



AIRCREW LIFE SUPPORT AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT NEWSLETTER

News for the men and women who served in the USAF or civilians who work in Government or industry in the Aircrew Life Support and Aircrew Flight Equipment profession. The views expressed herein are that of the individual mentioned and do not represent the views of the entire retired, active duty, ANG, Reserves, or veteran members of the Aircrew Life Support and Aircrew Flight Equipment career field.

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May 2010 Edition

"Change of Command"

I trust everyone had a joyous holiday season and that 2010 is shaping up to be a great year.

As the new "CINC Newsletter", I want to offer my personal thanks to Bob "Chili" McElwain for the outstanding job he has done in publishing the newsletter these many years. While I definitely have some big shoes to fill, I'll certainly give the newsletter the undivided attention it deserves. With that said, I'll be counting on Bob and Tommy Tompkins to keep me straight and for input to the newsletter. I'll also be counting on you, the Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Retired ALS/AFE community, to submit newsworthy items for inclusion in future editions of the newsletter. I look forward

to my time as the "CINC" of what I consider a valuable publication to our readers. So, here goes...

From The Field

Congratulations to the new active duty Aircrew Flight Equipment (AFE) Senior Master Sergeant selectee's: MSgt's Sean Bryans, Stephen Barsalou, Thomas Hartswick, Joshua Johnson, Kelly Jones, Lance Morgan, Dawn Morris, Daniel Ross, Levi Sandoval, Touynda Smith and Michael Watson.

As noted in the December 2009 edition of the newsletter, several AFE Chiefs were to retire in the 2010 timeframe.

CMSgt Dan Kalsow retired as the Air Force Material Command (AFMC) AFE

Functional Manager (FM), Eglin AFB FL, in February. CMSgt John McEnaney now fills the HQ AFMC position.

CMSgt Al Reams retired from his position as the AETC AFE Functional Manager, Randolph AFB TX. CMSgt Keith Geltz now occupies that position.

CMSgt Ted Poe, currently the Air Combat Command (ACC) AFE FM, Langley AFB VA, is slated to succeed CMSgt Rick Bruck as the Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) AFE FM, Hickam AFB HI. Chief Bruck retires later this year. CMSgt Martin Austin will move from his current position as the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) AFE FM, Hurlburt AFB FL, to replace CMSgt Poe at HQ ACC. CMSgt Ricky Wagner will replace CMSgt Austin at HQ AFSOC.

CMSgt Jimmy Jean, Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) AFE FM, will retire this October following a 30 year (*and 5 day*) active duty and Reserve career. CMSgt Pat Schell will replace Chief Jean at HQ AFRC, Warner Robins AFB GA.

MSgt Sam Sola retired from the Air Force Reserves this past January following a 35 year career in ALS/AFE.

CINC's Note: Sam and I were Instructors together at Chanute back in the late 70's and early 80's.

The following ANG AFE retirees were recently honored at the 2010 ANG AFE Workshop in South Lake Tahoe, CA:

- CMSgt Carl R. Fischer, 135th AS
41 Years, 9 Months
- CMSgt Ron Fosters, 161 ARW
38 Years, 7 Months

- CMSgt Rebecca Kalitzki, 132 FW
31 Years
- CMSgt Dave Prefontaine, 143 AW
36 Years
- SMSgt Ernie Tibbet, 194 FS
30 Years, 6 Months
- SMSgt Thomas J. Doviak 190 ARW
33 Years
- SMSgt Eddie J. Cleveland, 117 ARW
42 Years
- SMSgt Ralph Bumgardner, 130 AW
30 Years
- MSgt Scott Stacy, 159 FS
20 Years
- MSgt Kerry Jo Allen, 189 AW
37 Years, 6 Months
- MSgt Nathan Cook, 182 AW
35 Years
- MSgt Scott Brache, 106 RQW
22 Years
- MSgt Richard Edmiston, 106 RQW
20 Years, 3 Months
- TSgt James Spencer, 174 FW
29 Years

My thanks to CMSgt Rob Block, ANG AFE Functional Manager, MSgt Lauren Blandford, ANG AFE FAM, and SMSgt Paul Adair, 150 FW AFE Superintendent, for their assistance in providing the list of ANG retirees.

