



AIRCREW LIFE SUPPORT AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT NEWSLETTER

News for the men and women who served (USAF or civilians who worked in Government or Industry) in the Aircrew Life Support or Aircrew Flight Equipment professions. The views expressed herein are that of the individual mentioned and do not represent the views of the retired, active duty, ANG, Reserves, or veteran members of the Aircrew Life Support or Aircrew Flight Equipment career fields.

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Looking Forward

Can you believe it? We're almost halfway through 2011...and quickly rolling up on reunion time!

I don't know about you, but I'm truly looking forward to the reunion and spending some time in St. Louis with the ALS/AFE family and our Essex Cryogenics hosts Tim Bannister and Steve Wyatt. They have pulled out all of the stops to make this year's reunion an experience to remember. More on the reunion later in this edition...on with the news.

From The Field

RFD Beaufort Pilot Fit Facility (PFF) Joint Strike Fighter (F-35), Eglin AFB FL
(Randy Epperly, RFD Beaufort)

The fit of modern pilot flight equipment (PFE) is key to performance. The AGILE system of layered clothing has been developed to do this. RFD Beaufort uses numerous anthropometric measurements to ensure the warfighter gains maximum comfort and highest level of protection. Completing this task at the PFF is a two day process.

Day One: Anthropometrics are taken along with predicted fitting validations of

all equipment schedules and configurations.

Day Two: Integration of both above and below the neck PFE is completed to include issuing of the PFE. To accomplish this important task, dressing into each schedule/configuration is required, beginning with Winter Sea CB to Summer Land configurations. Measuring/marketing of the Oxygen Gas Breathing and Anti G-Suit hoses as well as the fitting of the Arm Restraint Extension lines.

All schedules/configurations will be tested in the F-35 Ejection Seat here in the PFF. We then issue your PFE and your training begins.

Supporting the RFD Beaufort Pilot Fit Facility operations at Eglin AFB are two professional individuals with a combination of over 50 years experience in the USAF Aircrew Life Support career field. Randy Epperly is our JSF Senior Field Engineer; Rich Colson is the JSF Field Engineer. Both Randy and Rich have enhanced our support to the end users maintainers as well as the war-fighter. Also, supporting our Eglin team is a host of dedicated individuals spanning across all spectrums from Technical, Engineering, Trials and Test and Manufacturing as well as commitment from the Chief Executive Officer of the group. The key to our ongoing success is our commitment to integrating new technologies to our product range ensuring we remain at the forefront of safety and survivability.

Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command
(JPAC)

(CMSgt Mike Valpey

Chief, Aircrew Flight Equipment Liaison, Aircrew Performance Branch, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH)

Air Force Aircrew Flight Equipment (AFE) experts are routinely called as augmenters to support the Command's mission:

*Achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nations past conflicts. The highest priority of the organization is the return of any living Americans that remain prisoners of war.**

I recently had the privilege of working a JPAC mission to Papua, New Guinea, as the Life Support Investigator excavating WWII bomber wreckage sites at 10,000 feet-plus elevation. We spent 45 days in country and a month digging at two mountainous crash sites; this was an experience I will never forget. The team did find human remains and personal effects in the wreckage but they have yet to confirm personnel identities with JPAC DNA analysis.

The Command is made up of approximately 400 handpicked Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Department of the Navy, civilians and contractors. The laboratory portion of JPAC, referred to as the Central Identification Laboratory (CIL), is one of the largest and most scientifically diverse laboratories in the world, and the only accredited Skeletal Identification Laboratory in the United States.

Three permanent overseas detachments assist with Command & Control and in-country support during investigation and recovery operations: Det 1-Bangkok, Thailand; Det 2-Hanoi, Vietnam, and Det 3-Vientiane, Laos. A fourth detachment is located in Hawaii and is responsible for recovery team personnel when they are not deployed.

