

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 December 2022 beginning at 11:31 am. Members present were Tony DeMarco, Lou Seiler, Frank Hall, Susanne Cahill, Wally Jones, Ed Lindsay, Doug Colbary, Sean Ryan, Rick Manley, Arlin Massey and Judy Henderson. Guests present were CMSgt Jerome Wright and Colonel James Finlayson. John O'Conner joined via teleconference.

Approval of Minutes: Corrections were made to the November Minutes. Ed Lindsay requested a motion to approve the November minutes, with the corrections identified. Lou Seiler motioned to approve, Arlin Massey seconded and the motion passed.

New Members/Guests: AFTAC CC: Colonel James Finlayson and AFTAC Command Chief: CMSgt Jerome Wright

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief: The AFTAC Commander commented that it says a lot about the people in AFTAC that many spend their whole military career in AFTAC and then stay on as civilians. He's travelled to Det in Europe and has plans in the next two months to visit the Pacific Dets. The Commander presented a runner up trophy to Ed Lindsay for his entry in the AFTAC Chili Cookoff. The Commander invited the AFTACAA to all of the "1st Friday" gatherings, the Open House on 16 December and the Spring Picnic/Toilet Bowl. The AFTAC Command Chief commented that when he was told of his assignment to AFTAC he did a Google search and the first thing that came up was the AFTAC Alumni website link. Searching the page he saw that there was an Alumni chapter in Colorado Springs, his previous assignment. There are a lot of family events coming up and he'd like to see the Alumni attend.

Treasurer Report: Sean Ryan reported that the Wells Fargo Bank Consumer checking account has a balance of \$6,886.22 as of 8 December 2022 (with a balance of \$6886.22 in the account, minus the minimum of \$1500 to avoid a penalty fee for a balance of \$5386.22, minus the \$2021.37 from the CD overage equals \$3364.85 available in the account today for use). Wells Fargo Bank Checking **Business** Account Statement Balance as of 7 December 2022 is \$100.00: (This is the new account. I, will be moving funds over from Consumer account, in the weeks ahead). The Truist bank account balance is, \$5,696.30. One CD matures in September 2023 and the second one in October 2023. Lou Seiler motioned to approve the Treasurers Report, Judy Henderson seconded and motion passed.

Membership Report: Ed Lindsay reported that the AFTAC CC, Colonel Finlayson and Command Chief, CMsgr Wright are honorary members of the Alumni Association. Also received a lifetime membership application from Chief Jordon Lloyd and another sent in from Tim Brown.

Current membership, Florida - 593 (560 LT, 33 Annual), California – 145, Colorado – 85.

Dues were 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.

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. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson requested that submissions to the PoMo be provided in ready/final editable format (Word if possible). She received two articles this morning. As new members of the board, Judy asked that Doug Colbary and Rick Manley provide a short paragraph about their involvement with

AFTAC for the next PoMo. **Note:** A later email requested Rick to provide a paragraph for the next PoMo and Doug provide one for the April issue. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Ed Lindsay reported there was not much new to report. The BETA testing continues on Website and looking at options and tools (Google Analytics) to include access to Website access traffic tracking in each area. The new system will allow stepped access to data. Website is very important to have a tool allowing sharing of information between members. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Ed Lindsay reported he took some items to the AFTAC Chili Cookoff. Looking at new items to provide (Coozies, hats, etc.). Spring picnic may be a good opportunity to offer current and new items. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: The AFTAC Commander mentioned they had hired a Historian that hasn't arrived yet. **(PENDING)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Not present. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler reported a continuation of "One More Thing". Submitted the Donation Approval form to the Real Property Office (the process has been submitted and signed by the Delta 45 Space Force Base Wing Commander) and Certified Florida Engineer report of how much surface area ("absorption green area") will be displaced by the slab has been submitted. All requested approval requirements have been submitted, but no responses yet. Until approval, AFTAC Facilities Office cannot request a Dig Permit to mark utilities and the contractor cannot start laying the forms. Once everything approved, there will be a formal ground breaking ceremony. Contract for Memorial has been signed, material is on order. Once the material arrives, the 50% payment for construction is due. When shipped, the final 25% payment is due. Funding is available for the current schedule, but if there is a delay, costs will go up and we will need more money. Donations are still accepted. **(OPEN)**

20 Year Wall: Tony De Marco is providing some edits to some of the writeups. He is allowing the nominees to modify the writeups as appropriate. Currently 122 persons are on the 20 year Wall. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Proposed Agenda: Social Hour: 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: TBD.

Entertainment: TBD.

Dress: Florida Casual.

Menu: TBD.

Cost: TBD. (All inclusive dinner, with gratuity included).

RSVP: TBD.

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

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

Cost increase for printed Post Monitors: Sean Ryan updated and passed on the numbers for cost increase to publish the PoMo. Judy Henderson asked that we send out a survey to determine if hardcopy recipients require a color copy. Majority rule. Ed Lindsay will send out the survey stating the options. Judy will add a copy of Ed's survey to the next issue of the Post Monitor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Lindsay announced the AFTAC Open House will be held on 16 December. Noon until 3 PM then Outback gathering. Alumni personnel will be on standby for tours at 1 PM, 1:30 and 2 PM

Comments:

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: Our next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th at 11:30 Hrs, Beef O'Brady's, 3030 Lake Washington Rd., Melbourne.

Adjournment: With no further comments, Judy Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Arlin Massey seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 hrs.

Doug Colbary
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association