



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 retired from his VP position after the reunion. 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.

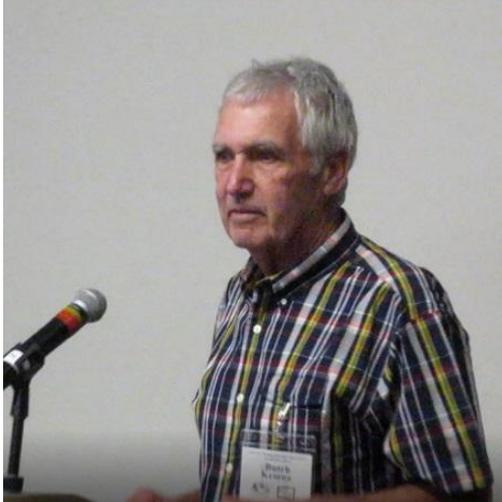
The election of officers for the West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association will be held at our Fall Social on **Sunday, 12 November 2017**. The term of office for those elected will be from December 2017 – through November 2019. Nominations & volunteers for all the offices you see on this first 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. Thank you.

2017 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

John “Butch” Kemna

Courtesy of AFTAC Website

John “Butch” Kemna was named “AFTAC’s 2017 Alumni of the Year” at the AFTAC Worldwide Reunion banquet held 17 June 2017 at McClellan Park, Ca.



Joe Johnson, West Coast Alumni Chapter Vice President is shown presenting Butch with the traditional AOY polo shirt.

I spent 20 years in the Air Force from May 60 to May 80, and was assigned to AFTAC the whole time. At Lackland I was asked to volunteer for a Special Weapons Career Field, which turned out to be Q-System (99125) in AFTAC. One year later I found out what the job was! I spent time at McClellan and then to an overseas assignment in Q-System. When I came back to McClellan, I crosstrained into A-System. I spent 17 unbelievable years amassing over 7,500 hours of flight time supporting the airborne sampling program all over the world.

The friends I made, the places I went and the things we did: I would not give up for anything!

2017 West Coast Chapter Reunion Recap

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

The 2017 AFTAC worldwide reunion was held at Lions Gate Hotel (the former McClellan AFB Officers Club) and was an unqualified success. A total of 103 people attended the reunion with 71 people at the Friday reception and 98 at the Saturday dinner. Individuals from 17 states were present, the longest travels being from Alaska and Maine.

The McClellan House was ideal as the hospitality suite. The house had been officer's quarters which provided a casual and relaxed environment for conversations in multiple areas of the house. Casual and relaxed was the theme for the weekend.

The reunion kicked off with a Friday evening reception of a no-host bar and hors d'oeuvres. The group enjoyed reminiscing about the great time they had as AFTACers and stayed after the time allotted and then spilled into the hospitality suite.

On Saturday a tour was offered for a hands-on special event of inventions by da Vinci at the Aerospace Museum of California which attracted 42 reunion attendees. The museum also has a large number of aircraft on display.

Saturday evening was a plated dinner. Our speaker was Dr. Daniel DeForest. Dr. De Forest provided insight into the present function at Patrick Air Force Base and projected future of the mission. He was generous with his time, knowledge and elicited insight from the alumni about their experiences. The alumni of the year was awarded to John 'Butch' Kemna, a faithful, dependable board member of the California Chapter.

Good byes were shared at the well attended farewell breakfast Sunday morning.

This was the final worldwide reunion to be hosted by the AFTAC West Coast Chapter. The reunion committee and the WCC board members are thankful they could offer the opportunity for AFTAC Alumni to enjoy each other's company and visit old haunts.



At the Hospitality Suite on Thursday:
Bob Fitzgerald, Reunion Photographer
Don King, WCC "Depot Fallout" Editor

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION June 15-18, 2017

Friday RECEPTION,
Sat. AEROSPACE MUSEUM Tour,
and Sunday FAREWELL BRUNCH
(Banquet photos are on photo page 2)

Captions w/names for these & all of the photos
& videos taken at the reunion will be available
soon on our www.AFTACWCC.org website

Photos by **Bob Fitzgerald**, except for 1, *below



Reception Hors d'oeuvres – Friday eve



Reception on the "McClellan Mall" lawn



*This photo provided by **Denise** (2nd fm left)



Aerospace Museum Tour - Saturday



Farewell Brunch at the Red Lion Hotel



on Sunday morning





Reunion Committee: (L-R)
Bob Fitzgerald + Joe Johnson-Chairman
& Nancy & Dave Price-Primary Members

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION June 15-18, 2017

SATURDAY BANQUET PHOTOS

Captions for these photos and many more, including individual/couple photos and videos, taken at the reunion are available at www.AFTACWCC.org

Photos by **Bob Fitzgerald**, WCC Webmaster
(From a total 114 photos & 11 videos taken there)



At the Banquet Happy Hour



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Dave Price, Membership Chairman

As of Jul 18, 2017

Total Active Members = 145 Life Members = 139.

The current membership includes 145 total members, of which 139 are life members, after one deletion and four new life members.

