

# AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) February Monthly General Membership Meeting was held at Beef O'Brady's on Lake Washington, in Melbourne and via a teleconference on 18 February 2022, beginning at 11:31am. Members present were Frank Hall, Wally Jones, Tony De Marco, Rick Manley, Larry Silhanek, Terry Hammond, Gene and Dee Melchior, Judy and George Henderson, Arlin Massey, Eileen Best, Rob Christman, Bill Cooley, Sean Ryan, Bob Wiley, Lou Seiler, Frank Calenda, Phil Godfrey, and Ed Lindsay. John Horsch and Bryce Dunn joined us via teleconference.

**New Members/Guest:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Phil Godfrey requested a motion to approve the December minutes, Lou Seiler motioned to approve and Sean Ryan proposed a 2nd, motion passed.

**Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief:** Not present.

**Treasurer Report:** Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$3,953.73.

**Membership Report:** Mike Steskal was not present. **(OPEN)**

**Post Monitor (PoMo):** Judy Milam-Henderson will be working with Rob Christman for the April issue. Requests for inputs will be coming out before the next meeting. **(OPEN)**

**Website Committee:** Ed Lindsay mentioned that there was a need to change Web Server providers. The Host Gator site that we have had for a year has a limit on the storage size and we have exceeded that size. To use Host Gator further would not be cost effective. We are still in the process of finding the best web provider to support our needs. Phil Godfrey again emphasized that there are many Alumni members out there that have stories to tell. It would be nice if we could get some stories and articles submitted to help freshen up the website. **(OPEN)**

**SAGE Shop:** Ed Lindsay mentioned that he was still looking for a source for ordering hats and may be getting mementos for the upcoming World Wide Reunion. There are apparently some old hats in a closet of the new AFTAC building. A closet shared with the AFTAC Booster Club. **(OPEN)**

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

**AFTAC Heritage Committee:** Nothing significant to report. **(OPEN)**

**AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers:** The AFTACMC has a new 100% complete design. Lou Seiler brought the artist's concept drawings. One donation since the last meeting. The AFTACMC currently has approximately \$53,000 in donations. The AFTACMC needs about \$40K more to lock in the contract and proceed with building of the Memorial. At that point, it could take as little as 6 months to complete the project. **(OPEN)**

**20 Year Wall:** We now have 121 members on the wall. Tony DeMarco continues to identify new candidates and is updating the existing ones. **(OPEN)**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2022 World Wide Reunion (2022 WWR):** Reunion is 18 through 22 May 2022, and it will be held at the Radisson Resort At The Port, Cape Canaveral, FL. Sean Ryan is still working with Sherry at A Complete Reunion (ACR), on the reunion planning. Looking to add a HQ AFTAC building briefing and tour of the newly opened Heritage Room. Having troubles coordinating with various event personnel. Looking for any other events that might be included. Additional information will be provided as available to include fees, room rates, activities, etc. Finalizing the agenda to get ACR to build brochure and website. Planning on starting event registration at the end of February. **(OPEN)**

**AFTACAA Constitution, By-Laws Review/Update, Waiver of insurance and Current Officer Information:** Constitution/By-Laws still needs to be reviewed and approved by the membership. Discussion and closure to occur at future meeting. **(OPEN)**

**Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2022:** Tabled for now. No discussion. **(OPEN)**

**Announcement of 2021 Alumni of the Year:** It was announced that Lou Seiler is the 2021 AFTACAA Alumni of the Year selection. Phil read a nice write up of Lou's accomplishments. The traditional AFTACAA AOY "T" shirt was provided with Lou's name embroidered on the front. He was also presented with a special .999% Silver Medallion with his name, year of the award and included a presentation box. The traditional AOY photos were taken with other AOYs present and included John Horsch and Bryce Dunn that had joined via teleconference. **(OPEN)**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ed Lindsay said that he had received an inquiry about posting requests for donations for getting a medical chair for an Alumni member in need. Lou Seiler mentioned that he may have an avenue to get a donation through Honor Flight. Rob Christman also said they have an electric wheelchair that just requires a battery. Ed will get more details and follow up with Lou and Rob. **(OPEN)**

**Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting:** Our next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be 18 March. Location will be determined after consulting with fellow Executive Board members.

## **Comments:**

Frank Calenda added that it would be good to get stories and articles to Dr. Mike Young for inclusion in the Heritage Hall and possibly Historian inputs.

Phil Godfrey announced that there would be a Celebration of Life for Colonel Robert Meisenheimer, Previous AFTACC/CC on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at the Tides Club from 1:00 – 3:30pm.

**Adjournment:** With no further comments Phil Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Sean Ryan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1255hrs.

Ed Lindsay  
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association