

ECHOES

Past — Present —
and Future



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.

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Steve Clark is stepping down as Alumni Chapter President — "I've served as your alumni president for 4 years, and hope I've been a good steward of the position. With careful consideration, I have decided to step down as your president. I plan to remain active with our wonderful alumni, just in other capacities."



Special points of interest:

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

General Membership Breakfast 25 FEB 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 18 FEB 2017**. We will collect your money at the breakfast.

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



Glenda Starkey was laid to rest 29 Nov 2016 at the Alice Springs cemetery. We don't know what caused her passing, but understand she had been ill for a while. We're sorry for her passing, but she had a nice send off with family and friends attending. She married Robert Starkey, a fellow AF-TAC'er here in Alice Springs at Det 421.

Glenn Rodman, 75, passed away May 29, 2016, at Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah.

A friend and comrade at 329 in the lat 50's.

He was born in 1941 in Twin Falls, Idaho, to Robert and Kathryn Rodman. He is survived by his wife, Janice; son, Craig; daughter, Sheila Machado (Manuel); son, Paul (Joan); and sister, Ruby Critchfield. Additionally, he had five grandchildren and four (soon to be five) great-grandchildren.

William Richard Osteen passed on - 8/1/2016 .



He and his wife Dolores spent the first 33 years of their marriage in Aurora, Colorado,

HAROLD "HAL" MATTHEWS BAKER, JR. CM/SGT, USAF, Ret., of Port St. John, FL passed away on December 29, 2016 from complications of Parkinson's Disease.

Alice Louise Brown, Age 88, passed away peacefully Saturday night, December 24, 2016. She was the wife of Colonel (Retired) Calvin W. Brown and she spent 33 years traveling around the world with him before they retired at McClellan AFB.

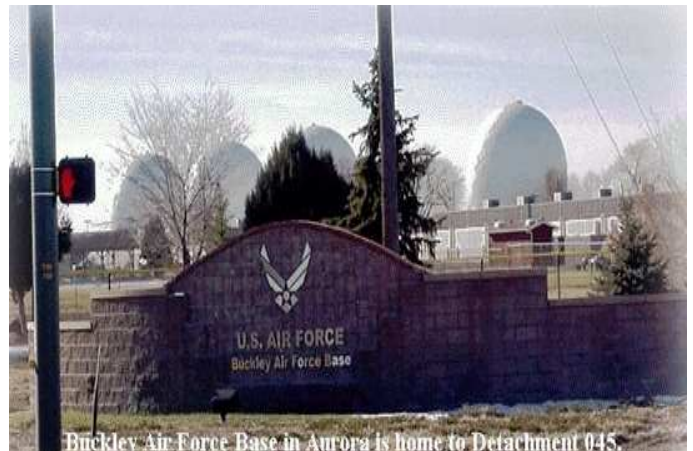
RANDALL EUGENE BEATY "Randy" (Age 78) passed away Oct 28. He died of pneumonia brought on my complications from brain surgery that he had in 2007

Geno Piccoli CMSgt(ret) passed away early this morning (01.30) AFSA International Past President.

Note that the Colorado Alumni Chapter will be seeking candidates for the position of President during the February breakfast.

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A highlight of the Annual AFTACAA SnowBall is recognition of a member who had served above and beyond. Carol has done that, and for many years. She is known in our group as our 'Intrepid Insider' for her never failing to support our needs from within the HQ's. Thank you Carol. She is the 22nd to be so honored over the years.



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

November Dinner/Social

Here is the link to many more photographs:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/steveandmiriam/albums/72157676450476106>

Samples below



November Dinner/Social Continued



FIVE MEN AGREE TO STAND UNDER AN EXPLODING NUCLEAR BOMB

by Dale Klug, Editor Emeritus

Source:

Robert Krulwich
Atomcentral.com



On July 19, 1957, five Air Force officers and one photographer stood together on a patch of ground about 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas. They'd marked the spot "Ground Zero. Population 5" on a hand lettered sign hammered into the soft ground right next to them. The country was just beginning to worry about nuclear fallout. Directly overhead, two

F-89 jets roar into view, and one of them shoots off a nuclear missile carrying an atomic warhead.

They wait. There is a countdown; 18,500 feet above them, the missile is detonated and blows up.

Which means, these men intentionally stood directly underneath an exploding 2 kiloton nuclear bomb. One of them, at the key moment (he's wearing sunglasses), looks up. Who are these guys?

Col. Sidney Bruce, Lt. Col. Frank P. Ball,

Maj. Norman "Bodie" Bodinger,

Maj. John Hughes, Don Lutrel, and George Yoshitake (the cameraman, not seen)

And why is the narrator joyously shouting, "It happened! The mounds are vibrating. It is tremendous! Directly above our heads! Aaah!" This footage comes

from our government's archives.

It was shot by the U.S. Air Force (at the behest

of Col. Arthur B. "Barney" Oldfield, public information officer for the Continental Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs) to demonstrate the relative safety of a low-grade nuclear exchange in the atmosphere. Two colonels, two majors and a fifth officer agreed to stand right below the blast.

