

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room, Patrick AFB at 4:00, Feb 10th, 2020. Members present were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Tony De Marco, Mike Steskal, Phil Godfrey, Gene Melchior, Bob Wiley, Rob Christman, Lou Seiler, Frank Hall, Don Whitney, Jorden Gershenson, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: With no corrections to the minutes as presented, Lou Seiler made the motion that they be approved. Mike Steskal 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 \$2,837.90.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported that we have 588 members with 559 lifetime members and 29 year to year members. Of the total members, 256 live in Florida and 186 live in Brevard County. He also said that 13 more members switched to the ePoMo.

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson said when anyone receives something noteworthy that would go in the PoMo, please pass it to her. You don't need to wait on a call for articles.

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

SAGE Shop: SSgt Jordon Gershenson introduced himself and has agreed to take over the Stag Shop for the time being. He went over the current inventory and said we are short of AFTAC Alumni Pins. There followed a discussion on ordering, and it was tabled until the next meeting for research on where they were ordered and what the cost was. **(OPEN)**

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

AFTAC Heritage Committee: The latest 3 Wall of Honor selectees were announced at the last SnowBall by the Commander and Jorden Gershenson agreed to check on the date of the induction ceremony scheduled in March. **(OPEN)**

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler discussed the slow response for donations/paver purchases to date. Beside the initial donations by the AFTAC Memorial Board Members, two silver level donations, and a donation from the AFTAC Spouse's Sunshine Group, three Alumni have responded to our request for ordering pavers or making donations since we have announced the fundraising process.

Lou emphasized that in the next 3 months, if we don't see a lot more activity in response, this effort will lead to a significant reduction in appearance of the memorial and probably moving the timeline out into the future.

This led to a discussion on how to get the alumni to respond. Judy Henderson suggested we try direct mailing to all the alumni. This was discussed and the cost of printing, mailing, etc. will be investigated with continued discussion at our next meeting.

Booster Club: Jordan Gershenson discussed the upcoming Daytona 500 and a call for volunteers' participation. Deadline for name submission is 16 Feb. He also talked about possible fundraising activities to help raise money for the Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers. **(OPEN)**

SnowBall: Phil Godfrey thanked the Ryans for all their efforts in the latest SNOWBALL and supplying of coasters by Tony DeMarco. He also discussed that with the 2021 Worldwide Reunion coming next year, maybe we should not have a traditional SNOWBALL but doing something else, i.e., a picnic etc. Future discussions to follow. Also Sean Ryan passed on a special thank you and appreciation to all that assisted with the event. Thru concerted efforts and drive of all involved, the 2020 SnowBall XXII was another awesome event for all that assisted in the planning process and for those that attended. Looking forward to 2021 SnowBall XXIII. **(OPEN)**

2021 Worldwide Reunion: Phil Godfrey said he had contacted the company suggested by Mike Steskal and the service they provide seems like a doable alternative than us doing all the work of planning, setting up and arranging activities, etc. They charge \$18 per person to take care of everything. After a short discussion, all agreed to pursue this avenue. Phil suggested that we have a planning committee as guidance for this vender. He volunteered, as well as did Sean Ryan and Mike Steskal, to be on this committee. Further discussion will continue before any hard commitments are made either way. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2020. Phil Godfrey led a discussion on ways to encourage membership participation and encouragement of new members. Ideas suggested were sponsorship of a parking spot in the garage, annual awards, etc. Of concern is how do you connect back with people in the building.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, Mar 9th at 11:30 at Beef O' Brady's in Satellite Beach.

Adjournment: With no further business, Phil Godfrey made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19.

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