

AFTAC Alumni Association Minutes

22 September 2023

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Monthly General Membership & Teleconference Meeting was held at the Manatee Cove Golf Course, Putter Room on Patrick Space Force Base, FL at 11:38 A.M. Members present were Tony De Marco, Ed Lindsay, Doug Colbary, Sean Ryan, Terry Hammond, Dave Money, Lou Seiler, Don Whitney, Arlin Massey and Rick Manley. Online members included, Russ Fortenberry and Mike Clark.

Approval of Minutes: As there were no suggested changes to the 18 August 2023 meeting minutes, Rick made a motion that we accept the Minutes as published; Lou seconded the motion. All voted to approve the minutes as written.

Welcome New Members/Guests: Ed welcomed those attending and opened the meeting at 11:38 A.M. He introduced Russ Fortenberry and Mike Clark who were tuning in online.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief: Not available. **(OPEN)**

Treasurer Report: Sean reported that the Wells Fargo Bank Business Checking Statement Balance as of 21 September: \$9,626.84. Lou made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Arlin seconded, and the motion passed. **(OPEN)**

Membership Report: Ed reported current membership Florida – 571 (21 Annual), California – 128, Colorado – 62. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): Ed and Sean reported that printing and mailing costs for the hardcopy color copies of the PoMo are high. Yearly cost per PoMo subscription is about \$25.50 a year and rising and we charge \$20. Discussed options to increase online access. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Ed reported that Al Moy is out of the area, but he is planning to convert the Website from one continuous page to a more manageable single page format. Frank Calenda provided Ed a flow chart of things to discuss with the member login process for access. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: New coins have arrived and will be available at the Golf gathering. Additionally, items will be available that have not sold mainly because of sizes left over. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Ed reported that this year's and next year's Honorees to the Wall of Honor will be consolidated since they did not hold a ceremony this year. AFTAC is in the process of identifying their deadlines and guidance. They will contact us when they determine how the Wall of Honor program will move forward. **(OPEN)**

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

Members: Lou reported that they are getting bids for a Lithium-Ion Sculpture to be placed on top of the pedestal to complete the memorial design. He is waiting for the invoice for the second order of bricks.

Future orders of bricks will be made when there is enough to have a reasonable cost. **(OPEN)**

20 Year Wall: Tony reported that there are no additions at this time. **(OPEN)**

Election of Officers: Ed reported that no volunteers were identified in advance. He asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Current Officers agreed to remain. Lou made a motion to accept the current Officers and all members present affirmed.

Old Business:

Fall Golf N'Get together: Ed reported this is scheduled for 29 Sept., 1 P.M. at the Manatee Golf Course. 15 teams signed up. He needs volunteers to show around 9:30 to help set up.

AFTAC 9/11 Retreat Ceremony Participation: About a half dozen members attended, followed by a few words AFTAC CC.

AFTAC 1st Friday hosting feedback: Ed reported that the event was on 8 Sep. Rain was horrendous and put a damper on things. Pizza was provided by AFTACAA. Budget was \$200 Cost was \$155.

Punkin Chunkin Alumni support of Dave Merker for 13 October: AFTACAA logos were provided to Mr. Merker to use to make a sign for the AFTACAA sponsored Trebuchet. Show up at the event to support Dave.

New Business:

AFTAC Fall Picnic on 27 October at Viera Regional Park.

Presentation of \$213.23 raised at Texas Roadhouse by AFTACAA to AFTAC Commander at Fall Picnic on 27 October.

Open Discussion: Sean reminded folks to start thinking about ideas and locations for the 2024 Snowball scheduled for Feb. Mike Clark mentioned that Mike Young's book is now available on Amazon.

Adjournment: With no further comments, Rick made a motion to adjourn. Lou seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M. Meeting of the Annual AOY selection followed for AOY's only.

Doug Colbary
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association