Only the cameraman, George Yoshitake, didn't volunteer. It just goes to show you what an extra drink at the officer's club can do to otherwise sane airmen

2017 AFTAC Worldwide Reunion

hosted by the West Coast Alumni Chapter (WCC)

JUNE 15-17, 2017 at McClellan Park, Sacramento

This will be the last reunion hosted by the WCC, and will again be 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 an AFTAC reunion. The General's Quarters will serve as the focus for activities. It is a 4-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. Don't miss this opportunity to visit friends at this last WCC reunion.

HOT NEWS UPDATE: The California reunion is a go and we have just received the reunion registration form which is added to the end of this newsletter. Please pass the word.

Sacramento is changing and has many new attractions worth visiting. The Crocker Art Museum's expansion more than tripled the Museum's size.

<https://www.crockerart.org/about>

The McClellan Aerospace Museum features a dramatic hands-on display of 40 full-size machine replicas made directly from Leonardo da Vinci's innovative designs and drawings.

<https://aerospaceca.org/events/davinci-exhibit/>

The new Sacramento Kings arena has revitalized the downtown area, and a visit to the Railroad Museum is always rewarding.

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 please contact the hotel at 916-643-6222. Indicate you are with the AFTAC reunion group when making your reservation.

Reservations can be made now and we must have all reservations confirmed by 15 February 2017. Please visit the WCC website for information.

<http://www.aftacwcc.org/>

If you know of any alumni who may not belong to one of the three chapters, please forward this information to them.

AFTAC Operating Location

AFTAC Operating Location GT Tour Summary by

Bill Schmied, Colorado Membership & Treasurer

Along with Ken and Cyndie Behrens I visited AFTAC OL-GT at Cheyenne Mountain AFS outside of Colorado Springs where we were met at the visitor center by MSgt Mark Boris, the OL Superintendent, who arranged for us to get visitor badges and then escorted us and our vehicle to their facilities for a tour. This was truly a fantastic event for us to meet and greet with the OL personnel and get detailed briefings on their two labs, one of which is a short distance downhill from the mountain tunnel entrance and the other which is fairly deep inside the tunnel. After arriving at the downhill lab MSgt Boris briefed us on their research and development mission and the amazing in-house work they accomplish here along with the all the sophisticated equipment used in this lab. After completing this part of the tour we drove to the tunnel entrance area where we were greeted by Mr. Jeff Moore, OL Chief, and Major Andria Martin, Lab Chief. After a seemingly endless walk thru the tunnel into the mountain we arrived at the lab building where we donned hats, face masks, jackets, and booties before entering the actual lab enclosure where the R&D experimentation takes place. After an outstanding scientific show and tell by a very young Senior Airman, we went back into the tunnel and thru the gigantic blast doors to enter a huge building where we had lunch at an AAFES sub shop. After lunch we walked back out of the tunnel and this walk seemed much shorter than the one entering which I think was due to literally being able to "see light at the end of the tunnel." MSgt Boris then escorted us and our vehicle back to the visitor center where we turned in our badges and departed the mountain. Again, this was truly a fantastic event, lasting approximately four and a half hours, for us and we really appreciate the tremendously professional courtesies and wonderful hospitality provided to us. We gratefully thank all the OL personnel for hosting us and especially MSgt Mark Boris and SSgt Andrew Taurianen who escorted us at all times and answered our questions. For more info regarding OL-GT tours, please attend our breakfast meeting on 25 Feb. NOTE: Lab pictures provided by the OL and outside pictures are from the CMAFS Fact Sheet.

Didn't make the AFTAC Operations Center Open House?

(See next page)

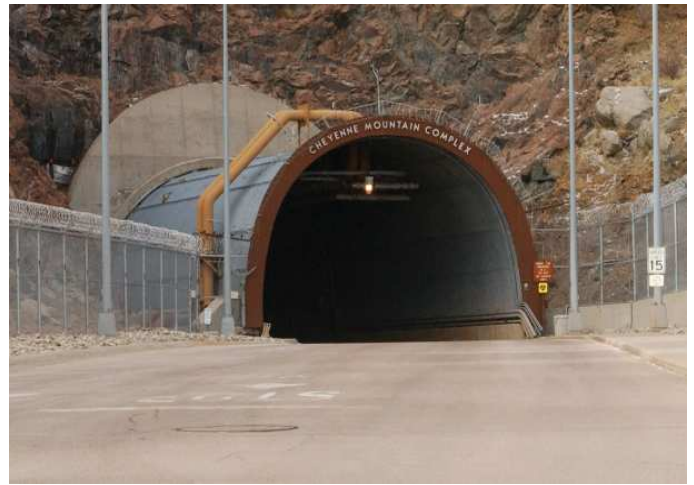
Frank Calenda, Florida Website Manager

Take a look at the NEW Alumni Website www.aftacaa.us to see what happened to the Alumni that did attend. Click on the menu item: "Photos Of Activities" and then select the "Open House" option. Alumni are invited, by the commander, to attend this function as it periodically occurs. We publish these invitations in eAlerts and under "Hot Items" on the website. Stay up-to-date by reading these announcements. Don't be the one's that say, "Why didn't someone let us know?"

