

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room, Patrick AFB at 4:00, Nov 12th, 2019. Members present were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Lou Seiler, Frank Hall, Tony De Marco, Jim Whidden, Mike Steskal, Frank Calenda, Rob Christman, Phil Godfrey, Gene Melchior, Dee Melchior, Bob Wiley, Ed Lindsay, George Mirda, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: With no corrections 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.

AFTAC Command Chief: Not present.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$3,453.56.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported we have 586 members after losing 3 AFTAC'ers. There was also a discussion on who should be sending out E-all's. Basically, the senders remain the same except for adding the newly elected AFTAC Alumni president and vice-president.

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson reiterated that John Horsch will request articles for the December PoMo this month, but we can send them to her anytime.

Website Committee: The Website Committee chairman wasn't present. Frank Calenda passed out the current AFTAC Alumni Website Statistics provided by GoDaddy. His concern is the decline in the use of our website. After discussions, it was decided that Phil Godfrey, Rob Christman, Terry Hammond, Frank Calenda and Pete Gilbert should get together offline to further discuss. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Donald Moon will be transferring in December, so a replaced is being sought within the building to take over the SAGE Shop. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: Not present. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Bob Wiley said voting is in progress for selection(s). **(OPEN)**

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Fund raising activities will start shortly. As discussed earlier, there several ways to purchase pavers to include PayPal's multiple funding sources such as credit cards, debit cards and bank accounts. Checks can also be mailed to our P.O. Box for those not wishing to use PayPal. The pavers to be sold will be a 4" by 8", and that will have three lines with 20 spaces per line for \$150.00 each and an 8" by 8" paver with six lines with 20 spaces per line for \$300. Also available, at the time these pavers are purchased, is a miniature paver for \$50 each. All this information and more will be available shortly on our web site and other sources. **(OPEN)**

Fall Picnic: The Fall Picnic on 25 Oct 2019 at the Stonehenge Pavilion at AFTAC was completed with all having a good time, including those who were in the dunk tank. **(CLOSED)**

Snowball: Sean Ryan discussed the next Snowball which will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center on Jan 25th, 2020. This year's theme is the Seismic technique. We discussed entertainment and Sean will investigate several of these suggestions. More information to follow. **(OPEN)**

Open house/Dining Out: The upcoming AFTAC Open House will be on 13 Dec, time TBD, and the AFTAC Dining Out will be on 14 Dec on Patrick AFB in a PJ's Hangar. The commander has extended an invitation to all alumni to attend both upcoming events. Further information including registration is forthcoming. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS: None

Other Comments:

20 Year Wall: Tony De Marco said we have 78 people on the twenty-year wall with several others being considered.

Worldwide Reunion: Mike Steskal asked if anyone had had a chance to look at what he provided on hiring an outside group that plans reunions. No discussion at this time.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec 9th at 11:30 at Beef O' Brady's in Satellite Beach. For those who care to participate, a Yankee Swap will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business, Phil Godfrey made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. With several seconding and the motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08.

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