A hearty "Congratulations!" and sincere "Thank You!" to our recent retirees for your many years of dedicated service to this Great Nation.

Final Roll Call

Two longtime members of the Life Support Systems Program community at Brooks City-Base recently passed away.

In early February, Le Huyen evidently suffered a heart attack and passed away while visiting his daughter in Phoenix.

Phil Cason had been admitted to a San Antonio hospital with flu like symptoms in early April. He passed away a few days later. Phil, a cancer survivor, was cancer free at the time of his passing.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Huyen and Cason families.

CMSgt (Ret) Don Yager Update

From Lt Col (Ret) Cal Crochet: "My fellow life supporters, yesterday while visiting SAT and attending Fiesta, Robbie & Valerie Robnett came by for a visit, whereby, they advised that Don Yager, AF/CMS (retired) and former HQ SAC AFE/FM during the late-70's/early-80's, is suffering from Alzheimer's. Although Don and his wife continue to live in Belleview NE, he has not yet been institutionalized. Don was a long-time SAC/AFE member, who was well-respected and contributed immensely to the AF life support program and community."

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Don and Alberta.

SAC Is Back....Well, Sort of

The Air Force Global Strike Command, (AFGSC) was activated on August 7, 2009. On February 1, 2010, the command assumed the U.S. Air Force's strategic long-range nuclear-capable B-2 Spirit and B-52 Stratofortress bomber missions. With the assumption of the 8th Air Force mission, the command gained three bomb wings: the 509th at Whiteman AFB, Mo., the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot AFB, N.D., and the 2nd Bomb Wing at Barksdale AFB, La. These units were previously part of Air Combat Command. The AFGSC is a major

command headquartered at Barksdale. AFGSC is also responsible for the Nation's three intercontinental ballistic missile wings.

Matt McMullen and Tracy Donahoo are the current AFE Staff at HQ AFGSC. They will soon be joined by CMSgt Brian Clark who will assume the Command's AFE FM responsibilities.

Tidbits and Notes

CMSgt (Ret) Dave Van Meter writes: "Going through the USAFALS web site and offer the following dates from my days as the first HQ AFLC Super: Oh so LLLooooonnnngggg ago. MSgt David H Van Meter Jan 1973-CMSgt David H Van Meter Nov 1979. Enjoyed the web site. Please take me off the "snail mail" list and save a stamp."

MSgt (Ret) Dave Kilmer advises that CMSgt (Ret) Jim Brookhouser has retired...again. Dave retired from ALS at Moody AFB, GA and went to work at the Grand Bay Bombing and Gunnery Range. He worked with Jim up until Aug 2009, when Jim retired from the Range. Jim writes:

"Hey Al

Good to hear from you. Yes I retired for the last time last August, just thought it was time. I had worked as a (RCO) Range Control officer for almost 20 years, plus I was the Deputy Manager. I spent some time as manager at Claiborne Range in La. the old England AFB. I really just opened it for the company, hired the people and got it up and running then returned to Grand Bay Range. While at Claiborne I did get an old retired Life Support guy hired Melvin

Augustet (Gus), he was the Superintendent at England when it closed. After I retired I did get an offer to go to Korea and work as a RCO so the company could rotate employees back to the states, but I had been there...that was enough. Me and the wife are pretty well entrenched here in South Georgia. We have about 25 acres and the deer hunting is good; fishing is good and the Gulf is two hours away. If anyone gets close to Valdosta GA (I-75 exit 5 in GA) give me a call the beer is always cold!!! Anyone out there getting close to retirement check out Ahntech.com they have most of the ranges here and overseas...fill out app. on line...it's a great job. Take care, Al. Good to hear from you."

