

ECHOES

Past — Present —
and Future

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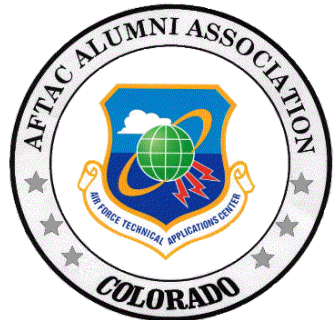


Carol A. Snyder announced as 'Alumni of the Year 2016' at SnowBall .

UPCOMING EVENTS!

ALL CURRENT AND FORMER AFTAC PERSONNEL, SPOUSES AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS.

Welcome!
Greet the NEW
Colorado Alumni
President.

Special points of interest:

- **Check** the last page for dues expiration date
- **Update**, as necessary, your address & Email

General Membership Breakfast 16 Sep 2017 09:00 cost \$12.00—
— Buffet Breakfast. Eggs, potatoes, meats, toast, chili, etc., juice and coffee.
Please **RSVP** to Darrel Kline vicepres@aftacco.org Bill Schmied at treasurer@aftacco.org or home phone 303-367-0625. **NLT 09 Sep 2017.** We will collect your money at the breakfast.

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William "Bill" Carroll Britz died January 29, 2017 of Alzheimer's at Inspired Living, Palm Bay, FL. He served 2 yrs. in AFTAC.

Robie Roy Sailers, who served with AFTAC for many years passed away Saturday Feb 11. Roy retired at Patrick in 1973. He served in Hawaii, McClellan AFB. He loved AFTAC and all his many buddies.

Rose Klug went to Heaven yesterday, 12 Feb 2017. Another angel was just beamed up into His arms!

Joe Goldian had a heart attack while he was working a lacrosse game last night (02.21) and did not survive. He served AFTAC, and the AFTACAA, a very very long time

Larry Lynn Holbrook, loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather, passed away at home surrounded by his family on the morning of January 30, 2017.

Bob Miller passed away on 3/15/17 at his home in Fairbanks Alaska. Bob was stationed overseas in the I Technique 72 to 74. He then went to Fairbanks in B System. Bob retired in Fairbanks and made his home there and worked for the post office in North Pole AK where he retired last year.

Thomas R. Keegan of St Augustine passed away on March 21, 2017. Tom retired from the United States Air force after 20 years.

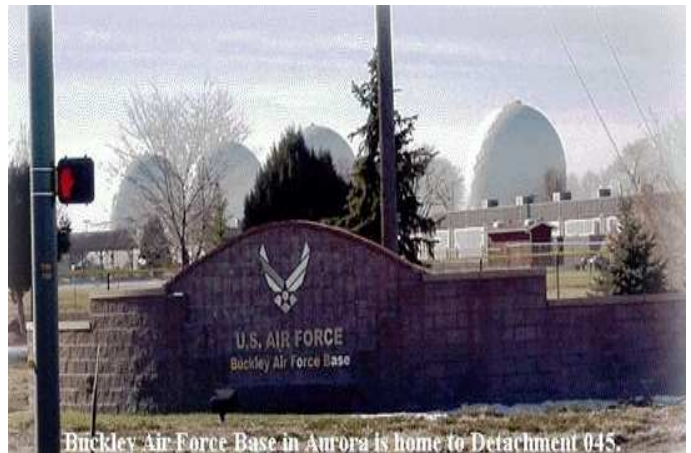
Lieutenant Colonel Robert Morton, 72, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2017 in Melbourne, Florida. Robert spent his 24 year career with the Air Force doing research and development for projects such as the creation of the first software used on the F-16 fighter jet.

SMSgt "Jack" Gerald L. Johnson (RET) born Jan 5, 1931 passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. He was 86 years old, died after a 16 month battle against esophageal cancer.

Shawn Miguel Rouse, I, 54, of San Antonio, TX, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Richard O'Brien, Melbourne (FL), Cmsgt Richard E. O'Brien (ret.) Sept. 2, 1932 - April 13, 2017.