The core of JPAC's day-to-day operations involves investigating leads, recovering,

and identifying Americans who were killed in action but were never brought home. This process involves close coordination with other U.S. agencies involved in the POW/MIA issue, including the Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office, U.S. Pacific Command, Department of State, the Joint Staff, Defense Intelligence Agency, the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, and the U.S. Air Force's Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory.

To ensure mission success and the return of all unaccounted-for Americans, JPAC routinely engages in technical negotiations and talks with representatives of foreign governments to promote and maintain positive in-country conditions wherever JPAC teams deploy.

On average, the CIL identifies an MIA about every four days. Since 2003, JPAC has identified more than 560 Americans, and more than 1,800 since the accounting effort began in the 1970's.

JPAC AFE Augmenter assignments are handled through CMSgt Ted Poe, PACAF AFE Functional Manager, on a continuous basis.

*(*To date, the U.S. Government has not found any evidence that there are still American POW's in captivity from past U.S. conflicts.)*

(The JPAC military public website was used to source some of the content for this article.)

The ANG AFE Functional Manager, MSgt Lauren Blandford provides the following ANG AFE news: "Please join me and welcome CMSgt Schneider as the sixth ANG AFE Career Field Functional Manager. The Chief increases NGB/A3OS manpower by 100% - a grand total of two people!

Chief Schneider's arrival comes just in time as there are many challenges ahead. To be sure, the experience he gained through the Staff Assistance Program, F-15 Weapon System Team Chief and as ANG AFE Combat Air Force representative has prepared him well for success. CMSgt Schneider will start his transition from the 131BW (Whiteman) and will arrive at NGB sometime this summer, exact time TBD.

Again, congratulations Chief, I look forward to working with you!

I would also like to thank CMSgt Block for his leadership on the tough decisions and numerous challenges affecting the career field. Until you have a few years on staff, it is difficult to know the scope and depth of working at the National level.

Mentorship was also a key component of Chief Block's leadership style. He created opportunities through programs, projects, positions and titles that gave others ownership in the AFE program. I believe we have all benefited in some way by this philosophy of coaching. Thank you for your 28 years of service and all the best in the future."

(We also welcome Chief Schneider to the ANG AFE Functional Manager position and express our sincere thanks to Chief Block for his many years of dedicated service to this Great Nation and the USAF.)

The ANG recognizes their recent and pending AFE retiree's:

CMSgt ROBERT L. BLOCK
16 APR 1983-1 JUL 2011

CMSgt DEAN G. MILLER
16 NOV 1977 - 30 DEC 2011

SMSgt JOHN MONTGOMERY
17 MAR 1983 - 01 MAR 2011

SMSgt KAREN WRIGHT
28 FEB 1980 - 17 DEC 2010

SMSgt JAMES MUNOZ
1 AUG 1989 - 1 JUL 2011

TSgt PEDRO BEGA
7 NOV 1985 - 7 NOV 2011

SMSgt FLOYD H. SIEPMANN
13 SEP 1971 - 15 DEC 2010

SMSgt MIKE HAKINSON
For Your 24 Years of Service

SMSgt MIKE GERBER
For Your 24 Years of Service

MSgt ELDON JACKSON
15 MAY 1985 - 1 JUN 2011

MSgt RONALD A. PRICE
1 NOV 1984 - 1 AUG 2011

MSgt TERRY ANDERSON
1 FEB 1975 - 1 SEP 2011

MSgt ROBBY D. COPAS
14 MAR 1987 - 30 JAN 2010

MSgt DUANE KALLIS
22 JUL 1979 - 2 JAN 2011

MSgt MARTY RITCH
29 AUG 1976 - 4 APR 2011

MSgt LISA KANTOR
1 JUL 1986 - DEC 2010

MSgt THOMAS RICE
11 MAR 1975 - 17 JUN 2011

MSgt JOEY FOGIONE
For Your 33 Years of Service

MSgt GARY GALLAGHER
For Your 27 Years of Service

In Memoriam:

SMSgt Bob Barajas

CMSgt Ron Melson

CMSgt Pat Schell, AFRC AFE Functional Manager, provides the following Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) AFE news items:

SMSgt Dana Bates has moved from AFE Supt, 916ARW, Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC in Nov 10 to AFE Supt, 413 Flight Test Group, Robins AFB, GA where she will oversee five flight test squadrons located throughout the country.