Congratulations Jim!

CMSgt (Ret) Truman Pittman advises that he too has retired again. Truman recently retired from the Services Club system at Warner Robins AFB, GA.

Congratulations Truman!

MSgt (Ret) Sherman Willden writes: "I read the online events and news so I don't need the newsletter in the mail. I really enjoyed the reunion pictures. Myself, I haven't been able to find work since 2003 so I had to make a living playing poker in Las Vegas until last year when I was able to retire. I have my music et al..." *CINC's Note: Wished I had that job!*

Frank "Pro" Provenzano advises that he has 12 photo albums from the first 12 reunions that he will give to anyone who wants them. Anyone interested should contact him at (702) 453-1627.

CINC's Note: I had dinner with CMSgt (Ret) Gary Winchester and SMSgt (Ret) Danny Keith recently. Gary's working for Battelle in Albuquerque, NM. Danny's a Test Manager at the 28 Test Squadron at Eglin AFB, FL. Both are doing well...and I let Gary know we miss him at the reunion.

Sick Call

Received from Bob Beal: "Some of you know and others don't, that I was in the hospital back in December. I had a heart pump put in. (Left Ventricular Assist Device) I have been out for some time and doing great.

I am being considered for a heart transplant. Have a bunch of tests to go through before I know for sure. I hope so because there is so much I am restricted to, that I won't be after transplant.

I've had inquiries about how I was doing, so thought I'd let everyone know."

Good news, Bob! Our thoughts, prayers and hopes for a successful outcome are with you and Sue! Hope to see you both soon.

From Dave Whitley: "Dear Friends -- I learned this past week I have a sizeable aortic aneurism which must be replaced with a tube. Due to its' location, stents are out. Doc's say it is an extensive surgery with a long hospitalization and recovery period. Surgery is scheduled for this coming Thursday and I'll be off email for a while. Our daughters Cristie and Stacy will fly in from N.C. to be with Carolyn and me. Request you all think some good thoughts for me, and I'll be in touch as soon as I can. Cheers Dave."

Hang in there Dave! We're thinking good thoughts and expect to see you up and about soon!

Special Extra Earnings for Military Service

Please share this with anyone who had active duty service between January 1, 1957 and December 31, 2001 and are planning for retirement.

In a nutshell it boils down to this: You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service, for active duty any time from 1957 through 2001 (the program was done away with on 1 January 2002). Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit can be credited at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. It is NOT just for retirees, BUT anyone who has served on active duty between January 1957 and December 31, 2001.

Again, this benefit is not automatic, you must ask for it! We've all been on active duty between 1957 and 2001 or know someone who has. This may be too early for some of you to think about Social Security but, keep living and you will get there.

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed

Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are not granted for inactive duty training.

If active military service occurred:

- From 1957 through 1967, they will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits.
- From 1968 through 2001, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.
- After 2001, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service.

How You Get Credit For Special Extra Earnings: The information that follows applies only to active duty military service earnings from 1957 through 2001. Here's how the special extra earnings are credited on your record:

- Service in 1957 Through 1977: You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

- Service in 1978 through 2001: For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year.

If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

ALS/AFE on Facebook

For you Facebook fans, there is a "combined" Aircrew Life Support and Aircrew Flight Equipment page on Facebook with post from former, current, and retired members of the aircrew protection community. It's free and if you join Facebook you can post your own info. This social networking page is a good source for equipment updates, new AF policies, uniform issues, reunions, etc. If you are looking for one-stop ALS/AFE shopping, this is the place.

If interested, the website is: www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Aircrew-Life-Support/Aircrew-Life-Support/200003150812?ref=nf.