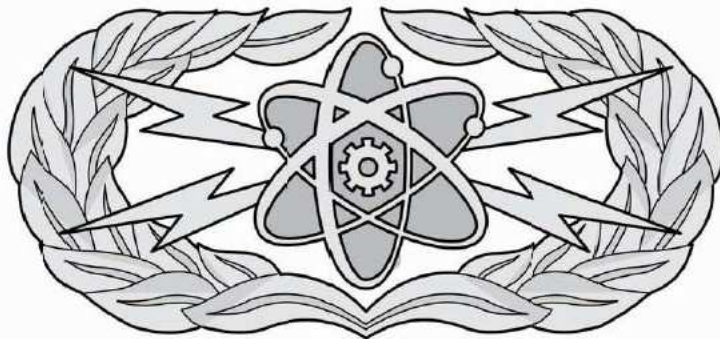
Our final item is the new occupational badge authorized for RI 9S100 and the previous 99 RIs. We just got this info today and thought it warranted inclusion in this newsletter. Below paragraph is the text and the badge pictures are attached to this email.

Information we have states that members that have retired or separated and have held the 9S100 RI or any of its associated predecessors (99125, 99104, 99105, 99106, 9S000, and 9S200) are eligible to wear the badge IAW AFI 36-2903 Sections 12.4 and 12.6 and the awarding criteria. We'll provide updates as we get new information.

AFTAC Operating Location (Cont.)



Air Force Suggested 9S-99 Badges



3X
SUGGESTED
AIR FORCE SCIENTIFIC APPLICATIONS SPECIALIST BADGE
OCCUPATIONAL BADGE

AFTAC WORLDWIDE REUNION 15-18 JUN 2017 REGISTRATION
(Please Print)

Name(s):

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
_____	_____
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_____	_____

Fri, 16 Jun Cocktail Party/Reception _____ people x \$25.00 = \$_____.

Sat, 16 Jun: Guided tour of Aerospace Museum _____ people (pay \$10.00 @ museum)

Sat, 17 Jun: Banquet Dinner Menu Choices:

Grilled Tri Tip w/ Rosemary Demi Sauce _____ people

Free Range Chicken Breast w/ Basil Salsa _____ people

Pistachio Crusted Salmon w/ Citrus Beurre Blanc.. _____ people

Wild Mushroom Ravioli w/ Sage Cream Sauce _____ people

Total Banquet _____ people x \$50.00 = \$_____.

GRAND TOTAL = \$_____.

Sun, 18 Jun: Farewell Brunch (Sunday 9:00am - ?)
[No host or agenda, Complimentary breakfast provided to hotel guests.]

----- *Cut here and mail the above form* -----

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY -- THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS 15 May 2017

Make your check payable to "AFTAC-WCC" and mail it along with the top of this form to:

**AFTAC-WCC
P.O. Box 3974
Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974**

Note: If you are staying at the Lion's Gate hotel, be sure to register directly with the hotel and mention you are with the AFTAC reunion to receive special room rates. See the WCC Webpage for more information.

Attendees' reminder: I/we paid & signed up for the following number of people and reunion events:

Fri, 16 Jun Cocktail Party/Reception people x \$25.00 = \$_____

Sat, 16 Jun: Guided tour of Aerospace Museum people (pay \$10.00 @ museum)

Sat, 17 Jun: Banquet Dinner people x \$50.00 = \$_____

I/We ordered these for dinner #: [] Tri-tip; [] Chicken; [] Salmon; [] Ravioli.

My Check # _____ for the total \$ _____ was made out to "AFTAC-WCC"

and I/we mailed check & the registration form on ___/___/2017. *(before 15 May 2017 deadline)*

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. 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.

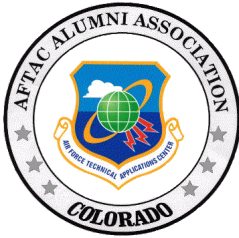
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 Florida Chapter Location: www.aftacaa.us
 West Coast Chapter: <http://www.aftacwcc.org>
 Official AFTAC Web Site:
www.afisr.af.mil/units/aftac.asp



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TO: AFTAC Alumni Association
 P.O. Box 254892
 Patrick AFB, Florida 32925-0892

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TO: AFTAC Alumni Association
 West Coast Chapter
 P.O. Box 3974
 Citrus Heights, CA 95611-3974

**For Colorado Dues Submission
Or Address Change**

Name: _____
 Spouse Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State, ZIP: _____
 Telephone No: _____
 Email: _____

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.**

Membership questions may be directed to
 Bill Schmied at

Email Address: treasurer@aftacco.org