

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room at 4:00, on Feb 11th, 2019. Members present were Ed Lindsay, Lou Seiler, Mike Steskal, Frank Hall, Gene Melchior, Dr Mike Young, Tony De Marco, Donald "Cole" Moon, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: With no changes to the minutes as presented, Dr Mike Young made the motion that they be approved as published. Lou Seiler seconded. Motion carried.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Not present.

AFTAC Command Chief: Not present.

Treasurers Report: Ed Lindsay reported that the checking account has a balance of \$5,473.41 after the Snowball. Frank Hall made the motion that the report be approved as presented. Mike Steskal seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal said that with two more members paying their 2019 dues, we now have 8 members remaining whom a final reminder will be sent before their names are dropped. He also reported that even with additions and deletions of members we still have 601 Florida members.

Post Monitor (PoMo): Ed Lindsay said although there is no report, there most likely will be a call for inputs to the PoMo at our March meeting.

Website Committee: With no report Ed Lindsay said that other than the normal activities for the Web site, he is aware that Web site and secure socket payments are coming due for GoDaddy. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: SSgt Donald Moon provide a handout that included the current inventory and Sage Shop Shipping Metrics. In discussing the shipping metrics, he said this indicates that we're not charging enough for shipping of some items. Further discussions to follow. We also discussed current inventory and said that nothing is on backorder. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: Dr Young said that his book is almost finished, and he is eager for the alumni to see it. He discussed the approximate 33 percent expansion of the Heritage room and the plan on adding additional memorabilia to it. He also said a new display will be added to the hall way display case that we will enjoy seeing.

Heritage Committee: Dr Young said the Commander has approved the committee selections and the Wall of Honor ceremony will be held in March at a date and time to be announced.

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler said he just received a document from the IRS stating our 501.3.c has been approved. He said the AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) has been in discussions with a contractor and is ready to move forward. In these discussions, the contractor disclosed he built the AFTAC Pavilion and is familiar with working with the base civil engineers, a plus for

us. In a letter from the contractor, they require \$5,000 to start the design process of the memorial. After a short discussion about raising the funds to start the design, **Frank Hall** immediately said he would donate \$2,500 of what was needed, immediately followed by **Mike Steskal** who said he would donate the remaining \$2,500. **Wow. (OPEN) Note: This was a breath stopping moment. The announcement of funds needed to start the design process would most likely be sent to the entire community of AFTAC Alumni personnel past and present. Frank Hall and Mike Steskal...you are amazing! Thank you...Ed Lindsay, President**

OLD BUSINESS:

Snowball: Ed Lindsay said we initially had 51 people who signed up for the Snowball, of which 50 attended. Of those who signed up, Jim Payne and Dale Doug couldn't attend and said they didn't want a refund and were donating their combined three tickets to us to use for someone else, which we did. Also, we had another couple who couldn't attend because of illness whose funds we voted to return to them. **(CLOSED)**

Worldwide Reunion in 2019: Continue to check our web site for the latest updates and information for the 2019 reunion in Denver, Co. **Please note that time is running short If you plan attend**, you need to register, including making your entree selection(s), selecting your accommodations, etc. **(OPEN)**

Retreat Ceremony: Ed Lindsay said the retreat ceremony on main base was well attended, but hopes more alumni can attend in the future. **(CLOSED)**

20 Year Wall: Ed Lindsay led a discussion of what constitutes qualification to the 20-year wall. It appears there are several questions concerning qualifications that need to be satisfied. More discussion to continue. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

AFTAC Award Ceremony: The AFTAC Award Ceremony will be held on 28 Feb at 2:00 at the Beach House. Invitations (RSVPs) will be provided shortly.

Other Comments: None

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th, 2019 at 11:30 at Beef O'Brady's, South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach.

Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:56.

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