MSgt Michael Varnado, AFE Technician, 94 AW, Dobbins AFB, GA retired effective 17 Mar 11. Mike was a long-time member of the 926 FW, NAS JRB New Orleans, LA. Mike endured Hurricane Katrina and the subsequent BRAC closure of the base ending up at Dobbins. He has returned to the New Orleans area and is volunteering his services at the local WW II museum.

SMSgt Vern Massey, AFE Supt, 445 AW, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH retired effective 31 Mar 11.

CMSgt Mike Valpey (Wright-Patterson) is retiring from active duty in July 2011 and SMSgt George C. Anthony (Barksdale) is also retiring from active duty in July 2011.

(We offer our best wishes to both Chief Valpey and SMSgt Anthony and our sincere thanks for the many years of dedicated service to this great Nation and the USAF.)

Final Roll Call

Ed Chewning Remembers Sandy Burrell: "I'm deeply saddened to hear of Chief Burrell's passing. While not trying to sound maudlin, I'd like to recount my time as the NCOIC of the 53rd TFS Life Support at Bitburg and my tutelage from "Sandy".

In 1978, I was a SSgt and the Asst. NCOIC of the 53rd LS. Now while I could pack an ESCAPAC survival kit so good it would make you cry and 30-day a helmet and mask, no sweat. But I knew nothing of the day-to-day intricacies of running a shop or how to be an NCOIC. Don't laugh.

The previous NCOIC (TSgt) had PCS'd, The wing super had PCS'd to HQ USAFE and I was treading water waiting on the new NCOIC to show up. One day our Ops Officer was walking through the shop and I stopped him and asked him when the new NCOIC was due in. He replied, "Fast, we ain't getting' one. You it." Talk about a panic attack. About a week later, the wing LSO brought in the new wing superintendent, SMSgt Sandy Burrell. We shook hands, I introduced the troops, showed him around the shop and he was gone. MSgt Mike Saint who was the NCOIC of the 525 TFS "Bulldogs" LS helped me as much as he could, but he had his own shop to run.

So I swallowed my pride and went to the wing LS office to see Sandy. I told him that I had no experience running a shop, told him all my concerns and said I didn't think I could hack it. He looked me dead in the eyes and said, "Well, let's see what we can do about that." So for the next month-and-a-half Sandy and I were joined at the hip in my shop taking me to LS

NCOIC school. I will add that for Thanksgiving '78, Elizabeth and I had all the single folks from my shop for dinner. Since I knew Sandy was on an unaccompanied tour, I invited him up as well. He certainly wasn't shy around the dinner table and we all had a good time.

I know Sandy touched a lot of other folks, both in the Air Force and in his civilian life and he will be missed. So with all that said, I'll end with, "Godspeed Sandy and my he keep you in the folds of his loving arms."

TSgt (Ret) Bobbie Robbins passed away on 21 Jan 11 at the age of 71. Bobbie served in the USAF for 20 and ½ years. After retirement from the USAF he worked as a civilian employee at McClelland AFB for 19 years.

CMSgt (Retired) Ellie Handley passed away on 15 Feb 11. Ellie served 32 years in the USAF. Many of us remember Ellie from his time as the Life Support Chief at the San Antonio Air Logistics Center and later as a consultant to several companies in the aircrew protection industry. Ellie will be long remembered and will be missed by those of us who knew him best.

CMSgt (Retired) Jimmy McKenna passed away 21 Apr 11 at the age of 46. Jim was the AFE Superintendent at the 459 AW, Andrews AFB, for many years, and then went on to be the AFE Superintendent at 22nd AF and 94 AW at Dobbins prior to his retirement. "Chief McKenna was a staunch and sometime radical supporter of several Life Support issues while serving in the AF Reserve. We owe him a debt of gratitude for pushing the envelope for civilian position upgrades."

