

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.

FLASH

November 11th 2017
 — Veteran's Day Dinner.
 — Add the date to your calendar.
 — Join us.
 — Location and times will be provided later.



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.

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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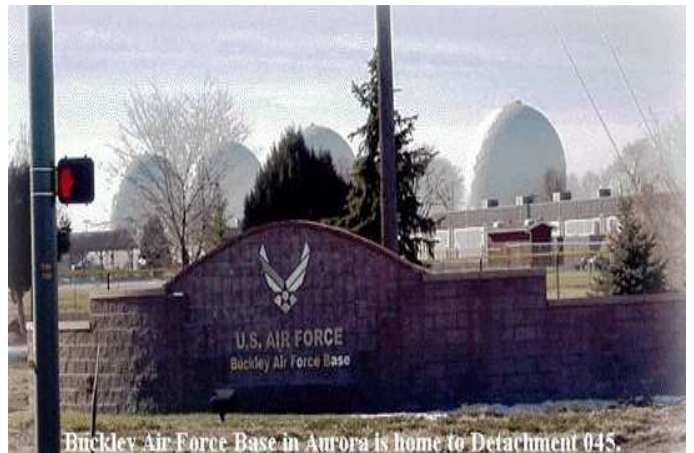
TAPS



Bobbie Futrell passed away Saturday morning, May 13, 2017, at her home in Centennial, Colorado where she had been getting 24-7 in-home care. Bobbie just had her 92nd birthday in April. She was a lifetime member of our Colorado alumni chapter and spent over twenty years of her life working in Det 057 and SPINSTRAS on Lowry AFB. She was a secretary in the training department of Det 057 as early as 1963 when it was located in Bldg 358 next to the SPINSTRAS schoolhouse in Bldg 359. She continued working in Det 057 after it was downsized and relocated to Bldg 359 until her retirement from civil service in 1986. She was the "go-to" person if anyone had a question about AFTAC.



CMSgt (Ret) John Joseph Anderson, USAF, 88, of Carlisle, passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at home.



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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- Legal Office 720-847-6144
- Operator 720-847-9011
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- 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

Submitted by Ed McKenna via Email

A few PIXs from some of the assignments I was stationed at, plus PI when I worked at Teledyne Geotech... Also some AFTAC Dinner PIXs.

On the PIX with the bears looking into the chow hall at Indian Mountain Alaska, I was only about 35 to 40 foot away when taking the PIX. We really had a problem when we took some trash to the dump near the site, about 4 to 5 bears there daily... I installed the 1st shallow hole (500 ft) instrument and had it fully operational, and then the big earthquake happen...



1966 Ed and USAF crewman in PI in route to



1966 Ed checking equipment calibration



1966 USAF Det in PI



1966 Installing Teledyne-Geotech Equip in Phillipines-1

Ed McKenna Email Continued



USAF Det 204 Ed-Fairbanks background



USAF Det 204 -1



USAF S-61 Bears looking into chow hall



Det 204 Crew _ 1963



50th Anniv_Tom&Barb_Ed



60h Annic_ATFAC Alumni Dinner Ed-

"AFTAC's 2017 Alumni of the Year"



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.



An Excerpt By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs

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."

Summer 2017 Picnic



Our annual picnic was held in June at Matney Park in Castle Rock. About 25 Alumni and guests enjoyed burgers, brats, watermelon and home-made ice cream along with an excellent view of Pikes Peak. Bill Schmied's bean bag toss was a big hit. The Det 46 Commander, Major Will Dalton, introduced his replacement, Major Ernesto Curiel, and praised the Alumni for all that they have done for the mission. We wish him best of luck in his next endeavor and welcome Major Curiel and Det 46 to our Alumni organization and any of our activities.

Maj Fulton, the outgoing Det 45 Commander is now the Chief, NORAD J36, in Colorado Springs.



Schoolhouse Tales

Schoolhouse Tales — Contributed by: Bryce Dunn

As you leave Denver going west on Interstate 70, you go up past Golden (Coors Brewery), Lookout Mountain (where Buffalo Bill Cody is buried), then Genesee on the left. On Genesee Mountain there is a futuristic looking home. The Sculptured House, also known as the Sleeper House, is a distinctive elliptical curved house built on Genesee Mountain in 1963 by architect Charles Deaton. It is featured prominently in the 1973 Woody Allen sci-fi comedy *Sleeper*. I remember seeing this house in an architectural magazine when I was in Architectural Drafting in a High School in Norfolk Virginia in 1968. What I didn't know at the time was that I would spend most of my life living within 30 miles of that house. What I also did not know was that when the house was built, it had to use the well water from a nearby small Air Force field camp to mix the concrete. During one of our Alumni breakfasts, Sage Tom Ware informed me that the Air Force field camp at Genesee was one of our first "field station" training sites for the B technique. Tom later visited the site and remarked that all remnants of that camp have disappeared except for the concrete vault that housed the LP seismic instrumentation. The vault is covered by a large mound of dirt and situated next to a "big, fancy house." The Girl Scout Camp is still located across the road and the area is populated by large, expensive homes and the Chief Hosa Lodge which appears to be closed.

Writing this article made me think about the history of the 99 school house, our training and what brought a lot of us to Colorado the first time. I encourage all of our sages to pass on any "Schoolhouse Tales" to our Echoes Editor to share with the rest of the Alumni.



BOBBIE FUTRELL (1925 - 2017)

Bobbie Jean Futrell, of Centennial, CO, age 92, passed away on May 13, 2017 in her home. Bobbie died of complications from lung disease. She is survived by her only daughter Barbee Futrell-Riehl, her son in law Daniel Riehl, and her granddaughter Shelbee Riehl. Bobbie retired after 30 years in 1986 from Civil Service at Lowry Air Force Base where she worked in various administrative and training roles. There will be a celebration of life for Bobbie, her friends and family at her daughter's home June 25th. In lieu of flowers, Bobbie's daughter has requested that donations be made to the [American Lung Association](#) - LUNG FORCE.

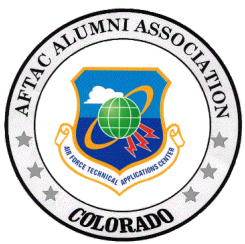
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