

# AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Quarterly General Membership Meeting was held at Beef O'Brady's on Lake Washington, in Melbourne and via a teleconference on 18 March 2022, beginning at 11:35 a.m. Members present were Mark Bitter, Jim Whidden, Tony De Marco, Rick Manley, Swede Swansen, Judy and George Henderson, Eileen Best, Bill Cooley, Sean Ryan, Bob Wiley, Lou Seiler, Phil Godfrey, and Ed Lindsay. Fred Budelman, Adrian Freeman and Bryce Dunn joined us via teleconference.

**New Members/Guest:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Phil Godfrey requested a motion to approve the February minutes, Rick Manley motioned to approve and Tony DeMarco 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 \$3,853.74.

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

**Post Monitor (PoMo):** Request was sent out by John Horsch for inputs for the April issue. Phil talked about people having so many stories that could be submitted as articles. Rick Manley said he is working on one. **(OPEN)**

**Website Committee:** Ed Lindsay stated that they needed to change Web Server providers again. Acquired a 3 year contract with SmarterASP.NET. Sufficient storage capacity, email account, and multiple website capability is a great bonus. **(OPEN)**

**SAGE Shop:** Ed Lindsay mentioned that it would be good to get coins for the Reunion. Will provide coin manufacturing information to Phil. **(OPEN)**

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

**AFTAC Heritage Committee:** Wall of Honor ceremony will take place on 19 May at 10 a.m.. It will be in conjunction with the World Wide Reunion AFTAC building visit. **(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. Discussed an additional reduction in scope of the project to further reduce costs. Would reduce panels from 4 to 2. The new design will only be good for 90 days. Mark Bitter informed us that the Memorial's concrete foundation pad was paid for by a private entity. Mark also showed us the Medallion that he is offering for a \$25 or more donation. **(OPEN)**

**20 Year Wall:** We now have 121 members on the wall. Tony DeMarco is working on possible inputs for Doris Bruner and MSgt Mike Watkins. **(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 finalizing the agenda and will be provided to A Complete Reunion (ACR) so they can build the brochure and website. Planning on starting event registration at the end of March. **(OPEN)**

**AFTACAA Constitution, By-Laws Review/Update, Waiver of insurance and Current Officer Information:** Constitution/By-Laws has been updated by Phil Godfrey. Phil will send to Ed Lindsay for distribution to membership for their review. Review of comments and finalization of document updates will be done at the April meeting. **(OPEN)**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Ed Lindsay updated us on the medical chair for an Alumni member in need. Lou Seiler provided a flyer that showed the devices available for donation. We have the info we need and if more comes our way, we will inform the membership. **(CLOSED)**

Tony DeMarco showed us Coasters that he had designed for the 2022 WWR. Discussed the possibility that we can get these to distribute to all WWR attendees. It is a 2 week turn around for the coasters.

**Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting:** Our next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on 15 April. Location will be determined after consulting with fellow Executive Board members.

## **Comments:**

Lou Seiler commented on the cost and effort required for Website support. Queried, are we doing/spending more than our return on investments?

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 Sean Ryan made a motion to adjourn. Rick Manley seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1242hrs.

Ed Lindsay  
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association