email at [ElectionCommittee@AFTACWCC.org](mailto:ElectionCommittee@AFTACWCC.org). Thank you.

## **2017 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion**

**Hosted By The**

## **West Coast Alumni Chapter (WCC)**

**JUNE 15-17, 2017**

**at McClellan Park, Sacramento**

## 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. It is also a great time for the kind of informal get-togethers that we had when we were on active duty at a site or on TDY somewhere, or when we are in the hospitality rooms during a reunion. The date of the next meeting is **Mon Jun 12.** Always check our 'Events' page at [www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org) or call ahead to our Vice President to confirm time & place

### “[www.AFTACWCC.org](http://www.AFTACWCC.org)”

by Bob Fitzgerald, Webmaster

#### Website Quarterly Activity Report for the period 1 Jan 2017 –31 Mar 2017

*Submitted 2-Apr-2017 by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster*

<b>Visitors</b> <u>This Quarter</u>	<b>Highest</b> <u>Visitors Week</u>	<b>Total</b> <u>Sessions</u>	<b>Most Popular*</b> <u>Page (#Sessions)</u>	<b>Next Most Popular*</b> <u>Page (#Sessions)</u>
3,808	01/30-02/05 (508)	3,982	Links (813)	Fallout/Forms**(811/810)

Notes: \* Does not include our 'Home' page, which almost always is the most popular page.

\*\* The 'Contacts' & 'Events' pages were also popular at 809/808 sessions each this quarter.

**Visitors:** This evaluation shows how many visitors accessed our website. Visitors are uniquely identified on the basis of the IP address and the browser ID. **If a visitor goes to our website more than once a day, only one visitor is counted.**

**Sessions:** This evaluation shows the number of sessions. A session starts when a visitor accesses our website and ends when he or she leaves it. A session ends automatically after 30 minutes without activity. **If a visitor goes to our website more than once a day, multiple sessions are counted.**

## WHO SAID THAT??

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

God's best gift to us is not things, but opportunities.

God answers all prayers. Sometimes He answers "Yes," sometimes He answers "No," and sometimes He answers "You gotta be kidding."

Failure is God's way of saying, "Excuse me, you're moving in the wrong direction."

Friends are God's way of taking care of us.

Whenever God closes one door He always opens another, even though sometimes it's hell in the hallway.

God made the world round so we could never see too far down the road.

If God had really intended men to fly, He'd make it easier to get to the airport.

I always know God won't give me more than I can handle, but there are times I just wish He didn't trust me quite so much.

God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into its nest.

Flowers are the sweetest things God ever made and forgot to put a soul into.

Talent is God-given. Be humble. Time is man-given. Be grateful. Conceit is self-given. Be careful.

Many who plan to seek God at the eleventh hour die at ten-thirty.

God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well.

The secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered I was not God.

Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

God wants spiritual fruits, not religious nuts.

Bifocals are God's way of saying, "Keep your chin up."

The only people who still call hurricanes acts of God are the people who write insurance forms.

Rainbows are God's way of telling us that He likes to jazz things up sometimes.

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

*by Dave Price, Membership Chairman*

**As of Mar 19 2017**

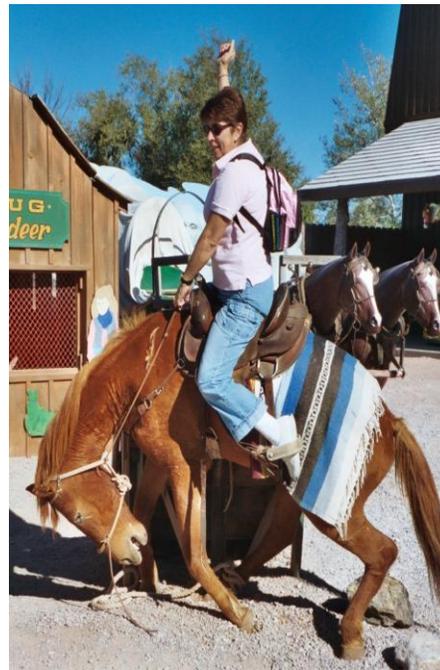
**Total Active Members = 146    Life Members = 142.**

