

AFTAC Alumni Association

Minutes

18 August 2023

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Monthly General Membership & Teleconference Meeting was held at Beef O'Brady's on South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach. Members present were Tony De Marco, Frank Hall, Ed Lindsay, Doug Colbary, Albert Moy, Kathy Moy, Sean Ryan, Terry Hammond, David Merker, Frank Calenda, Dee Melchior, Gene Melchior, Bill Cooley, Lou Seiler and CMSgt Jordan Lloyd (Active Duty ISR). Online members included, Jack O'Conner, John Loftis, Judy Henderson, Pete Gilbert and Mike Clark.

Welcome New Members/Guests: Ed welcomed those attending and opened the meeting at 11:30. He introduced David Merker and those tuning in online.

Approval of Minutes: As there were no suggested changes to the 14 July 2023 meeting minutes, Lou made a motion that we accept the Minutes as published; Sean seconded the motion. All voted to approve the minutes as written.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief: Not available, on the road. CMSgt Lloyd passed along comments by the AFTAC CC that it is a rarity that an organization has an Alumni that is as passionate and connected to the enduring mission as we have here at AFTAC. **(OPEN)**

Treasurer Report: Sean reported that the Wells Fargo Bank Business Checking Statement Balance as of 18 Aug 23: \$7,578.37. Bill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Lou seconded, and the motion passed. Reviewing possibility to consolidate CD's maturing in Sep and Oct 23. **(OPEN)**

Membership Report: Pete reported that there was 1 member that upgraded from annual to lifetime membership, 1 new lifetime membership and 3 deceased. Current membership, Florida – 574 (31 Annual members and 543 Lifetime members), California – 145, Colorado – 85. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy reported that she hopes to get the PoMo draft out for review early next week. It is a little late to send new articles, but Ed still owes her an article or two and asked him to send them soon, along with pictures. Judy said the format will be a little different because there are a few events happening in September that need to be highlighted. She added she needs inputs in early for the December issue, as she may have back surgery about that time, and that John Loftis will help with the Obituaries for future issues. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Al reported he is learning more about the update process; color schemes, formatting, and other options. The website should be much easier to maintain. May be possible to have online Sage Shop orders. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Sean reported that coins have been ordered, \$906 for 100 coins. Orders made after 5 years will cost more since the dies are melted down if no additional orders were placed. Coins will sell for \$12 each. Ed wants to look at patches and other products to sell at the Sage Shop. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Ed reported Frank Hall and Jim Whidden are coordinating with AFTAC personnel, looking at the Wall of Honor, Etc. processes can be improved and documented. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC

Members: Lou commented that the ZOOM broadcast of the memorial event was great. Brick buying is still open and the 2nd order will be placed after this month. Active fund raising is on-going. **(OPEN)**

20 Year Wall: Tony reported that he continuously needs response inputs from those he has contacted in order to complete the 20+ Year Wall Career Display Process. An on-going problem. Also, during the Meeting Tony learned that Dave Merker had retired from AFTAC so action was taken to update Dave's 20+ Year Wall Career Display. Tony also reported that he had acquired a photo of General Paul Tibbetts showing the General in front of the Enola Gay aircraft. The photo was provided by the George Pinney family and has the original signature of the General. The plan is to donate it to the AFTAC Hall of Heritage once framed. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of Coin order: See **Sage Shop** comment. **(OPEN)**

Providing refreshments for AFTAC 1st Friday: Ed reported that the next event will be on 8 Sep. He would like to see an Alumni presence and supplement the "Beer, Water and chips fund" with \$200. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Golf N'Get together: Ed reported this is scheduled for 29 Sept., 1300 at the Manatee Golf Course. The cost will be \$45 for Alumni Members, \$50 for Non-Members with an AFTAC member on the team and \$60 for each member of a non-AFTAC related team. We need volunteers.

9/11 Remembrance: A Retreat Ceremony will be held at the HQ AFTAC flagpole on 6 Sept. at 1620 hrs.

AFTAC Alumni Food and Fun event: Looking at November.

Next AFTACAA Annual General Membership Meeting, Friday, 22 Sept., Putter's Lounge, Manatee Cove Golf Course, PSFB, FL, 32925. AOY Meeting for AOYs will follow.

Open Discussion: Dave Merker offered his Trebuchet to the AFTAC Alumni Association for a "no-cost sponsor" opportunity. He would add our logo to his Trebuchet at the AFTAC annual "Punkin Chunkin" event. Bill Made a Motion to accept Dave's offer and Lou seconded.

Adjournment: With no further comments, Sean made a motion to adjourn. Lou seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:47.

Doug Colbary
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association