William E. Ivan, Master Sgt., USAF, Ret., 80, of New Philadelphia, died Friday, April 28, 2017



Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora is home to Detachment 045.

Air Force Aid	720-847-6708
American Red Cross	303-343-1294
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Greet the New Colorado Chapter Alumni Prez

Bryce Dunn studied engineering at Mars Hill College near Asheville, N.C. from 1968 through 1971. He worked for Westinghouse Elevators installing elevators in Norfolk and Portsmouth, VA and at the Wachovia Bank building in Winston Salem, N.C. He also worked as an electrician, plumber and an HVAC specialist with a Mechanical Contractor in Harrisonburg, VA. He studied electronics at Blue Ridge Community College where he acquired his deep interest in electronics. Bryce signed up with the Delayed Enlistment Program for the Air Force in October, 1973. He was active duty in the Air Force from February 1974 through February 1994 when he retired as a MSgt. His entire time was spent within AFTAC organizations including the Lowry School Squadron, Detachment 423 1974 – 1975, Detachment 421 1975 – 1977, OL AO 1977 – 1985 (NCOIC operations), HQ AFTAC 1985 – 1990 (Chief, SOC) and finally Superintendent of Detachment 45, Buckley ANGB, CO. At Det 421 he helped operations to recover from the aftermath



when a flood took out the entire LP and helped to fight the bush fire in 1977. In the fall of 1985 Bryce worked with AFTAC Operations, the Technical Directorate and Space Command to stand up Detachment 45. After the Air Force he signed up with Antarctic Support Associates as a technical writer for the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Program where he created technical documentation to support operations and maintenance of communications systems for the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Program. Technical documentation included microwave links, INMARSAT, Intelsat, GOES, LES-9, and other satellite equipment links, HF and FM radio systems, pager systems, data acquisition systems including data loggers, hybrid power stations (solar, wind and diesel generators), and shipboard information systems. He created the Network Operations Center (NOC) Guide for McMurdo Station, Antarctica. On 1 August 1996 he received the Antarctic Service Medal from the US Department of the Navy. In 1995 Bryce graduated from Columbia College with a Bachelor's of Science in Computer Information Systems, Cum Laude. In November 1996 he hired on to Lockheed Martin Astronautics as a Software Quality Engineer for the Titan booster program. There, he tested and verified launch software for the Titan II, Titan IVA and Titan IVB boosters. He was a member of

the launch team and had to verify correct software versions on multiple systems prior to launch. One of his memorable launches was the Cassini Spacecraft, launched on the first Titan IVB booster with a payload that contained two RTGs. After Titan, Bryce was a Quality Engineer Senior Staff for multiple ground systems, including the Lead QA at the SBIRS MCS at Buckley AFB. Bryce maintained the ISO 9001 and AS9100 quality management systems at various Lockheed programs. He retired from Lockheed Martin in March 2011, and then worked as the Quality Manager for two small aerospace businesses over two years to help them achieve AS9100 and ISO 9001 certifications. In November 2012, he retired from full time work to part time performing ISO 9001 certification audits for a National Certification Body in the lower 48. In January 2016, he hung up his auditing hat and is now spending more time with family, community, hunting, fishing and his jeep project. Bryce was a Committee chair, Scoutmaster and District Commissioner for the Boy Scouts of America and supported the USO at Denver International Airport during the heaviest fighting of OEF. During this time he received two Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. Bryce is a 32° Scottish Rite mason of the Denver Consistory and a member of the National Sojourners. Bryce and his wife, Sue, raised three sons: Daniel, David and Collin. Daniel was an Army Infantry Officer and spent two tours in Iraq, David is a Master Sergeant currently stationed at Ramstein, GE. Collin is enjoying life and working in the Denver area. Bryce & Sue have been married for 38 years, have four grandchildren and currently reside in Aurora, Colorado.

From the new Prez

Fellow alumni, Thank you for electing me as your new president.

