

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held on Mar 13th at Beef O' Brady's in Satellite Beach at 11:30. Members present were Ed Lindsay, Bob Wiley, Mike Steskal, Terry Hammond, Frank Calenda, Dr. Mike Young, Frank Hall, John Horsch, Lou Seiler, Gene Melchior, Sean Ryan, Pete Gilbert, Doug Colbary, Wally Huffaker. Judy Henderson, Eileen Best, CMSgt John Howorth, Col Greg Sawyer, SMSgt Eric Reynolds, Jim Whidden, Jim Payne, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None.

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

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Col. Sawyer spoke a few moments on unitization and an AFTAC Memorial.

AFTAC Command Chief: Not Present.

Treasurers Report: Ed Lindsay reported the current check book balance is \$4989.29. He also reported that several CD's were reaching their maturity dates. After a short discussion, it was suggested that they be allowed to automatically rollover. Lou Seiler made the motion that they be allowed to automatically rollover. Pete Gilbert seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report. Michael Steskal reported that he has synced up approximately 930 addresses in the database, including the California and Colorado Chapters, to the eAll. He has 445 addresses in the database to vet before this is complete. With the completion of the report, Sean Ryan made the motion that it be approved as presented. Bob Wiley seconded. Motion carried. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor: Pete Gilbert and John Horsch both said that, as a reminder, requests for inputs in April to the PoMo should be met in a timely manner with the release of the PoMo shortly thereafter. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee Report. Pete Gilbert and Frank Calenda discussed securing our web site using SSL technology which is an additional yearly cost of \$70. As a matter of information, SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is the standard security technology for establishing an encrypted link between a web server and a browser. This link ensures that all data passed between the web server and browsers remain private and integral. Frank Calenda also provided and discussed the monthly history/usage rate of our web site. With the completion of the report, Lou Seiler made the motion that SSL be approved and funded as presented. Frank Calenda seconded. Motion carried. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Not Present.

Historian: Dr. Young discussed as number of items including putting out a pamphlet with AFTAC historical information, a link to the web page, the AFTAC Lecture Series, and the heritage room. **(OPEN)**

Heritage Committee: Bob Wiley said the selection process, of which he is a committee member, will start in July. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

AFTAC Cares Program: Sean Ryan said the next bi-monthly meeting is 4 May. **(OPEN)**

Spring Picnic: The location and date have changed to Chevron Park on May 13th. Time is TBD. Also, note that the Alumni Association has already agreed to provide \$500 upfront seed money with the understanding the seed money will be returned from the profit of the sale of beer. Additionally, if the sale of beer were to fall short of seed cost, the booster club will only pay what they raised. **(OPEN)**

West Coast Chapter Worldwide reunion: Ed Lindsay discussed the upcoming AFTAC Alumni Association, West Coast Chapter, Worldwide Reunion this June 15-18 June in Sacramento CA. If you are attending, registration should now be completed. Consult www.aftacaa.us for additional information. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment of Treasurer for remainder of term: With the loss of Joe Goldian, our treasurer of many years, the remaining board members, following our Constitution and By-Laws, appointed Sean Ryan as the interim treasurer until our Fall elections when all board member are elected.

Memorial for Line of Duty deceased AFTACers: Jim Whidden made a presentation on establishing a memorial, by a private organization, such as the AFTAC Alumni Association or a subset of it, to honor and memorialize those AFTACers, military and civilian, who lost their lives while in AFTAC. This would be accomplished by raising funds, such as engraved brick pavers and other efforts. After the discussion, Lou Seiler made the motion that we pass a resolution to support a line of duty memorial and that we investigate the development, creation, etc of said memorial. Judy Henderson seconded. Motion carried and the resolution was passed. **(OPEN)**

Items from the floor:

Ed Lindsay discussed the upcoming 12 May golf tournament at the Manatee Golf Course. More information to follow as available via eAll and at www.aftacaa.us .

Also discussed was our participation in the next (TBD based on completion) wind down in the Outback (actual name TBD). We also discussed possibly of providing and flipping burgers at its opening.

Adjournment: With no further business, Lou Seiler made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Sean Ryan seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on Monday, April 10th 2017 in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room.

Arlin Massey
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association

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