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.

“www.AFTACWCC.org”

Website Quarterly Activity Report for the period 1 Apr 2017 –30 Jun 2017

Submitted 2-Jul-2017 by Bob Fitzgerald, WCC Webmaster

<u>Visitors This Quarter</u>	<u>Highest Visitors Week</u>	<u>Total Sessions</u>	<u>Most Popular* Page (#Sessions)</u>	<u>Next Most Popular* Page (#Sessions)</u>
3,912	06/19-06/25 (439)	4,237	Contacts (342)	Links 193)

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

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.**

The following is excerpted from

[Six continents, 14 locations and 9 time zones don’t stop this squadron from mission accomplishment](#)

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs



“These scientific applications specialists, better known as 9S100s, are enlisted Airmen who are enormously intelligent and highly skilled,” Lt. Col. Dennis Uyechi, Technical Support Squadron commander, said. “They can diagnose complex problems and improvise workable solutions, which is critically valuable in situations where access to sites and equipment may be either limited or prohibitively expensive. It is a great privilege for me to be a part of AFTAC’s unique mission, and I am constantly impressed with the quality of my Airmen and their unwavering dedication to getting the mission done.”

“Our Airmen are the heart and soul of this mission,” said Col. Steven M. Gorski, AFTAC commander. “In addition to the great work they perform for the center, they are veritable ambassadors for the Air Force and represent our government as a whole by virtue of the work they perform in various countries around the world, sometimes under austere conditions. Their professionalism and technical knowledge are absolutely second to none.”

AFTAC Alumni Assoc – WCC Spring Picnic, 20May2017 at Tempo Park, C.H.



Picnic Crew: **Butch Kemna, Bob Fitzgerald, Ken Breitwieser & Dennis Nolan**



Eva & Ken Breitwieser



Nancy & Dave Price



Myron Riddle & Clay Lemire



Cathy & Ken Denbleyker



Rod & Betty Jo Hinkle



Ann & Al Pavik



Donna Fritts & Laura Horne



Tommie & Bob Baker



Yuko & Glen Carson



John & Corinne Miner



Sue & Tom Wentz



Twenty-Seven wonderful AFTAC Alumni who enjoyed the 2017 WCC Spring Picnic

This event was arranged by
John "Butch" Kemna

Photos by **Bob Fitzgerald**

See our "Albums" page at
www.AFTACWCC.org
for more & larger color photos



AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - WEST COAST CHAPTER

FALL SOCIAL AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SUNDAY, 12 NOV 2017 – 11:30AM-2:30PM



AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOC. – WEST COAST CHAPTER FALL SOCIAL & ELECTION
 Sunday, 12Nov2017 @ 11:30AM at Sam's Hof Brau, 2500 Watt Ave, Sacramento, CA

SIGN-UP FORM - (Please Print)

Name: _____ Spouse/Other: _____

Add'l Name(s): _____ Total Attending: _____

Note: No money required with sign-up form. You order at the counter and pay the restaurant.
 We will be in the back room where we will eat, visit and hold our Election of Officers for 12/17-12/19.
Space is limited to 40, so don't wait!

Mail your sign-up form to: **AFTAC-WCC, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974 ... or ...**

Email your sign-up information to: FallSocial@AFTACWCC.org. **Deadline for receipt: 5Nov'17.**

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NOMINATION/VOLUNTEER FORM FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTION

AFTAC ALUMNI ASSOC. – WEST COAST CHAPTER

Please Print

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

WCC President: _____ Chmn of The Board: _____
 Asst Chmn of the Bd: _____ Director At Large: _____

OTHER WCC ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Vice President: _____ Treasurer: _____
 Secretary: _____ Asst Treasurer: _____
 Asst Secretary: _____

VOLUNTEER OFFICER POSITIONS

Membership Chmn: _____ Asst Memb Chmn: _____
 Newsletter Editor: _____ Asst NL Editor: _____
 Webmaster: _____ Asst Webmaster: _____
 Publications Distribution Chmn: _____
 Asst. Pubs Disttribution Chmn: _____

See www.AFTACWCC.org website "**FORMS**" page "**Articles of Assn**" link for description of duties.
Volunteer yourself or nominate another WCC member for any of these positions & mail this form to:
AFTAC-WCC, ATTN: Election Committee, P.O. Box 3974, Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974 .. or
 Email your entries to: ElectionCommittee@AFTACWCC.org. **Deadline for receipt is: 11Nov'17.**

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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.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____
Last, First MI Last Rank Held Nickname Name of Spouse

Addr: _____
Street, Apt #, etc. City State Zip Code

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Home Phone Work Phone Email Addr

Active Duty: _____
Branch of Service From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy Branch of Service From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy

AFTAC Dates: _____
From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy From: mm/yyyy - To: mm/yyyy

Support Your West Coast Chapter: Please pass a copy of this form to your AFTAC Alumni friends. *[From the Depot Fallout]*

CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT www.AFTACWCC.org FOR THE LATEST WCC NEWS & PHOTOS



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