First, I would like to sincerely thank MSgt Steve Clark (Retired) for his years of leadership of the Colorado Chapter following MSgt Jack Smith (deceased). Also thanks to the officers: Darrel Cline, Vice-President; Bill Schmied, Treasurer; Jerry Moxley (Mox), Editor; Ken Behrens, Publisher; and Bill Harris, webmaster; and Rick Phillips for all of his work in the past as co-cook for picnics and co-editor of the *Echos* after Ben Vlassick. Also thanks to the Detachment Commanders and other Colorado units for all of their support that they have provided through the years. I think we all enjoy the synergy between the 'now' and 'back then'.

Sue and I consider AFTAC as our second family - we have made many good friends during the years. I hope to continue the traditions of the Colorado Chapter and help to provide great venues for us all to get together, communicate and have fun. The first venue will be a picnic in Castle Rock on June 17th at Matney park pavilion. This is a new area for us but more convenient for those of us that have difficulty getting around and a more central location for Colorado Springs and Denver. It is a beautiful park and the 17th was the best date I could get. Yes, they have two horseshoe tracks among other amenities. For those that are planning to go to the World-wide Reunion in California on the same date, I apologize, but we can catch up at the breakfast in September or the Veteran's dinner in November.

Please do not hesitate to call or email myself or the officers if you have any questions or suggestions. We love to hear from you and may use your input in the *Echos* newsletter. We all share a common theme which is as important today as it was 'back then'.

**Sincerely,
Bryce Dunn**

Treaty Monitoring Center

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs *PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.*

Treaty Monitoring Center inducts three to its Wall of Honor. For the third year in a row, the Air Force Technical Applications Center inducted three people to its historic Wall of Honor at a ceremony Feb. 7, 2017. Col. Steven M. Gorski, AFTAC's commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph, AFTAC's Command Chief, honored Col. (retired) Alvin L. Pavik, Chief Master Sgt. (retired) James C. Davis, and Joe D. Marshall, all former members of the nuclear treaty monitoring center, with personalized medallions to recognize their significant contributions. Davis and Marshall were in attendance to accept the award; Pavik's son and daughter accepted on his behalf. In addition to the medallions, the honorees' names were engraved on plaques and placed on AFTAC's Wall of Honor in the center's main lobby. The wall was established in 2015, shortly after AFTAC personnel moved into their new \$158 million facility, to recognize individuals who profoundly contributed to AFTAC's global mission, while personifying the Air Force Core Values: integrity, service, excellence.

Selection to the Wall of Honor is no easy feat; AFTAC's Heritage Committee meticulously reviews dozens of nomination packages of former scientists, analysts, engineers and technicians, while only three per year are considered for induction. The committee looks for nominees who demonstrated great character and whose actions truly discriminated them from thousands of other center employees, both military and civilian.

February Alumni Breakfast



February Alumni Breakfast (Continued)



Retiring Alumni Chapter President **Steve Clark** providing information and introducing **Maj Jeff Fulton**, the Det 45 Commander to award the Det 45 and 46 recipients for the year 2016.



Maj Jeff Fulton, the Det 45 Commander introducing and describing the accomplishments of the Det 45 award winners.



TSgt Richard "Tim" Tarnow, Det 45 NCO of the Year



SrA Derrick Singleton, Det 45 Airman of the year 2016.

General membership picnic on 17 June 2017, 11am – 3pm, at Matney Park, 5790 Lantern Cr., Castle Rock, CO 80104. Burgers, Brats and hot dogs, water, lemonade and watermelon will be provided (donations accepted). Share a side dish if you can and bring other refreshments (adult beverages are permitted). Matney park is an ADA accessible park with a large pavilion, an 18-hole disc golf course, playground with swings, inline rink, horseshoe courts, a synthetic turf field, and dogs are allowed on leash. It has a nice view of the foothills. RSVPs are not required but appreciated. Please RSVP to Darrel Kline vice-pres@aftacco.org , Bill Schmied at treasurer@aftacco.org or home phone 303-367-0625.

Everyone is invited!
[Details/27](#)

Park Info: <http://co-castlerock2.civicplus.com/Facilities/Facility/>

E-Mails on Encampment

Emails on Encampment

Email from Larry Anderson 3/30/17:

Thanks, Frank, I will enjoy looking at the website. My family is trying to plan a trip to Encampment, Wyoming, where we were once part of Det 142 and where my wife gave birth to twins. Do you know any AFTAC guys who might still be there or anyone who might know the availability of lodging facilities? The website for Encampment show a large log cabin structure that looks like it could be a hotel.

