

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held at Beef O' Brady's in Satellite Beach at 11:30, Dec 9th, 2019. Members present were Judy Henderson, Donald Moon, Sean Ryan, Tony De Marco, Jim Whidden, Mike Young, Mike Steskal, Phil Godfrey, Gene Melchior, Bob Wiley, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: With no corrections noted, the minutes were approved as presented.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Jim Whidden said three individuals have been selected by the AFTAC Heritage Committee and are on the Commander's desk pending his approval.

AFTAC Command Chief: Not present.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$3,612.80.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported that the last of the year-to-year members have paid their annual dues.

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson said she is waiting on the final two inputs which are expected by days end, then it's on to review and publication. She is also looking for picnic pictures for inclusion in the PoMo.

Website Committee: Although the Website Committee chairman wasn't present, Phil Godfrey said the web site continues to be refreshed with updates and information. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Donald Moon said he will be transferring this coming Monday, so a replacement continues to be sought within the building to take over the SAGE Shop. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: Mike Young said work is progressing in the Heritage Room, and that most of the Heritage Rooms contents are being moved to the hangar for viewing during our dining out on the 14th. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Mike Young said this has been the most competitive year to date with 13 nominations submitted for the Wall of Honor. He said after reviewing and ranking all the packages, the three strongest packages were submitted to the commander. **(OPEN)**

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: The Brick Markers (our paver maker) submitted, with our input and design, its web page for our final review. Once our final review is completed, the web page can go live, and we can start fund raising for the memorial in earnest.

As discussed in earlier minutes, there are several ways to purchase pavers by using PayPal with credit cards, debit cards and bank accounts. Checks can also be mailed to our P.O. Box for those not wishing or able 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. We will also be accepting donations. More information to come as it becomes available. Also look for our display table at the open house and the dining out. **(OPEN)**

Snowball: Sean Ryan discussed the next Snowball and said the entertainment is being finalized. Also, cost will be \$35.00 per person, and additional information is forthcoming. As a reminder, the Snowball is being held at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center on Jan 25th, 2020. This year's theme is the Seismic technique. **(OPEN)**

Open house/Dining Out: The upcoming AFTAC Open House is on 13 Dec, 2:00 and an E-All has gone out requesting names and information on those attending. The AFTAC Dining Out is on 14 Dec on Patrick AFB in a PJ's Hangar. Electronic invitations were sent out and with R.S.V.P. required. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Worldwide Reunion: Judy Henderson said we need to appoint a reunion committee chairman and start the process for the 2021 Worldwide Reunion. After a discussion Phil Godfrey said he would follow up with the company (A Complete Reunion) that Mike Steskal discussed in an earlier meeting for its details, pricing, etc., as an alternate approach to planning and conducting the reunion by the alumni. More discussion will follow.

Other Comments:

For those who are participating, a Yankee Swap will be held at the conclusion of this meeting.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association will be held in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room, Patrick AFB at 4:00, Jan 13th, 2020.

Adjournment: With no further business, Phil Godfrey made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13.

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