

AFTAC Alumni Association Meeting Minutes

14 July 2023

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Monthly General Membership & Teleconference Meeting was held at the Beef O'Brady's on South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach. Members present were Tony De Marco, Howard Dibble, Judy Henderson, Ed Lindsay, Jordan Lloyd (CMSgt – Active Duty ISR), John Loftis, Rick Manley, Al Moy, Sean Ryan, Lou Seiler, Jim Whidden, Don Whitney, and Bob Wiley. Online attendees included: Bill Danvers, Bryce Dunn, Wally Jones, Mike Marcus, and Jack O'Connor.

Welcome New Members/Guests: Ed welcomed those attending and opened the meeting at 1131. He introduced those tuning in online.

Approval of Minutes: As there were no suggested changes to the 17 June 2023 meeting minutes, Lou Seiler made a motion that we accept the minutes as published; Rick Manley seconded the motion. All voted to approve the minutes as written. **(CLOSED)**

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief: CMSgt Jordon Lloyd, ISR (active duty), reported on the following:

- The Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased dedication ceremony is scheduled for Friday, 4 August, at 1030. It will be a solemn reflection of the AFTAC members who lost their lives serving at AFTAC and will include the laying of a wreath. AFTAC Commander, Colonel James A. Finlayson, wants to be sure that the Alumni members are a big part of the ceremony, as their contribution was imperative to building the Memorial.
- AFTAC Winter Social is in the planning stage; more information will be forthcoming.
- AFTAC is planning a softball tournament this fall.
- Colonel Ty Miller will be reporting soon to serve as the new AFTAC Vice Commander.
- First Fridays are back on schedule. The August 1st Friday will have a heavy USO presence.
- The AFTAC lobby conference room is being turned into a coffee shop – sandwich grab and go and specialty coffee. AFTAC will look at another location for Alumni meetings from time to time.
- Jim Whidden called Paul Cook, AFTAC Historian, regarding the Wall of Honor and other issues.

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Treasurer's Report: Sean Ryan reported that the Wells Fargo Bank Business Checking Account balance is currently \$7,305.30. Rick Manley made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, as presented; Tony De Marco seconded the motion. All voted to approve the report as presented. **(CLOSED)**

Membership Report: Ed Lindsay reported we have two new members, one yearly member and one lifetime. Pete Gilbert is working on updating the membership list and screening out those who are behind in their dues. **(CLOSED)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson reported that items are due for the August PoMo. John Horsch will soon be sending a reminder. Articles that include information about the mission or detachments must be submitted to John Horsch, and he will have them reviewed by HQ AFTAC personnel, if needed. Ed Lindsay asked CMSgt Jordan Lloyd if he would submit a Spotlight article for the August PoMo telling everyone about his position at AFTAC and about himself; Chief Lloyd agreed he will submit an article. A picture of Chief Lloyd will also be needed. **(OPEN)**

Website: Al Moy reported that he is working on improving access to the website to make things more accessible. Items submitted for the website should go through Ed Lindsay before being posted. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Sean Ryan is working with Chad Taguba regarding the possibility of obtaining new coins. George Mirda worked with the Boosters Club and obtained some of their coins, since we had no coins for the Sage Shop. We may ask the Boosters Club to order extra coins the next time they place an order for the Sage Shop. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: There was no update for the Heritage Committee. There was no Wall of Honor Ceremony for 2023. **(OPEN)**

20-Year Wall: Tony De Marco reported that 125 members are currently shown on the 20-year Wall, and he is working on others, including several members who have passed away. **(OPEN)**

Hosting 1st Friday: Ed will try to arrange for the AFTACAA to sponsor the September 1st Friday by providing beverages and snacks. Budget for this event is generally about \$200. **(OPEN)**

Fall Golf n'Get Together: Ed Lindsay reported that the fall Golf Tournament will be held at 1300 on 29 September at Manatee Cove Golf Course, PSFB. Ed will work on publishing rules that require that at least one team member must be related to AFTAC – either as a current or former employee or a contractor that works with AFTAC. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC)--Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC Members:

Lou Seiler reported that the erroneous plates on the wall were corrected and the new name plates have been installed. Lou also reported that fundraising for the Memorial is still ongoing to help support future additions to the Memorial, as needed. A new form will be published in the August PoMo and on the website with the new Post Office box. Alumni members are invited to the dedication ceremony on 4 August. Nine more bricks have been added since the installation, but additional donations or bricks are needed. There are plenty of blank bricks that can be replaced with a dedicated brick. Ordering bricks online is preferred **(OPEN)**

Alumni of the Year: Sean Ryan volunteered to lead the committee that solicits nominees for the Alumni of the Year (AOY), and Ed Lindsay and Judy Henderson will assist in coming up with new nomination rules. **(OPEN)**

Nominations of Officers for the Next Year: Ed Lindsay appointed Jim Whidden, Frank Hall, and Judy Henderson to seek nominations for the elected positions – President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer – for the next year, taking office as of 1 October 2023. Nominees will be announced in August, and the Election of Officers will be held at the September meeting. **(OPEN)**

Cost of Mailing the PoMo: With the cost increase for printing and mailing of the POST MONITOR, Rick Manley made a motion that we increase the cost to receive a paper copy of the PoMo to \$20 annually; Sean Ryan seconded the motion. The motion carried. News of the increase in cost for a paper copy will be shown on page 1 of the August PoMo. The \$20 fee will be due on 15 September to receive the December PoMo in paper copy. This fee is in addition to annual dues; Lifetime members will only pay the “Paper Copy” fee of \$20 annually. Ed Lindsay will write a letter to accompany the paper copies of the August issue of the PoMo. **(DONE)**

Future AFTACAA Reunions: No updates. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter Information: Bryce Dunn offered kudos for Det 46 Commander, Lt Col Ross and MSgt Garrow for providing an unclassified mission briefing to bring the Alumni up to date. He also thanked Sean Ryan for passing Calendar of Events information to the Chapters. Bryce was thanked for providing Chapter membership information to Pete Gilbert so we can include them in the AFTACAA membership information. **(DONE)**

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next AFTACAA monthly meeting will be held on **Friday, 18 August 2023, at 1130 at Beef O'Brady's, 724 S. Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach.** [NOTE – This is a corrected location.]

Adjournment: Rick Manley made a motion that we adjourn; John Loftis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1250.

Judy Henderson
Acting Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association