

AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) January monthly General Membership Meeting was held at Beef O'Brady's on Lake Washington, in Melbourne and via a teleconference on 21 January 2022, beginning at 1131am. Members present were Frank Hall, Wally Jones, Tony De Marco, Larry Silhanek, Mike Steskal, Arlin Massey, Sean Ryan, Bob Wiley, Lou Seiler, Frank Calenda, Phil Godfrey, and Ed Lindsay. Pete Gilbert, Judy Milam-Henderson, Fred Budelman, and Jack O'Conner joined us via Tele-conference..

New Members/Guest: None

Approval of Minutes: Phil Godfrey requested a motion to approve the December minutes, Lou Seiler motioned to approve and Rickey Manley gave a 2nd, motion passed.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief: Not present.

Treasurer Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$4,410.31.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported 579 Florida, 143 California, and 84 Colorado members. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Milam-Henderson joined the meeting after the PoMo session. Sean Ryan confirmed that printed copies were sent for the December PoMo. Still looking for an individual to take over PoMo duties. Rob Christman will shadow Judy Milam-Henderson/John Horsch during the development of the April issue. Ed Lindsay requested a list of the current members that have paid to receive printed PoMos. Mike Steskal said he would provide. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Ed Lindsay mentioned that Pete Gilbert is continuing with the website. Pete Gilbert sincerely requested that we get someone to take over the website. This is precautionary, but it is advisable to get someone trained up or part of the website team. Phil mentioned maybe have monthly themes and articles to help freshen up the website. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Ed Lindsay said there was 1 order from the Sage shop in the past month. Working with Mark Bitters on the availability of a wooden memento to honor the 75th anniversary of AFTAC/USAF. This could be displayed/available via the Sage Shop. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: Not present. There was some discussion about Dr. Young's intentions to retire in the next few months. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Coin for the Alumni of the Year is completed. Sean Ryan will put in the order for the AOY shirt to Magic Lion. Sean Ryan said he would pick up the shirt, once completed. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: The AFTACMC has a new 100% complete design. Lou Seiler brought the artist's concept drawings. The AFTACMC currently has approximately \$53,000 in donations. With increased material costs and total funds not being raised, they are looking at a \$10K increase in project costs. The AFTACMC needs about \$40K more to lock in the contract and proceed with building of the Memorial. At that point, it could take a little as 6 months to complete the project. Lou Seiler talked about other fund raising opportunities. One being the 75th year anniversary memento that Mark Bitters is offering. **(OPEN)**

20 Year Wall: We now have 121 members on the wall. Tony DeMarco added Brian Dohaney. He also enhanced Lloyd French's 20 year wall posting. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

2022 World Wide Reunion (2022 WWR): Reunion is 18 through 22 May 2022, and it will be held at the Radisson Resort At The Port, Cape Canaveral, FL. Sean Ryan is still working with Sherry at A Complete Reunion (ACR), on the reunion planning. Looking to add a HQ AFTAC building briefing and tour of the newly opened Heritage Room. Planning on starting event registration at the end of February. Looking for any other events that might be included. Additional information will be provided as available to include fees, room rates, activities, etc. **(OPEN)**

AFTACAA Constitution, By-Laws Review/Update, Waiver of insurance and Current Officer Information: Constitution/By-Laws still needs to be reviewed and approved by the membership. Discussion and closure to occur at future meeting. **(OPEN)**

Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2022: Tabled for now. No discussion. **(OPEN)**

SnowBall: Sean Ryan has locked in 19 February with the Holiday Inn staff to host the 2022 Snow Ball. Sean will keep the membership apprised of tasks needed to be completed. It will be all hands on deck. **(OPEN)**

2022 Daytona 500: Volunteer with the AFTAC Booster Club at the event to raise funds for the AFTAC Booster Club. The volunteer effort would most likely be event entry or parking details. Unlike previous years, when volunteers served in the Chalets. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: Our next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be 18 February. Location will be determined after consulting with Phil Godfrey and Rob Christman.

Comments:

Sean Ryan mentioned that he had been on contact with Ruth Creery about collecting the mementos that Clark had been collecting over his decades of association with AFTAC and the AFTACAA. She has some boxes that she said we could go through. **Still need to get boxes from Ruth and go through them.**

Adjournment: With no further comments Phil Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Tony DeMarco seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1252hrs.

Ed Lindsay
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association