

# AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTACAA Monthly Membership Meeting was held via teleconference at 4:00 on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Members that called in were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Phil Godfrey, Pete Gilbert, Terry Hammond, Frank Calenda, Bob Wiley, Rob Christman, Jack O'Connor, Frank Hall, Lou Seiler, Mike Young, Bryce Dunn, Mike Steskal, Steve Hendrickson, Wallace Dunn, Ed Lindsay, John Loftis, Bob Fitzgerald, and Arlin Massey.

**New Members/Guest:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** With no corrections to the January minutes as published, the minutes were approved.

**Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief:** Mike Young reported that everything is essentially the same as it has been. The building remains at twenty-five percent occupied and the commander continues her Town Hall meetings to keep everyone informed.

**Alumni of the Year (AOY):** Bob Wiley announced that the latest AOY selection is Ed Lindsay. After a round of congratulations by everyone, Ed had a moment to reflect and thank everyone for his selection. With COVID-19, the normal announcement of the AOY at the SnowBall has been changed to an extremely limited gathering of active duty AFTAC personnel at the base theater during an upcoming AFTAC award ceremony. Attendance of AFTAC Alumni personnel is limited to four people. Discussions are ongoing for a possible Zoom Teleconference event which is TBD. Also, the award of the AOY coin, plaque, etc. will occur if we are able to have our March alumni meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's and that is yet TBD.

**Treasurers Report:** Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$5,196.39.

**Membership Report:** Mike Steskal reported that we have 573 members. Concerning Po Mo hardcopy's, we have had 22 members pay for hardcopies and 124 members have not responded. Additionally, we have 100 members that we have been unable to contact.

**Post Monitor (Po Mo):** Judy Henderson said she has nothing to report. She reminded everyone that since our next Po Mo will be in April and if you have articles, please send them to her now. **(OPEN)**

**Website Committee:** Ed Lindsay thanked Terry Hammond for taking over the Website in the interim, and now that he is up to speed, he relieved Terry of these responsibilities. He said that in the future, anything that is going to Pete will come to him first and he will pass to Pete. Pete said that all Po Mo available are back on the website, but some are still missing. If you have a collection of Po Mo's, please review the website, and if you have any of the missing ones, send/scan them to Ed. **(OPEN)**

**Pay Online Options for Website:** Phil Godfrey said options to receive monies on the website should be explored. **(OPEN)**

**SAGE Shop:** Ed Lindsay reported there has been a little activity including one item that he went to clothing sales to purchase and forward. He said he continues to work the inventory. **(OPEN)**

**AFTAC Historian:** Mike Young reported there is no change in status.

**AFTAC Heritage Committee:** Bob Wiley said he had nothing to report.

**AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers:** Lou Seiler reported donations are way down. He said that we have \$43,000 in checking but we need a minimum of \$150,000 to complete the current plan. We have a pledge of \$10,000 from the AFTACAA and a pledge from unnamed fellow alumni for \$5,000. We sent letters to all Florida members and only received 10 responses for bricks or donations. **(OPEN)**

**2021 Worldwide Reunion (2021 WWR):** Sean Ryan reported he continues to expect to start up the planning process for the 2022 WWR in the March/April time frame. **(OPEN)**

**Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2021:** No discussion. **(OPEN)**

**20 Year Wall:** No discussion, however Tony De Marco provided the following update by email:

Since the January meeting the following Careers have been added to the Wall:

- Mr. Dave Merker - Wall #97
- CMSgt Steve Armitage - Wall #98
- SMSgt Tom Winders - Wall #99
- MSgt John McCauley - Wall #100
- SMSgt Jerry Rice - Wall #101
- Dr. Dan DeForest - Wall #102
- SMSgt Dennis Hackner - Wall #103
- MSgt Wes Tracy - Wall #104
- CMSgt Ken Brauchie - Wall #105
- MSgt Curt Miller - Wall #106
- MSgt Mike Stiewig - Wall #107

Careers currently in work:

- MSgt Gordon Coll - Wall #108 - Sent to Pete for posting.
- SMSgt Bob Anderson - Wall #109 - sent to board for review.
- MSgt Tom Cameron
- MSgt Bill Ferguson
- TSgt Butch Overby
- MSgt Joe Ford
- MSgt Stephen Rice

**(OPEN)**

**AFTAC Alumni Picnic:** No discussion. **(OPEN)**

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting:** Our **Quarterly AFTAC Alumni Meeting** will be held on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 4:00 – 5:00 via teleconference. If the location and time were to change to Beef 'O' Brady's, everyone will be notified via E-mail.

**Comments:** Sean Ryan reported there are several air shows this year with the first one the Cocoa Beach Air Show 17-18 April. If anyone is interested in helping for free admission, now is the time to start thinking about it and please let Sean Ryan know if you are interested.

Ed Lindsay discussed having a golf tournament and said the Patrick course has now reopened on a limited basis and he will check with them on having tournaments, and if allowed what limitations we can expect.

**Adjournment:** With no further comments, Phil Godfrey asked for a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Sean Ryan and the meeting was adjourned at 5:31.

Arlin Massey  
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association