

ECHOES

Past — Present —
and Future

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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.

**Saturday 12 November
will be the date of the
Holiday Dinner. Info on
Page 9.**

“ Don’t forget to R.S.V.P. “



Special points of interest:

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

General Membership Breakfast xx TBD 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 xx TBD 2017.** We will collect your money at the breakfast. **NOTE:** Hold off on your RSVPs until we send out a reminder email in late August to make your RSVP for the breakfast and update any other info."

Retiree personnel service available 24/7



The Total Force Service Center can deliver personnel services to the retiree family via telephone any time and from any location. To reach a Total Force Service Center agent, call 800-525-0102 and select the menu option for retired military with personnel inquiries. **Note:** Expect a long menu of options to select, but you will get some useful information.

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TAPS



Michael Dawkins was a B troop in the Developorder Film section (across the hall from the ZIP room) has passed on, Tuesday, October 11, 2016.

Dr. Marcel John Kniedler, 92, of Merritt Island, FL passed into the arms of his Lord Jesus Christ on Monday, July 25, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. He spent his career as a renowned nuclear physicist, retiring after 32 years from the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick Air Force Base.

Alexander John DiSANTO Colonel, USAF, Retired, He was 94. He was proud to be associated with the AFTAC organization. He served as a commander and staff officer in AFTAC, and was stationed in the US and overseas.

liam Richard Osteen, 83, died Monday, August 1, 2016 . While spending the early part of his career at Goodfellow Air Force Base, he met his wife Dolores. They spent the first 33 years of their marriage in Aurora, Colorado, where in the high mountains of Colorado, was retired Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force, where he worked as an electrician, in radio and transmitters, with the Air Force Technical Applications Center, and Air Force recruiting.

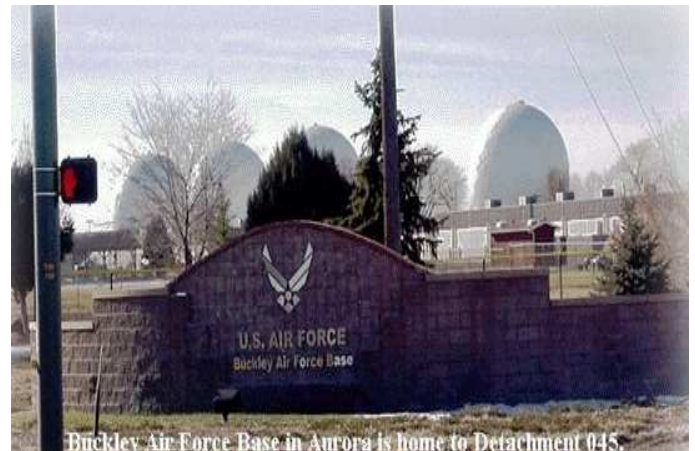
Jacqueline Ann Ballard Hopkins, Jacqueline is survived by her husband of 62 years, TSgt, Retired, Marvin Gilbert Hopkins.

Hubert 'Rusty' Ridens, Jr., 72 passed away on September 8, 2016 in Melbourne, Florida. Rusty retired CMSGT US Air Force and after Air Force retirement he retired after 20 years with Boeing.

Col. William Hemp Clarke, (retired USAF) age 84, of San Antonio, TX passed away August 29, 2016.

Arthur Reinhart died May 23, 2016. His obituary can be found at the 'Idaho Statesman, June 12, 2016.' He was very proud of his years with AFTAC and happy to be part of its Alumni Association.

Peggy Tidwell Tabeling, age 90, passed away on Sunday morning, October 16, 2016, after a brief bout with cancer.



Air Force Aid	720-847-6708
American Red Cross	303-343-1294
Base Exchange	720-847-9628
Casualty Assistance	720-847-6123
Chapel	720-847-6411
Commissary	720-847-7100
ID Cards/Deers	720-847-9159
Legal Office	720-847-6144
Operator	720-847-9011
Outdoor Recreation	720-847-6101
Pharmacy	720-847-7455
Retiree Activity	720-847-6693
Ticket/Tour Info	720-847-6853
TriCare for Life	888-363-5433
Veterans Admin	800-827-1000
Visitors Center	720-847-9381



Some of The mystery personnel Revealed.