Bill Ackley passed away on 27 Apr 11. Bill served the aircrew protection community faithfully for many years at Kelly AFB along with his wife, Carol.

CMSgt (Retired) Ron Melson passed away on 11 May 11. Ron was the Superintendent at the 189th Airlift Wing, Little Rock AFB, (ANG) prior to his retirement.

Tommy Tompkins advises of the passing of Bobby J. Anderson earlier this year. Bobby retired in 1977 (early 70s – survival school). Andy and his wife Barbara were the parents of Lt. Col. Michael Anderson, the astronaut who lost his life on the shuttle re-entry over Texas several years ago.

MSgt (Retired) Leo Williams (former ALS NCOIC, 562 TFS; George AFB, in the 1980's) passed away April 22, 2011 with his loving wife Geneva of 53 years and daughter, Theresa, at his side. He is also survived by sons Daniel and Brian and daughter Sharon, grandchildren Desmond, Michele, Nicole, Leah, Sean, and one great grandchild, Summer. Leo was a loving and caring person who opened his heart to everyone. He was devoted to his community by giving to various charitable organizations.

Checking In

From Skip Clawson: “Thanks for the Newsletter. Been slowed a little with a total knee replacement mid-October and the other one being done mid-Jan. First one went great just hope this one goes as well. It has been 9 weeks since the first and it still swells up if I spend too much time standing around. I have been on one cruise with it and really think the walking around the Panama Canal Locks area and

steps helped loosen it up and sped up the recovery time. The Dr slowed me down as the second knee being done in January is in worse shape than the one I already had done and he doesn't want me messing it up more before he does the surgery.”

“Al - Thanks for sharing this! Believe it or not I am still in the AF (34 years now), recently moved to the Pentagon to serve as deputy surgeon general. Happy Holidays to you, too.

Maj Gen Tom Travis (very proud Life Supporter)”

From Todd Nelson: All is well here in Minnesota, even with the 38 inches of snow on the ground. It's always nice to have a white Christmas.”

From Alberta Yager: “Thanks for asking about Don. He seems to have found a "good place" for himself in this phase. This past week and a half he's been eating all of his meals. Prior to that he would only eat ice cream or ensure. He's beginning to gain back some of the weight he lost. Although he still needs to be fed he's willing to accept that and talks all the way through his meal - albeit, we're not sure what he's saying, he does seem to be smiling more during the conversations. He's been moved to a room closer "to the action," so to speak - his room is now just off the day room and nurse's station. He was falling a bit so Hospice suggested keeping a closer eye on him and the move seems to have worked beautifully. He seems happier and more settled. He even allows the aides to bathe him, etc. Well, "wonders never cease," says I. He's sleeping through the night now and naps frequently during the day.

We all attribute much of the change to the fact that his body is off most of the meds he was taking. He now only takes one

anti-psychotic at night and 1/2 anti-anxiety during the day. We are thankful for all the care and attention he is receiving from Hospice and ENVH.

Shalom, A—“

From Cal Crochet: “I wish to apologize for my recent lack of e-mail traffic and/or “2-cents” comments, but effects of this ALS disease have now begun to effect my eyesight, mobility of my hands/fingers and incur other physical constraints; whereby, typing has become very laborious at best. Thankfully, I am still able to ‘pick & peck’ e-mails, cut & paste articles and forward these and other news items that are considered to be of mutual interest. I pledge to continue to do so for as long as I am able.

I respectfully request, however, that you continue to include me as a recipient of your e-mails as they greatly assist me in occupying my day and keep me abreast of programs that are of interest to me.
Cal/SAC Man”

John Patti reports that he has left his ALSE position at Ft. Rucker, AL and is now working for ARINC Engineering Services as a Program Manager for Automated Identification Technology programs. He is enjoying the new challenges and the opportunity to make things easier for our warfighters.