Thanks, Larry Anderson

Email from Frank Calenda 3/31/17

Hi Larry, unfortunately, I do not know much about this location. However, Chief John Horsch was stationed at Pinedale and may have some more detailed information about it. If not, he may be able to direct you to someone who can.

He is also our Post Monitor editor and we are in the process of publishing our April edition. He may say that if you write an email to him with your request, he can place it in the Letters To The Editor section where someone might have an answer. You didn't say how soon you'd be going. I will copy him on this email and he will probably respond to you.

He can be reached at chrisjohn2@gmail.com

In the meantime, here's a link that may provide you some information. Maybe you've already been here but it also gives you some contact numbers. Good luck with your trip and thanks for being a member.

Visit Encampment, Wyoming

Kind regards,
Frank Calenda

Email from Chief John Horsch 3/31/17:

Larry, I was not stationed there either I was at Pinedale, but I think very similar. I'm CC'ing Bryce Dunn, he's been there in the last two years or so and should have some insight.

Email from Bryce Dunn 3/31/17

Larry,

I have attached our *Echos* newsletter from September 2015. It includes an article that Rick Phillips and I put together after a visit to Encampment in 2015.

At the worldwide reunion in Colorado (2013) it was stated that the Det 142 seismic display at the Grand Encampment Museum (GEM) was gone. Rick and I decided to visit the museum to see what happened to it when we got a chance. It took a while for us to get up there, but it was a very enjoyable experience. A lot of people contributed to put the display together (I helped prepare the developer in Bill Braukman's garage) then haul it up to the museum. I was active duty at the time at Buckley (Superintendent at Det 45) and couldn't make the dedication, but I understand it was quite a shindig. When we visited I was hoping the seismic equipment was still there somewhere at GEM.

I even joined the new Wings over the Rockies museum at old Lowry so that if we located the equipment, we could possibly get permission to put the equipment on display there. If you ever get the chance to visit the Wings, I think you will enjoy it. Upstairs they have old pictures of Lowry including the schoolhouse and the Eisenhower Chapel (where Sue and I married in 1979).



E-Mails on Encampment (Cont.)

When Rick & I visited we asked to see the AFTAC display. One of the volunteers took us to the display in the building and showed us the equipment. Nice display. During our conversation, the volunteer said that a local, Leonard Clark, took care of the display. I asked where he lived and she said that he lived in a house across the street from the museum. Rick and I went over there (I was wearing my AFTAC Colorado Alumni hat). When we knocked, Leonard came to the door and asked what we wanted. I just pointed to my hat and he beamed. As it turned out, he was moving himself into an assisted living facility and he asked for a hat like mine. I had an extra at home and sent him one. I received an email from him saying he received the hat and that was the last I heard from him. I found out later he had passed away less than a year later. A lot of Leonard's memorabilia is in a display case next to the seismic equipment.

The old Det 142 building is still standing, it was given back to the the National Forest Service then sold (that is another story that includes a lawsuit by the city of Encampment). The NFS complex is now owned by Encampment residents, including the old Det building. During our second trip, Rick and I did not bother the residents of the building, just took some pictures (see attached). During that trip we encountered Fred Retelle and his wife Laura. As a matter of fact the class A USAF uniform on display at the Museum was Fred's. Rick and I made good friends with Christy Smith, the new Museum director. I am still working on part two of the article "a piece of history" that is referenced in the first article.

Last year, the GEM director, Christy Smith asked if I would help them during their "Living History Day which coincided with their annual "Mountain Rendezvous" to explain the seismic equipment. My wife Sue and I went there and stayed overnight - we thoroughly enjoyed it. Attached is a display with Christy (dressed in her mountain days apparel) and myself. My first assignments were at Dets 423 and 421, so when someone asked about the equipment, I explained it, then showed them how the operator/analyst would do a "run change" on the developocorder. Several locals asked about the equipment and remembered Leonard Clark and when the operations were hush-hush.

