

AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTACAA Quarterly AFTAC Alumni Meeting was held at Beef 'O' Brady's in Satellite Beach and via teleconference at 11:30 on 8 March 2021. Members that were present or teleconferenced were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Phil Godfrey, Pete Gilbert, Bob Wiley, Jack O'Connor, Lou Seiler, Mike Young, Ed Lindsay, Doug Colbary, Larry Silhanek, Rick Manley, Tony De Marco, Fred Buderham, Dave Money and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: Angelina Lindsay

Approval of Minutes: With no corrections to the February minutes as published, Phil Godfrey made a motion that they are approved as published, and Tony De Marco seconded. Minutes approved.

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

Alumni of the Year (AOY): Although Bob Wiley announced during our last meeting that Ed Lindsay was selected as the 2021 AOY, Phil Godfrey reported that Ed Lindsay was officially awarded the AOY during the 26 February AFTAC award ceremony which was held to a limited group of about 50 at the base theater and others in teleconference through Zoom. During our meeting today, as is our tradition, Ed was presented the AOY coin and received a round of applause from all.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$5,196.80.

Membership Report: Not present.

Post Monitor (Po Mo): Judy Henderson reported she has received several inputs and reports, and she still needs several more inputs before she can finalize the April Po Mo. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Ed Lindsay reported that with the request for missing Po Mo's in our last meeting, he has received a large number that has been passed to Pete Gilbert for posting. Many of the missing Po Mo's are now back on the Website. There are a few still missing. Also, remember that everything submitted for the Website needs to go to Ed for his forwarding to Pete. **(OPEN)**

Pay Online Options for Website: Phil Godfrey said he will get with Pete Gilbert and see what our options are for Pay Online. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Ed Lindsay reported he is making progress in re-engaging his Korean coin-making source(s) that we may be able to use for coins in the future such as a 2022 Worldwide Reunion coin. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: Mike Young reported he is excited for everyone to see the new heritage room at the planned AFTAC Open House in December. He is also looking forward to finishing his book and having it published.

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

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler reported donations are disappointingly way down from what we would have expected from the AFTAC family. We have a pledge of \$10,000 from the AFTACAA and a pledge from unnamed fellow

alumni for \$5,000. Last year we mailed letters to all 845 residing Florida AFTAC'ers who had not already donated, purchased a brick, or both. Of this, we only had 10 responses in support of the memorial. Currently, we have only received approximately \$1,000 in donations a month. With \$44,000 of donations in checking, we need a minimum of \$150,000 in donations to complete the current design plan. If we were to continue at this pace, it will be approximately 100 months before we would have the funds to start. In other words, what does it mean to you? Is the (a) memorial important? In our next AFTACMC meeting, its members will discuss a possible phased approach to the memorial. **(OPEN)**

2022 Worldwide Reunion (2022 WWR): Sean Ryan reported his intentions when we start the planning for the reunion is to query everyone with a choice of months to hold the reunion. Specifically, April, June, or August. More to come. **(OPEN)**

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

20 Year Wall: Tony De Marco reported we now have 112 people on the wall with the following updates since the February meeting:

- MSgt Gordon Cole - Wall #108
- SMSgt Bob Anderson - Wall #109
- MSgt George Geggus - Wall #110
- SMSgt Roger Schwarting - Wall #111
- MSgt Tom Cameron - Wall #112

Careers currently in work:

- MSgt Bill Ferguson
- TSgt Butch Overby
- MSgt Joe Ford
- MSgt Stephen Rice
- MSgt Dave Straughn
- TSgt Don Holland

Also, initial contact has been made with several others. **(OPEN)**

Old Business:

Golf Tournament: Ed Lindsay discussed the possibility of having a golf tournament at the Patrick course which is now open only on a limited basis with no shotgun starts and no buffets after our game. He said that Bay Tree is allowing shotgun starts now so he will check into the cost of having a tournament there, and if allowed what limitations we can expect.

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

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: Our next AFTAC Alumni Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8th, 2021 from 4:00 – 5:00 via teleconference.

Comments: Sean Ryan reminded everyone of the upcoming Cocoa Beach Air Show 17-18 April. He said training for the air show will be April 8th. If anyone is interested in helping, please let Sean know.

Adjournment: With no further comments, Phil Godfrey asked for a motion to adjourn. Judy Henderson made a motion to adjourn. Sean Ryan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:34.

Arlin Massey
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association