Kemper (KB) Kinchen is now in-place and back in the ALSE business at Ft. Rucker--he is doing well and expect to see him at the reunion.

From Herb Bough: “Was L.S. 61 to 89. Daniels, Parhurst, Weir, & Shields were just some of the ones I worked for.”

Sick Call

Lee Wise is up and running in Indiana after several operations. Lee finally retired from active “Life Supporting” at Oman. Actually they had to drag him out because he was not yet ready to retire! We’re not sure of the total years, but it has to be 50 plus years of actively managing Wing and Unit ALS Programs! Congratulations Lee!

Jim Rooney is working through some health issues. We wish the Chief all the very best.

Warning to Veterans

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with the VA in any way. Websites with the name “vaservices” immediately after the “www” ARE NOT part of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Government agency. Do not go to them or if approached or called, do not offer them any information concerning yourself or data on other veterans. Keep in mind that the real VA website ends in “.gov”

Be aware that the Department of Veterans Affairs does not randomly call veterans, nor does it ask veterans for information which it does not already have--like Social Security Numbers. In particular, if you have not dealt with the VA previously--and in person--and all of a sudden, you receive a call from someone saying they are with the VA or something similar sounding, hang up the phone. Also, do not respond to emails which suggest that they are from the VA. The VA never conducts

official business nor asks for personal information by email.

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, GC requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

Michael G. Daugherty
Staff Attorney
Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (022G2)
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Worth Repeating

The following establishments routinely offer discounts to active and retired military personnel. They don't necessarily advertise the discount, but will usually (but not always) apply it if asked for.

Discounts are usually 10 percent, except as noted.

Restaurants: Arby's, A&W, Back Yard Burgers, Burger King, Captain D's, Chick-Fil-A, Cotton Patch, Denny's, Dunkin' Donuts, Farmer's Boy, IHOP (20 percent), Java Café, KFC, Long John Silver, Pancho's Mexican Buffet, Pizza Hut,

Quizno's, Sizzler, Sonic, Taco Bell, Whataburger

Services: AT&T, California Cryobank, GEICO, Jiffy Lube, Meineke, Sears Portrait Studio.

Travel and Leisure: Blockbuster, most movie theaters. Ripley's attractions, museums, and professional sports teams.

Products: Apple Computers, AutoZone, Barnhill's, Bass Pro Shop, Bath and Body Works, Big 10 Tires, The Buckle, Champs Sports, Copeland's Sports, Dell, The Discovery Channel Store, Dress Barn, The Finish Line, Foot Action, Footlocker, Gadzooks, GNC, Goody's, Great Party, Happy Harry's, Home Depot, Hot Topic, Jockey, Lerner, Lowe's, Michael's, NAPA Auto Parts, New York & Company, Pac Sun, Payless Shoes, Play It Again Sports, Pure Beauty, Sally Beauty Supply, Spencer's Gifts, Suncoast, Timberland Outlets, Wilson's Leather

Cell Phone Service Discount: All Federal employees are able to get a 15 percent discount on their personal cell phones by calling their carrier and mentioning the "Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 -Discount to Federal Employees Past and Present." Use the following contact numbers: AT&T: 800-331-0500, Sprint: 877-812-1223, T-Mobile: 866-646-4688, Verizon: 800-865-1825.

"Snail Mail" Versus E-Mail

If you receive the newsletter via "snail mail" (Postal Service) and have a valid e-mail address or need to update your e-mail or mailing address, please provide Al Loving and Bob McElwain with the update. Al and Bob's email addresses are on the title page of this newsletter.

In Closing

Well gang, that's it for this edition. Get those reunion registrations filled-out and

mailed, hotel reservations made, and prizes/gifts mailed on time. Read on for the reunion details. We'll see you in St. Louis in September!