Larry, sorry I have rambled on, but this is a passion of mine. I recommend you contact Christy and let her know when you plan to visit. Specifically ask about the Det 142 scrapbook, you may even be in there. Christy is super and helps to maintain an excellent library. Incidentally, the Museum has a policy that they do not loan their museum artifacts out (it bit them once). Here is her contact information (you can tell her that Bryce sent you the information). I am a lifetime member of the GEM and make an annual contribution.

Christy Smith, Director
Grand Encampment Museum
PO Box 43
Encampment, WY 82325
Museum -- 307.327.5308

I sincerely hope you and your family have a great trip to encampment and don't miss the GEM.

Bryce Dunn
303-358-2976

Email from Larry Anderson 4/1/17:

Thanks, Bryce. I will make good use of this info and try to update you on what we find out. I am glad to hear that Fred Retelle is there. On Sunday night April 25, 1971, my wife began having those labor pains that indicate someone new is coming. We called her doctor who told us to get to the hospital in Rawlins ASAP. So to leave then, it was about 3 Am, we called Fred and asked him to come over and watch our other children (Mike Kathy, and Daniel) which he did right away. Through a snow storm, icy roads, herds of deer crossing the road, we made the 60 miles to Rawlins where my wife gave birth to twins (Teresa and Steven). As I learned later, Fred had no problem with my older two, but the youngest (Daniel) was not satisfied with something Fred could make in the kitchen, but insisted on eating at the local restaurant. In fact. Now I can't remember if I reimbursed Fred for the bill for Dan's breakfast. I guess I owe him dinner when we get to Encampment. Fred was our supply guy, but filled in on many other duties. He was Santa that Christmas, riding around in his Santa suit on one of our trackmasters. I look forward to seeing him again.

Thanks again the info

Trivia info. The day after our twins were born, a picture of my wife holding them appeared on the front page of the Carbon County newspaper. I furnished a copy of that picture to Maj Brockman and he said it became a part of the scrapbook.

Larry said that he will keep us posted on his family's visit sometime this year.

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)

*Piece of History***1009TH SWS CONTRAILS**

**By
Jack O'Connor**

It was September 1955 and I had just completed our roughly three months of training in Tail # 263---our beloved C-47 "Goony Bird"--- and WB-29's, which had been modified to conduct training and operations for our specialty. I had just been certified to operate solo as a Special Equipment Operator. I was stationed at my first permanent duty assignment: Western Field Office of the 1009th Special Weapons Squadron, McClellan AFB, CA. WB-29's were also stationed at McClellan AFB, but as the 57th Air Weather Squadron. The SEO would be the eleventh man on the crew. We had no crew position available, so we sat on the floor in the rear compartment with our back against the bomb bay bulkhead between the two scanners. After takeoff, the SEO would take over the right scanner position where our equipment had been pre-positioned and tied down. Looking back upon it, we were the only thing not tied down. We didn't know any better and we had a job to do on that aircraft, so we didn't worry about it.

In the WB-29's, we only had a "honey bucket" which was situated directly behind the left scanner position. All human excretions went into that bucket. You can imagine, though you may not want to, just how bad that thing was smelling after we all had been drinking coffee for awhile in briefings and preflight duties without being able to avail ourselves of the scant facilities in the hangar. The beloved honey bucket was used soon and often. More later about that! It is not germane to this story. Directly behind that was the place where we put the box containing all of our lunches---two per crewmember. Twenty two box lunches. We had no heated lunches back in those days. We didn't have a means to heat them.

Back SACTO:

I was lying there next to my new bride dreaming of a wonderful something or other. We were startled out of our slumber with the shrill ring of our telephone.

"This is Capt Copeland. Airman O'Connor, a staff car will be in front of your apartment in 30 minutes to pick you up for transport to San Francisco Int'l Airport. I can't tell you where you are going from there, but be packed and ready for 30 days. We will keep your wife informed on your progress. Others are going with you."