Bob McElwain has also posted this information on the USAF ALS Retiree webpage: www.usafals.net

Offutt AFB ALS/AFE Get-Together

(Courtesy of Kevin Snyder and Bob "Elmer" Hanover)

An Offutt AFB ALS/AFE get-together is planned for July 24, 2010 In Bellevue, NE. They've scaled back from the

"original" reunion that is planned on a future date yet to be determined.

"We'll meet at noon for a BBQ and just socializing. "Snyd" suggested the Base Lake and that seems fine to me. Everyone is invited of course, but I expect mostly local folks to show up. If only I show up then I'll cook a burger and toast my buddies and consider it time well spent.

I'll get more information out soon on details and to see if anyone wants to get a tee time at a local course."

Where: Bellevue, Nebraska-Offutt AFB
When: Saturday, July 24, 2010, Noon
POC: Bob "Elmer" Hanover
Email: bobhanover@gmail.com

U.S. Air Force BMT Flight Photo Project

The USAF Basic Military Training (BMT) Flight Photograph Project is a concentrated effort to collect the approximately 119,000 USAF basic training photographs from the inception of the US Air Force in 1947 to the present. The collection includes photos from all bases that conducted Air Force basic training including Lackland AFB, Texas, Sampson AFB, New York, Parks AFB, California, Keesler Field, Mississippi, Amarillo and Sheppard AFB, Texas. The collection will also include Air Force basic training that was conducted overseas.

Email: lacklandbmt.photo@lackland.af.mil
Website: www.bmtflightphotos.af.mil
Office: 37th Training Wing
Location: Lackland AFB, TX

DD-214 and Veteran Records

It's official; DD-214's are NOW Online. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online at:
www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

DFAS to Resume VSI/SSB Recoupment

*(Defense Finance and Accounting
Service (DFAS) News Release)*

Recoupment of military retirees' Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI), Special Separation Benefit (SSB) and other separation payments by the

Defense Finance and Accounting Service will resume in August 2010.

VSI, SSB and certain other separation payments, such as severance pay, were offered to active duty military members in an effort to reduce manpower in certain career fields, primarily during the 1990s. Because federal law prohibits military members from receiving both separation and retirement payments for the same period of service, provisions of these programs included repayment should an individual join the Ready Reserve or return to active duty and earn status as a military retiree.

On June 1, 2009, in response to retirees' concerns, DFAS temporarily stopped deducting these repayments from retirement pay while the DoD conducted a formal review of the recoupment program. Prior to the review, the federal statutes governing these programs did not allow the Department of Defense or DFAS to alter repayment rates or provide alternative repayment plans regardless of the financial hardships a retiree may be experiencing.

The DoD review is complete, and Congress has amended Sections 1174(h) and 1175(e) of Title 10, United States Code, to help limit the financial strain on military retirees as they repay their outstanding balances. The new statutes allow DFAS more flexibility to accommodate for financial hardship and modify payment plans. As a result, DFAS has reduced the maximum recoupment rate from 90 percent to 40 percent. DFAS also will consider more lenient repayment plans for retirees who are experiencing financial hardship.

Affected retirees will receive notification letters at least 90 days before recoupment's resume. If they feel the rate of recoupment will create a financial hardship, they may request a more lenient repayment plan by providing financial information on the Financial Statement of Debtor form enclosed with the notification letter.

This monthly recoupment may also affect former spouses who receive Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act payments from such retirees. Former spouses affected by this recoupment also will receive a notification letter prior to the resumption of recoupments.

Retirees and former spouses who have questions may find more information at www.dfas.mil/rapay.html or by calling Retired and Annuitant Pay Customer Service at 1-800-321-1080.

Employment Opportunities

CMSgt (Retired) Jim Rooney provides the following from Greg Hurd:

"Jim, sorry got tied up with interviews and just needed to take a break.

I am VP for Saudi Operations for a company called Parts and Repair Technical Services, PARTS Inc. We have two contracts in Saudi Arabia at the current time; both are for training the RSAF on a go/no-go basis. We think we provide a pretty comprehensive package, not like the old days of six figure salaries but when you include the salaries, benefits, etc. we are well into the six figures.