16th Annual Aircrew Life Support & Aircrew Flight Equipment Retirees Reunion Details

The 16th Annual Aircrew Life Support & Flight Equipment Retirees Reunion will be held, 27-29 September 2011 (26th and 30th are travel days) in Saint Louis Missouri. The Reunion will be held at the Drury Inn and Suites Hotel - St Louis Forest Park, located at the intersection of Interstate 44 and Hampton Road in St Louis, Missouri. The reunion is open to all former, retired, active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilian Aircrew Life Support, Survival Equipment and Aircrew Flight Equipment career field personnel, and members of industry. This year's reunion is hosted by Essex Cryogenics of Missouri, Inc. and promises to be a memorable gathering.

Since the first reunion in 1996, the objectives remain the same: To bring about unity of retired and currently serving members of our critically important career field; to further among them the spirit of comradeship, mutual help, esprit-de-corps; and to perpetuate the memory of those who laid the foundations of the past. The official motto of the group is as always, "**Your Life Is Our Business**", which has been put into a poem by SMSgt (Retired) Danny Keith. To view the poem, check out our website at www.usafals.net.

Government and industry representatives interested in attending and presenting should submit presentation topics as soon as possible. Please e-mail the presentation title, presenter/s affiliation, and time period required (if possible, limit to 15 minutes) to Steve Wyatt at the email address below. Please submit your presentation topics early.

Day One of the reunion (Tue, 27 Sep) will be a business type meeting/setting. This provides an opportunity for industry partner's to present information of mutual interest and to bring the group up-to-date on the latest program developments, and equipment issues. Presenters must ensure the information is unclassified, unlimited access, and in the public domain. Hands carry presentations to the reunion in electronic PowerPoint format on a CD. Do not bring presentations or briefings on thumb drives or memory sticks. Presenters may bring extra copies of their presentations/briefings for distribution if they desire. Additionally, we expect to receive a State-of-the-Career Field briefing from one of our Senior Active Duty Chiefs on Day One.

Rounding out the week's activities will be a pinochle tournament, a trip to Scott AFB for the annual picnic, the Golf Tournament and an AFE Shop tour. Essex Cryogenics is also planning a tour of their facility where Liquid Oxygen Converters are made for numerous DoD Fighter, Cargo and Bomber aircraft.

We will conclude the reunion with a semi-formal Farewell Banquet on Thursday evening, 29 Sep, in the hotel ballroom. You don't want to miss this event!

Hotel reservations can be made by calling (314) 646-0770 or online at <http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2102995>. This link is also posted on the USAF ALS/AFE Retiree website at www.usafals.net under the "REUNION" tab. **Keep in mind that its first come first served and that there are only seventy (70) rooms available.** If the hotel runs out of blocked rooms, call Steve Wyatt at 314-832-8077, extension 307, for the name and location of a back-up hotel.

The hotel has a **15 Aug 11** deadline for room reservations. Again, only seventy (70) rooms have been reserved for this year's reunion. When calling to make a reservation, mention the USAF Life Support Retirees Reunion to get the group rate of \$104 per night. This rate is being extended to ALS/AFE retirees, government and industry attendees and allows up to two (2) people per room. **You must cancel hotel reservations at least 72 hours prior check-in to avoid a cancellation fee.**

Rooms will not be available for check-in until 1500 on Monday, 26 Sep. Early check-in is allowed if your room is ready. Attendee sign-in/registration will be set-up in the hotel lobby on Monday afternoon from 1400 to 1700.

The hotel will not pre-charge credit cards so please make your reservations early! We request you stay at the host hotel to help defray hospitality and meeting room costs and meet the established blocked room quota.

The hotel has exercise facilities, an outdoor pool/whirlpool, free Wi-Fi as well as a superb restaurant. There are free cocktails, beer, and other refreshments as well as hot appetizers served every evening. A free breakfast is available every morning.

The hotel is in the center of the St. Louis Metro area and is about 25 minutes from Lambert-St Louis International Airport. There is no hotel shuttle bus; however, most rental car companies and taxi services are available at the airport. Parking at the hotel is complimentary.