**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 MEMORIAM**

*by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus*

### **Rose Klug**



Another angel, Rose Klug, 67, Sacramento CA, got her wings on February 12, 2017, following a two year battle with cancer. At her side when she was beamed up to Heaven were husband Dale; their children Linda, Christopher & Jennifer; granddaughter Emily; sister Debbie; her godmom Emily and brother-in-law Peter. Rose was born in Oklahoma City to a beautiful young Hispanic girl, Beatrice Quintero and husband, Roger Warren. Rose & Dale were married in Sacramento, April 23, 1970. She loved working with children as a teacher's aide and soccer coach in North Highlands, CA, Wheeler AFB, HI and Iraklion AS, Crete, Greece. She retired from the Golden 1 Credit Union in 1996 as a Member Services Supervisor.

She is also survived by her brothers & sisters, Ronald, Benny, Debbie, Pauline, Michael, Letha & Nona, all in Texas & Oklahoma; her stepmother, Tae of Sacramento and uncle, Charles Warren of Sioux Center IA. She is also survived by many, many nieces, nephews, cousins and sisters & brothers-in-law throughout the US.

The family thanks Roseville and Sacramento Sutter Medical Group Doctors Chellappah, Gonik, Spinelli and their staffs for the excellent care they provided Rose in the past two years. A special "Thank You" to the Roseville Sutter Infusion Center's outstanding nurses & staff and the Sutter Health Hospice team, especially nurses Peter and Beth, who went out of their way to provide Rose the most professional care during this trying time.

**A Memorial & Celebration of Life will be 10:00 am, Thursday, June 15 at St Lawrence Church, North Highlands, CA. A reception will follow. Interment in Crucifixion Catholic Cemetery, LaCrescent, MN is pending.**

# Member of Congress briefed on center's nuke role

*By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs / Published April 18, 2017*

**PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** -- U.S. Representative Bill Posey paid a visit to the Air Force Technical Applications Center here April 11 to receive an update on the center's nuclear treaty monitoring role and its involvement in recent global events.

Posey, accompanied by his District Director Patrick Gavin and Director of Community Relations Rob Medina, met with Col. Steven M. Gorski, AFTAC's commander and members of his staff for an in-depth mission briefing and to bring the congressman up to speed on AFTAC's capabilities regarding past and potential worldwide nuclear detonations. The congressman was briefed on AFTAC's scientific contributions to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action as well as underground disturbances the center detected in the vicinity of North Korea in January and September 2016.

"It is always a pleasure to visit AFTAC," said Posey. "This is the first time I've been able to tour the new building since it opened (in 2014), and I enjoy the opportunity to speak to the Airmen who perform this vital mission. Everyone should be very proud of the work they're undertaking for our nation. It's invaluable."

After the briefings, the congressional delegation toured the center, which included stops at AFTAC's Innovation Lab, Operations Floor and Ciambrone Radiochemistry Laboratory.

"AFTAC shares an incredible rapport with our elected officials," said Col. Steven M. Gorski, AFTAC commander. "Their support is invaluable to us as we execute our global nuclear deterrence mission. AFTAC Airmen and their family members are integral parts of the Space Coast community, as well as Rep. Posey's constituents. His visit gave us the opportunity to showcase our mission and illustrate our involvement with the local community. It is a great partnership, and we appreciate the time the congressman and his staff took out of their schedules to meet with us."



Dr. Bill Johnson (left), Ciambrone Radiochemistry Laboratory senior scientist, explains the science of trace-level analysis of environmental samples to U.S. Rep. Bill Posey from Florida's 8th Congressional District as Posey's District Director Patrick Gavin looks on. The samples are analyzed using radiochemistry and mass spectrometry for low levels of nuclear materials. Posey and members of his staff visited the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla., for a mission update April 11, 2017. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan A. Romano)



## REUNION ADDENDUM

The **McClellan Aerospace Museum** is presenting an exhibit titled *Machines in Motion* consisting of 40 full size machine replicas made directly from Leonardo da Vinci's designs and drawings. The exhibit is scheduled to be open during our reunion. We need 15 people for the group tour rate of \$10.00. The normal admittance is \$13.00 (for seniors). A flyer outlining the event is on the next page.