Kudo's to Maureen Hampson and Ed Lindsay

1 MSgt Walt Hartley	3454/T99104
02 CMSgt Bill Schmied	Det 57/Det Chief
03 Lt Col Ed Slayton	3454/Commander
04 Tom Ware	3454/Training Dev
05 MSgt Mike Leary	3454/T99105
06 MSgt Mike Sparks	3454/T99105
07 SSgt Mike Yonce	3454/T99106
08 TSgt Debbie Massie	3454/T99106
09 SSgt Alan Hampson	3454/T99105
10 TSgt Maureen Hampson	Det57/Personnel
11 SSgt Dave Osier	3454/T99104
12 ??	3454/Orderly Rm
13 A1C Bill Hoffman	3454/Orderly Rm
14 ??	3454/Training Dev
15 SSgt Jeff Maxey	Det57/Admin
16 MSgt Harold Morris	3454/99106

*Anyone know
thennames of the
missing personel?*

17 ??	
18 SSgt Bill Perry	3454/T99106
19 TSgt Dwight Anderson	Det57/Supply
20 SSgt Russ Strum	3454/T99104
21 TSgt Jeff Sanders	3454/T99104
22 SSgt Dave Couperthwaite	3454/T99104
23 SSgt Dave Hobart	3454/T99104
24 ??	3454/T99106
25 A1C Blake Keller	3454/99104 Maint
26 SSgt Steve Kappel	3454/T99105
27 ?? SSgt Ed Darmiento	3454/T99106
28 MSgt Harry Williams	3454/T99105
29 SrA Rick Wise	3454/99104 Maint
30 TSgt Bill Monahan	3454/99104
31 SSgt Chad Brotherton	3454/T99105
32 SSgt Chuck Nye	3454/T99105
33 ??	3454/Training Dev
34 Jeanne Hoffee	Det57/Training

Col. Steven M. Gorski By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs **PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla.** – Despite temperatures in the



mid-90s and humidity at 80 percent, Airmen with the Air Force Technical Applications Center stood in early morning formation to render a welcoming salute to their new commander, Col. Steven M. Gorski. The nuclear treaty monitoring center held an assumption of command ceremony July 25 in front of the center's state-of-the-art headquarters building, as Gorski ac-

cepted the unit's guidon from 25th Air Force commander Maj. Gen. Bradford "BJ" Shwedo. Gorski, a career intelligence officer, graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1996 with a degree in physics. In 2002, he was selected to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology, where he earned a master's degree in engineering physics. "AFTAC has an amazingly gifted team that continually 'wows' senior leadership all the way up to the president of the United States," said Shwedo. "Col. Gorski is equally amazing and is up to the task to lead this center. I am confident you will be totally impressed with the Airmen here at AFTAC and the work ethic they display each and every day, Steve, and with everything that's going on in the world right now, you definitely will be gainfully employed!" With nearly 300 people in attendance, Gorski greeted his new subordinates, thanked Shwedo for the opportunity to lead them, and briefly touched on his command philosophy.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

2017 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion

15 June – 17 June 2017

It is time to make reservations for the 2017 AFTAC worldwide reunion that is being hosted by the West Coast Chapter of the AFTAC Alumni Association. **This will be the last reunion held by this chapter so let's go out with a whoop and a bang!**

The reunion will be again held at the Lions Gate Hotel (formerly the "O" Club) at McClellan Park in Sacramento. Those attending six years ago will recall this as a perfect and nostalgic site for our reunion.

The General's Quarters will serve as the focus for reunion activities. It is a four bedroom home with multiple areas for large and small conversations. The patio and lawn areas are expansive and well shaded. The hospitality suite will be located there as well as serving as the venue for the Friday night social and the Saturday banquet.

□ Thursday, 15 June, 2017: Early sign-in and the hospitality suite activates at the General's Quarters.

□ Friday, 16 June, 2017: Sign-in continues at the hospitality suite. Starting at 1700 there will be a no host reception on the patio at the General's house. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be offered. **Casual dress is the preferred attire the entire weekend.** Men can forget the suit jackets and women can forget the heels and cocktail dresses.

□ Saturday, 17 June 2017: Hospitality suite is open and registration sign-in continues. The Banquet (**casual dress**) starts at 1700 on the patio. The banquet will include a no host bar and plated dinner. Dinner entrees offered will be your choice of beef, chicken, fish or pasta. This may be your last opportunity to mingle with friends and attendees. After the dinner the hospitality suite will be open.

□ Sunday, 18 June 2017: Time to say goodbye.

More information for the day's offerings will be provided as it is available.

Lions Gate Hotel offers registered guests complementary continental breakfast and will arrange transportation to and from the Sacramento International Airport for a modest fee. The rooms are \$109/night with upgrades available. **For reservations you must contact the hotel directly at 916-643-6222 and indicate that you are with the AFTAC reunion group.** Reservations can be made now and we must have all reservations conformed by 15 February, 2017. For a multitude of reasons we are limited to 200. Attached please find the list of those that have indicated a desire attend. Not all AFTAC alumni are in our database, so spread the word.