We are accepting gifts/prizes for our banquet raffle and tournaments from all who wish to donate. Gifts/prizes should be in the mail to the hotel by **16 Sep 11** and addressed to Ed Mackenzie (golf gifts/prizes) or Bob McElwain (raffle gifts/prizes) at the address below:

Keyla Seibel
Drury Inn & Suites
Attn: Bob McElwain or Ed MacKenzie (As appropriate)
2111 Sulphur Ave
St Louis, MO 63139

New name tags will be issued to all attendees. No one will be allowed into the reunion area without one.

Are you interested in having the reunion in your local area or another location? A worksheet for you to fill out and bring to the reunion for attendees to consider for next year's reunion or a future reunion is provided with this newsletter.

Question concerning the 2011 reunion can be addressed to Bob McElwain, KB Kinchen, Al Loving, or your host POCs for this year's reunion, Tim Bannister and Steve Wyatt at Essex Cryogenics of Missouri, Inc., e-mail tbannister@essexind.com or swyatt@essexind.com or at 314-832-8077.

The 2011 ALS/AFE Retirees Reunion Planning Committee wishes to thank in advance all Retirees, Industry Partners, and Active Duty, ANG, and AFRC military members planning to attend this year. A meeting agenda will be finalized and forwarded approximately 2 weeks prior to the reunion start date.

IMPORTANT REUNION DEADLINES

Hotel Reservations Made (Phone or Internet): 15 Sep 11

Reunion Registrations Mailed: 16 Sep 11

Gifts and Prizes Mailed to Hotel: 16 Sep 11

Reunion Registration Cancellations: 19 Sep 11

Hotel Room Reservation Cancellations: At least 72 hours prior to check-in.



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26-29 September 2011

Drury Inn & Suites-Near Forest Park

2111 Sulphur Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139

Registration Form

Registration includes one guest.

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

PHONE NO: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

NAME OF GUEST ATTENDEE: _____

SHIRT SIZE(S): _____

COST

ROOMS ARE \$104 A DAY. RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL NLT 15 SEP 11 BY CALLING 314-646-0770 AND ASKING FOR THE USAF LIFE SUPPORT REUNION GROUP RATE OR ONLINE AT <http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2102995>

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 (Covers name tags, T-shirt, picnic, and other misc admin costs): \$25.00

BUSINESS DAY LUNCH: Number of People: _____ X \$33.00 = _____

BANQUET: Number of People: _____ X \$35.00 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Reunion cancellations must be received by 19 Sep 11 to avoid a loss of Banquet Fee. Hotel reservation cancellations must be made at least 72 hours prior to check-in to avoid a cancellation fee.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, 28 Sep 11. Contact Ed MacKenzie for costs and to sign-up.
Ed MacKenzie, P.O. Box 7025, Bunkerville, NV 89007
Phone: 702-346-4980 E-Mail: 2macks@hughes.net Cell: 702-682-6485

Part of the reunion will be spent on 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.

Complete and mail this form along with a check or money order not later than 16 Sep 11 to:

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

**CELL PHONE: 760-912-2806
HOME PHONE: 985-542-5205
EMAL: kemper997@yahoo.com**

HOST WORKSHEET FOR 2012 REUNION

NAME OF HOTEL/CASINO: _____

LOCATION OF HOTEL/CASINO: _____

COST OF LODGING:

DBL OCC: _____

SUITE: _____

COST FOR MEETING SPACE (100 PEOPLE): _____

COST FOR AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT: _____

COST FOR TUESDAY MORNING COFFEE AND PASTRIES: _____

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

COST OF FOOD: (BRING COPY OF MENU FROM HOTEL CATERING) _____

ARE YOU ALLOWED TO BRING YOUR OWN FOOD/ALCOHOL INTO HOSPITALITY ROOM? _____

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: _____

ARE COMPLIMENTRY ROOMS OFFERED? _____

REMARKS/COMMENTS: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____

PHONE/E-MAIL: _____