And, thanks to the originator of our concern and the time difference, our alert always seemed to come at about the same time: 3:00AM, PST. The big problem with this is that we never knew what day it might happen or who and how many SEO's would be called to go. It varied with each occasion, so we always had a bag packed ready to go.

So started my first TDY. We always had a First Class Ticket in our pocket because there was almost always room back there, even if the rest of the plane was sold out. (The Pan American Clipper had a great lounge down a circular stairway where, if we were first to get there, we could stretch out on the sofas. There was no bar service at 5:00 AM). We always just *had* to get to our destination ASAP. Positioning was of prime importance. Our own Weather Man from 1009th SWS HQ at Langley AFB was on his way to provide expertise in where we should be flying. We had to hit the ground running and be airborne in a WB-29 within 12 hours. Most times one of us would be airborne within three hours of our arrival at Eielson AFB, AK, if we had a good idea of where we needed to be.

There was no such thing as “Crew Duty Time”. We flew as needed. We learned real fast, that this was the routine method of initiating a TDY for anyone in the Cloud Chasing Business ((or: our type of business)). Capt Buck Copeland and A/1c Guy Davis flew alternating days for over a month. On their “day off”, they manned the desk---monitoring and reporting up the line what was happening in the aircraft. Obviously, neither had any crew rest. They both were burned out by the time the operation concluded.

That was the beginning of six great years with the 1009th SWS and flying as an enlisted Aircrew Member. Initially, we were considered additional Non-Crew Member, which paid us \$50.00 per month for “hazardous duty pay”. Most of us just wanted to be able to wear enlisted crewmember wings, but a raise in pay to \$55.00 per month would be a welcome increase in our meager pay---as would the designation of flight pay. It was minimal compensation for being separated from wife and baby girl for sudden, and frequent separations from the family. It was especially hard on my wife who did not know what we were doing let alone where we were going or why.

The Aircraft Commanders (AC's) always were a little curious if we hadn't flown with him before, because the flying time we logged was “z” time, listed as ‘other’. That was an unusual crewmember designation. He stayed suspicious until we found what we were looking for. Then, I think, he understood.

One of the most amazing aspects to me, and probably most of us, was the ability of an A/2C to tell a Lt Col where to take his modified bomber and tell him when to turn and when to orbit. It was a little scary the first few times, but they had been briefed and I only had one flight when the Aircraft Commander did not follow my instructions and what flight profile I wanted.

It was during a roughly twenty seven hour RB-36 mission and we were headed back to Travis AFB without any success. Exhausted, I thought I'd take a nap, and though we had 2 engines shut down, we still had 8 engines working so I told the AC to maintain 35,000 ft as long as possible and then make a steep approach to Travis AFB. I went to sleep which was understandable (In addition, RB-36 pre-flight took about 3 hours, so I had been at or in the plane for over 27 hours already). The Aircraft Commander decided to make a long shallow approach to Travis so we lost about 3 hours off of the high altitude profile I had requested. During my “nap time”, I had the radio operator monitor my equipment in the event anything happened.

Upon landing, I gave a long sigh of relief, knowing crew rest and a loving wife was awaiting me at McClellan. Instead, Immediately after engine shutdown, I had a big surprise awaiting my arrival. As I disembarked, I was surprised, shaken and not a little frightened to see our Field Office Commander, Col Griffin, waiting for me along with his secretary. Under the wing of the giant ten engine RB-36, at an improvised desk and chair, the secretary typed as I explained what happened. Two days later, the Aircraft Commander was a Co-Pilot. This was in General Curtis Lemay's Strategic Air Command. It was amazing how much clout a little airman had in this organization. Of course, this was when the Squadron had a two star General for a commander and we had the number one priority in the Air Force. There were four Full Colonels just in the Western Field Office at McClellan AFB, CA.

Though we had nothing to show for our long flight but flight time logged, it was still a successful mission. Just like hunting or fishing, there would be better results on the next time out!

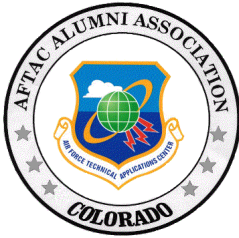
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