We offer housing, a 4000 sq ft villa for each person/family, vehicle to be shared

with one other person, a base salary with a 15% Int'l premium provided every other week, medical insurance, life insurance, a 401K, 0-5% bonus at the end of the year that is included in the following years salary as a raise, the cost of a round trip airfare to Home of Record for the member and/or family if they accompany (we encourage wives and kids to come and will pay for them--kids up to 18 yrs old. We pay for their trips and k-12 schooling at the Int'l school), provide 15 days of pd vacation per year, plus 3 US holidays off, plus two 5 day vacations during the Saudi Holidays of Ramadan/Hadj, plus 5 sick days per year, we take care of the passports, visas and pay for/reimburse for physicals, ship 600# of HHLgds over at the end of the 90 day probation period, internet connectivity at the villa and a few other things. It is really a pretty good package all in all. Pay is pretty good, with the base starting at the low 50's. As long as you are 'domiciled' outside the US for 330 of 360 days (doesn't mean cannot come home on vacation, etc.) up to \$87,500 is tax free. Now having given that as the basic package we are looking for the following:

F-15 AR, ECS, Electrical, Structures, Machinists, Pneudralics, Phase, Weapons, Munitions, and Egress. Obviously we prefer folks that have experience in the AOR, working with the Saudi's, training experience are important to us but we can work with folks depending on their experience, etc.

Please forward this to as many folks as possible. Our contract has been awarded and we are waiting on the funding to proceed. All that should be happening shortly so we are looking to

deploy folks around 10 June, give or take a little.

Thanks,
Greg Hurd" (wyomite54@hotmail.com)"

Bob McElwain provides the following:

"Good Morning, Bob. I work for CSC, the civilian contractor at Vance AFB in Oklahoma. We are currently looking for four life support personnel. Could you please post our posting on your website? Here is the information regarding the job.

Specialist, Life Support – Full Time
Responsible for the issuing, modifications, inspection, maintenance and repair of all Aircrew Life Support Equipment. Follows safety and training requirements for Life Support operations and Aircrew Training. Military experience in Life Support essential.

Pay starts at 18.50 per hour. Full benefits: medical, dental, vision. Life and dependant life insurance. Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance.

Short and Long Term Disability. 401k, Union Pension. 4 weeks of Paid Time Off (vacation) to start.

Applications can be printed off the employment page of our website <http://www.csc.com/vance>.

Applications and resume may be sent to kcolleary@csc.com. Sent via fax to 580-213-6401 or mailed to 71 FTW CSC/HR, 400 Young Road, Ste 101, Vance AFB, OK 73705."

New AF Dining Program Opens Doors for Retirees

Thanks to the Air Force's Food Transformation Initiative (FTI), retirees at six bases will soon be able to use military food service establishments previously reserved for active-duty Airmen.

Retirees will pay the same market price as everyone else, and there will not be an added surcharge on top of the menu price. The six Air Force bases participating in the initiative are Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Patrick AFB, Fla., MacDill AFB, Fla., Fairchild AFB, Wash., Little Rock AFB, Ark., and Travis AFB, Calif.

This pilot program not only opens food establishments to all members of the base community, but customers will also see changes to food and beverage options, resulting in greater quality and variety, said Air Force Services Agency officials.

TRICARE Affirmation Act

The Tricare Affirmation Act, aimed at protecting people in the military health care program from being penalized for not having private insurance, was signed into law April 26, 2010 by the President.

The new law provides a specific exemption for Tricare beneficiaries and for nonappropriated-fund civilian employees of the Defense Department from a requirement of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that will require people without minimal health cover to either buy private insurance or face a \$750 penalty.

Tricare health insurance is specifically defined by the law as minimal essential coverage, which provides an exemption from the penalty.

