

AFTAC Alumni Association

Minutes

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Monthly General Membership & Teleconference Meeting was held in the Lobby conference room of HQ AFTAC, Patrick Space Force Base on Monday, 8 May 2023 at 3:02 P.M. Members present were Tony De Marco, Frank Hall, Ed Lindsay, Jon VanNoord, Rick Manley, John Loftis, Jim Whidden, Lou Seiler, and George Mirda. Online members included, Sean Ryan, Fred Budelman, and Bill Danvers. Also someone named Phoenix, who we never did find out who it was. [Big shout out to George Mirda for ensuring we had teleconference capability. Big thank you to James "Griff" Griffith for his setting up of the ZOOM meeting.](#)

Welcome New Members/Guests: Ed had long time Alumni member, Jon VanNoord give us a little background on himself. A former AFTAC/DO Director. Now working in the building in the SAG. The new AFTAC Historian, Paul Cook introduced himself. Only here 2 weeks, from Massachusetts. Got his Masters in Norwich, Vermont. William Donelson introduced himself. 13 year AFTACer, worked in the A/V shop and is now assisting the Historian with documenting all the archives and artifacts collected over the decades.

Approval of Minutes: Ed asked if there were any recommended changes to the April minutes. None needed, Ed requested a motion to approve the minutes, Lou motioned to approve, Rick seconded and the motion passed. **(CLOSED)**

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief: Not present **(CLOSED)**

Treasurer Report: Sean Ryan reported that the Wells Fargo Bank Consumer Checking (Old) Account (32 Years), Statement Balance as of 15 February 2023: \$0.00. The Wells Fargo Bank Business Checking (New) Account Statement Balance as of 7 May 2023 is \$7,046.58. Ed Lindsay requested a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, Rick motioned to approve, Lou seconded, and the motion passed. There was discussion again about putting some of the available excess funds into a short term CD. Will discuss further. Also need to determine where the funds from the CDs that mature in September and October of 2023 need to be placed. **(OPEN)**

Membership Report: Ed reported that Pete Gilbert has taken over the reigns of the Membership Chair. Ed did not have the most current numbers. Pete will be contacting the annual members concerning overdue membership dues. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): No Post Monitor reps were present. Sean reported that the PoMos would be going out. Stated that the current cost is \$4.21 a copy. Postage is \$2.00 a copy, to total \$6.21 to mail one copy. Possibly increase to \$20 a year? Put in August PoMo and follow up with eALLert. Currently 27 receive printed copy. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Ed stated Al Moy is still refining the website and trying out some things with posting photos. If anyone sees areas that need to be fixed or improved, send suggestions to Al at amoy@cfl.rr.com. Pete Gilbert and Ed will be continue to be on distribution for any website issues. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Ed reported that he had sold some shirts and coins. There are some orders for shirts and coins

that will be filled at the Golf Tourney. Ed will be bringing the Sage Shop items to the golf tourney. John Loftis will be helping to sell the Sage Shop items. Research is still being done on getting new coins ordered. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Talked about having some events in the Heritage Hall. A form that Frank Calenda designed to get information from AFTACers that are leaving the building. The form will also be presented at the golf tourney. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC Members. Lou reported and Jim Whidden discussed the plans for the Memorial dedication ceremony. The plan is to have it on June 2nd. **(Has been delayed)** Invitations will be sent out. Since the Alumni is a major donor, we will all be invited. **(OPEN)**

20 Year Wall: Tony De Marco reported that there are 124 entries to the wall. George Mirda's information has been updated. Tony is working on cleaning up others. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

Still collecting information to order another 100 coins.

Spring Golf n'GetTogether happening 12 May. Ed said he will be sending out a volunteer request.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hosting 1st Friday: Ed asked for comments of what the AFTACAA can do to support an AFTAC 1st Friday. Consensus was to support something in September or October. We will get with the Command section to see how we can be added to the event.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next AFTAC Alumni Association Quarterly General Membership meeting will be held on Friday June 9th, 11:30 A.M. at the Beef "O" Brady's on Lake Washington Road.

Adjournment: With no further comments, Sean made a motion to adjourn. Jim seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:04 P.M.

Ed Lindsay
Stand-in Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association