

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room, Patrick AFB at 4:00, Oct 15th, 2019. Members present were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Lou Seiler, Frank Hall, Tony De Marco, Mike Young, Jim Whidden, Mike Stejskal, Frank Calenda, Donald Moon, Rob Christman, Phil Godfrey, Gene Melchior, Dee Melchior, Bob Wiley, Doug Colbary, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: With corrections noted to the minutes as presented, Rob Christman made the motion that they be approved. Sean Ryan seconded. Motion carried.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Not present. Jim Whidden announced that AFTAC now falls under the Sixteenth Air Force. He said that on Oct 11th, 2019, the Twenty-Fourth and Twenty Fifth Air Forces were inactivated to integrate the new information warfare number sixteenth air force.

He also discussed that the upcoming AFTAC Open House will be on 13 Dec and the AFTAC Dining Out will be on 14 Dec on Patrick AFB in a PJ's Hangar. With the dates for both events a day apart, those attending the dining out will have the opportunity to tour AFTAC during the open house on the previous day. Also, the AFTAC Memorial Corp will have a manned table at the dining out with drawings of the memorial, etc.

AFTAC Command Chief: Not present.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$6,158.65.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported we have 589 members, including two new members, and 255 members in Florida of which 186 live in Brevard County. We have 1111 on the all-inclusive E-all and 314 of those on the Florida E-all. Lastly, we have 29 members paying year-to-year dues, with 23 who haven't paid and will be notified.

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson said John Horsch will request articles for the Dec PoMo next month, but we can send them to her anytime.

Website Committee Not present. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Donald Moon said he picked up the new embroidered shirts and they are available in sizes from medium to extra-large. He also announced that he is transferring in December, so he needs to be replaced by someone preferably in the building. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: Mike Young said it's a busy time what with annual historical reports and working quotes for interactive kiosk. The Heritage Room upgrade and expansion will start Nov 10th and is scheduled to be completed on March 7th. He said they had hoped it would be open for the Christmas open house, but they will have a grand opening when its completed. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Bob Wiley said he worked 1 package and Mike Young said 13 packages were submitted with three to be selected for Wall of Honor. **(OPEN)**

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler said we have Wing Commander approval and are working with base civil engineering. Fund raising activities can now start since we need to raise funds before we can commit to any construction. He discussed several ways to purchase pavers including PayPal's multiple funding sources such as credit cards, debit cards and bank accounts. Also, checks can be mailed to our PO Box for those not wishing to use PayPal.

A PayPal account will be created for donations and, as previously agreed, it will be accessible from our alumni web site as well as the brick makers site. Cost, size, what can be put on the paver is being finalized and will be available shortly. We'll also be taking donations. Our intention is to have the memorial completed for the next Worldwide Reunion here in 2021. **(OPEN)**

Fall Picnic: The Fall Picnic is scheduled for 25 Oct 2019 at the Stonehenge Pavilion at AFTAC. A signup sheet for beer servers was emailed to all and available during the meeting for signup. The Sage Shop will be set up for the picnic as well as an alumni display. **(OPEN)**

Snowball: After a short discussion it was agreed that the theme for the next Snowball will be the Seismic technique. The Snowball will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center for Jan 25th, 2020. **(OPEN)**

Fall Golf N" Get-Together: Ed Lindsay said they had 11 teams of four and everyone had a good time. Lots of prizes for the winners and even the volunteers scored some free golf. Net results for the get together, we were in the black. The next Golf N" Get-Together will be in the spring with the date TBD. **(CLOSED)**

NEW BUSINESS: None

Other Comments:

Worldwide Reunion: Judy Henderson said after the first of the year we need to start the planning for the next Worldwide reunion here. Mike Stejskal mentioned a company that does reunion planning and will gather information on it.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov 12th at 4:00 in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room.

Adjournment: With no further business, Judy Henderson, made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Sean Ryan seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:14.

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