Space-A Travel

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, III. (AFRNS)
Retirees who dream of climbing an Egyptian pyramid, schussing down a black diamond ski slope in Bavaria, or walking on a Hawaiian beach can make these dreams come true with space-available travel.

Typically, these dreams require a lot of money; however, Space-A travel is free with the exception of customs or federal inspection fees on some chartered commercial air service missions.

Air Mobility Command aircraft fly all over the globe and often have open passenger seats available. An AMC aircraft takes off every 90 seconds. More than 130,000 Space-A travelers take advantage of this military benefit each year.

Retired Airmen with a retiree ID card and who are eligible to receive retired or retainer pay, fly as Category VI passengers. Since missions can be rerouted, delayed or cancelled for a variety of reasons -- weather, maintenance issues or higher priority missions -- retirees need to be flexible. They need to plan for any potential delays and added expenses for stays, especially in high-cost areas.

There are four different methods for signing up for Space-A travel: in person at the passenger terminal or remotely via telephone, fax or e-mail. Sponsors must provide their name and information on all traveling dependents, and their desired destination(s).

Retirees can also use the DOD-chartered airlift missions for Space-A travel, if seats are available. Although

retirees cannot visit their grandchildren in Iraq or Afghanistan, they can travel to Germany if the aircraft transitions there.

If traveling overseas, retirees should know the restrictions of the host country. For example, retirees traveling to Germany are not authorized to purchase items in the Base Exchange, but they can go off base and shop in the local community. Status of Forces Agreements restrictions, U.S. State Department Travel Advisory guidelines, the Foreign Clearance Guide and passport and visa requirements are all necessary items to research.

For more information on Space-A travel, visit the AMC travel web site at www.amc.af.mil/amctravel.

Reunion 2010

The 15TH Annual Aircrew Life Support/Aircrew Flight Equipment Reunion will be held at Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel & Casino in Laughlin, NV from Tuesday, 4 Oct, thru Thursday, 7 Oct 2010. Monday, 3 Oct, and Friday, 8 Oct, are the travel days.

All former, retired, active duty, Guard, Reserve, and civilian employees in the Aircrew Life Support/Aircrew Flight Equipment business, and their families are invited to attend.

The Pinochle Tournament will also be held on a day and time TBD.

The Farewell Banquet will be held Thursday night, 7 Oct, at the Laughlin Ranch in Bullhead City.

The annual Golf Tournament and Picnic are scheduled for Wednesday, 6 Oct.

If you plan on participating in the **Golf Tournament** contact Ed MacKenzie via email at 2macks@hughes.net or by phone at (702) 682-6485.

As always, we are accepting prizes for our raffle and tournaments from all who wish to donate. Golf prizes should be sent no earlier than 27 Sep 2010 and must arrive no later than 4 Oct 2010. Send items to Bob McElwain or Frank Provenzano at the following address:

Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel/Casino
Attn: Bob McElwain or Frank Provenzano
(As appropriate)
1650 S. Casino Dr
Laughlin, NV 89029

To register for the reunion, fill out and send the attached registration form and payment to KB Kinchen by the date indicated on the form.

- Laughlin is located 90 miles south of Las Vegas, NV.
- Air travelers can fly into Las Vegas, NV and rent a car or take the airport shuttle to Laughlin. You can also fly directly into the Laughlin/Bullhead City.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Individual room reservations **MUST** be made directly with the Riverside Hotel at 1-800-227-3849. NLT 20 August 2010. The group rate is \$35 per night. Ask for Group Code "C/LIFES".

- Confirmation of your reunion registration **will not** be mailed out unless requested.
- Rooms are available for check-in at 3 pm on Monday, 4 Oct. Early check-in is possible if your room is ready upon your arrival.
- A registration/sign-in area will be set-up in the lobby of the Riverside from 2-5 pm on Monday, 4 Oct.
- Don't forget to stop by the hospitality suite after 5 pm for food and drinks.