The **Crocker Art Museum** is located downtown near Old Sacramento and is open Tuesday – Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM. With art ranging from European drawings and Native American ceramics to California paintings and Chinese tomb figures, there is much to discover. If you are hoping to see the whole museum in one visit, we recommend you allow for at least three hours. City of Sacramento parking is available around the Museum. Check parking signage for prices and limitations. For additional information about parking services and SacPark meter pricing, visit [sacpark.org](http://sacpark.org). Smartphone users can also download the ParkMobile app to find and pay for parking.

The **California State Railroad Museum** is located in Old Sacramento and if you have never been there, this is a "must see" museum. This one of, if not, the largest and most complete railroad museums in the country.

**Keynote Speaker-** Presently we are searching for a speaker and would entertain suggestions for appropriate individuals and/or topics.

## HUMOR

by Don King, Depot Fallout Editor

### Marines

An airman in a bar leans over to the guy next to him and says, "Wanna hear a MARINE joke?" The guy next to him replies, "Well, before you tell that joke, you should know something. I'm 6' tall, 200 lbs, and I'm a MARINE. The guy sitting next to me is 6'2" tall, weighs 225, and he's a MARINE. The fella next to him is 6'5" tall, weighs 250, and he's also a MARINE. Now, you still wanna tell that joke?" The Airman says, "Nah, I don't want to have to explain it three times."

### Pilots' Hell

A MAC pilot died at the controls of his plane and went to pilots' hell, where he found a hideous devil and three doors. The devil was busy escorting other pilots to various "hell rooms." "I'll be right back-- don't go away," said the devil, and he vanished.

Sneaking over to the first door, he peeked in and saw a cockpit where the pilot was condemned to forever run through preflight checks. He slammed that door and peeked into the second. There, alarms rang and red lights flashed while a pilot had to avoid one emergency after another.

Unable to imagine a worse fate, he cautiously opened the third door. He was amazed to see a pilot getting ready for a flight while crew chiefs diligently put the final touches on a perfectly-maintained aircraft, even bringing him coffee and saluting him sharply as they presented the forms for his approval.

He quickly returned to his place seconds before the devil reappeared. "Okay," said the devil, "Which door will it be, number 1 or number 2?"

"Um, I want door number 3," answered Mac.

"Sorry," said the devil. "You can't have door number 3. That's crew chiefs' hell."

**AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER**  
**ANNUAL PICNIC – 20 MAY 2017 – 11AM-2PM**

Tempo Park, 13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights, CA 95610

**ATTENTION TO ORDERS**

Once again it's time for our annual Spring get together. We will be hosting our annual WCC picnic on **20 May 2017** at the same venue as May 2016's picnic. Good restroom facilities, ample parking, and a covered pavilion. We will be lighting the BBQs at 1100 hours and wrap things up by 1400 hours this year. Once again the West Coast Chapter (WCC) of our alumni association will supply the basics: hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks/water, utensils & paper products. We ask that you bring a salad, side dish, dessert, or chips. **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. **YOUR SIGN UP IS NEEDED BY 13 MAY 2017.**



**VITAL DETAILS:**  
 When: **Saturday, 20 May 2017**  
 Where: **Tempo Park**  
 Address: **13201 Fair Oaks Blvd, Citrus Heights 95610**  
 Hours: **1100 Hrs – 1400 Hrs (11:00 am – 2:00 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.)*



**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 2017 Picnic is handled by **Butch Kemna**, WCC Treasurer. *(Hopefully with help from some friends.)* If you have any questions, call Butch, **(916) 722-8509** or Email: "**PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org**".

**PLEASE FILL IN & MAIL YOUR SIGN-UP FORM BY 13 MAY 2017 to:**  
**AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974**  
*(Or you may scan or copy and email the completed form to PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org.)*

I [ ] mailed / [ ] Emailed my form on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/17. 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 scan the form & e-mail it to: **PicnicGurus@AFTACWCC.org***

**Picnic Sign-up Form**

**ANNUAL WCC PICNIC – 20 MAY 2017**

*(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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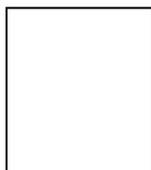
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