

AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Monthly General Membership Meeting was held at Beef O'Brady's at 724 S. Patrick Dr., Satellite Beach, and via a teleconference on 9 January 2023 beginning at 11:31 am. Members present were Tony DeMarco, Lou Seiler, Frank Hall, Dee Melchior, Gene Melchior, Ed Lindsay, Doug Colbary, Bob Wiley, John Loftis and Terry Hammond. Fred Budelman joined via teleconference.

Approval of Minutes: A correction was made to the December minutes to include the date of the SnowBall. Ed Lindsay requested a motion to approve the minutes, with the corrections identified. Lou Seiler motioned to approve, Bob Wiley seconded and the motion passed.

New Members/Guests: Longtime members, George Mirda and Croy Goins provided a brief history of their association with AFTAC.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief: OPEN

Treasurer Report: Sean Ryan reported that the Wells Fargo Bank checking Consumer (old) Account Statement has a balance of \$6,872.44 as of 9 January 2023 and the Wells Fargo Bank Checking Business (New) Account Statement Balance as of 9 January 2023 is \$100.00. Lou Seiler motioned to approve the Treasurers Report, Doug Colbary seconded and motion passed.

Membership Report: Ed Lindsay reported that there are no changes.
Current membership, Florida - 593 (560 LT, 33 Annual), California – 145, Colorado – 85.

Ed Lindsay mentioned that the AFTACAA could be looking at additional ways to be involved through some forum to have discussions with current AFTAC members. Important to convey AFTAC history.

Dues are due in September and Ed Lindsay will remind annual members. Ed and Sean are also looking at the impact of the increased cost of printing and mailing hard copies. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): As always Judy needs input for the April PoMo. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Ed Lindsay reported that Al Moy is looking at the website requirements/workload to see if he can provide support. The AFTACAA website is very important to have a tool allowing sharing of information between members. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Nothing new to report. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Bob reported nothing new. Ed reported that the new Historian has been selected, but who it is and how they will operate is not clear. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler reported he is waiting for approval from the Real Property Office at Space Launce Delta 45. Once everything is approved, there will be a formal ground breaking ceremony. **(OPEN)**

20 Year Wall: Tony De Marco reported there is nothing new. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

2023 SnowBall: Sean Ryan reported that the 2023 AFTACAA SnowBall will be held at the Manatee Cove Golf Course (MCGC), on 18 Feb, Patrick SFB, FL.

RSVP by: 10 Feb.

Proposed Agenda: Social Hour/Check In: 5:30 - 6:30;

Chimes/Introductions/National Anthem/POW-MIA Remembrance/Sage Salute/Invocation: 6:30.

Dinner: 7:00.

Break: 7:45.

Program: 8:00.

Theme: Germany

Entertainment: Ana & Gary Duo (The Performers).

Attire: Florida Casual.

Menu: Grilled Flat Iron Steak, w/Roasted Shallot Butter, Buttered Baby Red Potatoes and Sautéed Mixed Vegetables OR, Chicken Marsala, Baby Red Potatoes, and Sautéed Mixed Vegetables. OR, Portabella Stack Eggplant, Tomato, Red Onion, Fresh Mozzarella, Balsamic Glaze (Vegetarian). Includes: House Salad w/Bleu Cheese, Diced Apples, Toasted Almonds w/Raspberry Vinaigrette or House Ranch Dressing, Dinner Rolls, Coffee, Iced Tea, and Dessert (Key Lime Pie).

Cost: \$35. (All-inclusive dinner: with gratuity included).

Florida AFTACAA POC: Sean Ryan, Florida AFTACAA Social Committee Chair. oceanblueview@yahoo.com (Unlisted) or Cell 321-591-9053 (Unlisted). AFTAC Building POC: Mr. George Mirda, 321-494-5126. Stay tuned to AFTACAA.US website, Calendar of Events (CoE), or eALLerts, for updates. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Annual Awards Banquet: The date for the AFTAC Annual Awards Banquet or other events of recognition, is projected for the 24th of February. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Comments: Ed Lindsay reported there have been discussions on what the Alumni can do to enhance visibility in addition to the 2 Golf events and the SnowBall. Maybe expand to include a Spring and Fall get-togethers.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on Monday 13 February, from 15:00-16:00, at the AFTAC Headquarters Lobby Conference room on Patrick Space Force Base.

Adjournment: With no further comments, Terry Hammond made a motion to adjourn. Lou Seiler seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 hrs.

Doug Colbary
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association