IF YOU ATTENDED LAST YEARS REUNION, BRING YOUR NAME TAG! NEW NAME TAGS WILL BE ISSUED TO FIRST TIMER ATTENDEES AND THOSE WHO FORGET TO BRING LAST YEARS NAME TAG.

Reunion 2011

Are you interested in having the reunion in your area or other location? Attached is a worksheet for you to fill out and mail to KB or bring to this year's reunion for consideration for next year's reunion.

In Closing

Well friends, that wraps up this edition of the newsletter. I welcome any and all comments, thoughts, and suggestions to be included in future editions. See you at in Laughlin NV in October!

IMPORTANT 2010 REUNION DEADLINES

Mail Registration Payments to KB: NLT 15 July
Hotel Reservations (Must Call Hotel): NLT 20 August
Prize Donations Must Arrive at Hotel: NLT 4 October

WORKSHEET FOR 2011 ALS/AFE REUNION

NAME OF HOTEL/CASINO: _____

LOCATION OF HOTEL/CASINO: _____

COST OF LODGING:

SINGLE OCCUPANCY: _____

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: _____

SUITE: _____

COST FOR MEETING SPACE (100 PEOPLE): _____

COST FOR TUESDAY MORNING/COFFEE AND PASTRIES: _____

COST OF HOSPITALITY SUITE PER NIGHT (MON/TUE/WED)
FOR 75 PEOPLE: _____

COST OF FOOD (NEED COPY OF MENU FROM HOTEL CATERING):

ARE YOU ALLOWED TO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD/DRINK/ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INTO HOSPITALITY
SUITE? _____

ARE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR A PICNIC? _____

WHAT TOURS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOCAL AREA AND WHAT IS THE COST?

WHAT ENTERTAINMENT IS AVAILABLE? _____

COST FOR BANQUET PER PERSON: _____

COST FOR BARTENDER AT THE BANQUET: _____

COST FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT: _____

AVAILABLE COMPS/COUPONS: _____

REMARKS/COMMENTS:

SUBMITTED BY: _____

PHONE/E-MAIL: _____

USAF Aircrew Life Support/Aircrew Flight Equipment Reunion

4-7 October 2010

Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel & Casino

1650 South Casino Dr. Laughlin, NV 89029

Registration Form

Registration Includes One Guest

NAME (As you want it on your name tag): _____

PHONE NO: _____ DSN: _____

E-MAIL: _____ FAX: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

NAME OF GUEST ATTENDEE: _____

COST

NEW THIS YEAR: INDIVIDUAL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL **NLT 20 AUG 2010** BY CALLING 1-800-227-3849 AND ASKING FOR GROUP CODE "C/LIFES". THE GROUP ROOM RATE IS \$35 PER NIGHT.

ATTENTION DoD PERSONNEL: Individual DoD organizations are responsible for approving attendance to this event. If you are attending on official orders your reservations must also be made with the hotel. Registration and other fees must be pre-paid and sent to the address listed below.

REGISTRATION FEE:	\$75.00
BANQUET:	Number of People: _____ X \$35.00 = _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____	

Cancellations must be received NLT 1 Sept 2010. To cancel call Kemper (KB) Kinchen at one of his phone numbers listed below.

ADDITIONAL COST

The annual **Golf Tournament** is scheduled for 6 Oct 2010. Please contact Ed MacKenzie if you are interested in playing.

Ed MacKenzie

P.O. Box 7025

Bunkerville, NV 89007

Phone: (702) 682-6481

Email: 2macks@hughes.net

Part of the reunion will be spent documenting some of the history of the career field. If you have any historical information, equipment, or pictures that you would like to share with us please bring it with you.

Direct questions regarding fees, reservations, or the banquet to Kemper Kinchen. Complete and mail this form along with a check or money order **NLT 15 July 2010**. Payments must be received **NLT 19 July 2010**. Send to:

**KEMPER KINCHEN
700 SOUTH RANGE ROAD
HAMMOND, LA 70403**

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