Hotel Information:
Lions Gate Hotel and Conference Center
3410 Westover Street
Sacramento (McClellan), California 95652
Phone: 916-643-6222
Website: <http://www.lionsgatehotel.com/>

******Be sure to mention you are attending the AFTAC Reunion******

September Alumni Breakfast





Maj. Jeff Fulton, Det 45 Commander giving an update.



Maj. Will Dalton, Det 46 Commander giving an update

AFTAC personnel awarded Nuclear Deterrence medal

*By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs, AIR FORCE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER /
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PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- The Air Force Nuclear Enterprise Functional Authority has authorized personnel from the Air Force Technical Applications Center here the award of the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal effective April 13, 2016.

The medal is awarded to Airmen who have directly impacted the nuclear enterprise and directly support nuclear deterrence operations.

The medal, which was first approved in May 2014 by the Secretary of the Air Force, is predominantly blue with yellow, green and red stripes, and contains a laurel wreath surrounded by a nuclear symbol. The reverse has a circular inscription that reads, "Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service."

"I'm pleased that AFTAC has been formally recognized for its contributions to nuclear deterrence," said Chief Master Sgt. Michael Joseph, AFTAC's command chief. "Former and current AFTAC Airmen in delineated Air Force Specialty Codes who served with the center for 120 consecutive days or more since Dec. 27, 1991, qualify and are fully authorized to wear the ribbon."

The retroactive date – Dec. 27, 1991 – was selected as a result of the dissolution of the Soviet Union the day before on Dec. 26, 1991.

In order of precedence, the NDOSM is worn between the Air and Space Campaign Medal and the Air Force Overseas Service Ribbon (Short Tour). An "N" device will be worn by Airmen who meet the criteria outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2803. The medal does not have point value for the Weighted Airman Promotion System.

Active duty Airmen who qualify for the medal can apply on the MyPers website (<https://mypers.af.mil>). Airmen who have retired or separated, or their surviving family members, can submit a Standard Form 180 with supporting documentation to the Air Force Personnel Center, AFPC/DPSIDR, 550 C Street, Joint Base San Antonio, Texas 78150.



2016 Colorado AFTAC Alumni Dinner Social

When: November 12th starting with social hour at 5pm and dinner buffet at 6pm.

Where: The Tin Cup @ Aurora Hills Golf Course, 50 South Peoria St, Aurora, CO 80012

Price: \$25 per adult and \$12 per child (includes gratuity) which will be collected at the dinner. Please make checks payable to our treasurer, Bill Schmied.

Entrée Options: Prime Rib, Salmon Oscar, or Chicken Picatta (select one per person).

RSVP by: November 4th

Gift Exchange: As in previous years, please bring an inexpensive gift to be given away as a door prize.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up the decorations for the evening of the social, if you'd like to help, please call or drop us a note.

Please RSVP by replying to this email (or calling Bill Schmied @ 303-367-0625) with your menu choices by November 4th. Thanks! If you cannot attend, please let us know, and we'll catch you next time!

Attire is "business casual" with coat and tie optional.

Program:

1700 - 1745 > Social Time with Appetizer Spread & Cash Bar

1745 - 1800 > Welcome & Playing of National Anthem

1800 - 1915 > Invocation & Dinner

1915 - 1930 > Break

1930 - 2000 > President's Introductions & Comments

2000 - 2100 > Door Prizes & Social Time

Buffet Dinner Menu:

Tossed Salads (table service)

Entrées (one per person as per the RSVP): Prime Rib (12-14 Oz Cut), Chicken Piccata (Baked Chicken Breast with Parmesan Cheese and White Wine Lemon Caper Sauce served over Noodles), or Salmon Oscar (Baked Salmon with Crab Meat Sauce Topping)

Twice Baked Potatoes

Green Bean Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

Chocolate Cake with Ice Cream (table service)

Coffee, Tea, Lemonade (table service)

Looking forward to seeing you and thank you for your support. Please RSVP now.

**Colorado AFTAC
Alumni Association**

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West Coast Chapter:
<http://www.aftacwcc.org>
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Unless advised to the contrary, personal information listed above is releasable to other AFTAC/LRD members.

DUES ARE \$5.00 PER 12 MONTH PERIOD PAYABLE DURING THE EXPIRATION MONTH. (PLEASE check your dues expiration date below.)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Bill Schmied".
MAIL TO: Bill SCHMIED, 2078 Kenton St.,
Aurora, CO 80010.**

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