

# AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held at Beef O' Brady's in Satellite Beach at 11:30 March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members present were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Tony De Marco, Mike Steskal, Phil Godfrey, Bob Wiley, Lou Seiler, Frank Hall, Terry Hammond, Rick Manley, Mike Young, and Arlin Massey.

**New Members/Guest:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** With no corrections to the minutes as presented, Sean Ryan made the motion that they be approved. Mike Steskal seconded. Motion carried.

**Comments by AFTAC CC/CV:** Mike Young discussed Col Hartman's change of command ceremony is scheduled for 30 June 2020 and that Jim Whidden will be retiring on 5 June. He also discussed the data and document digitalization effort now underway.

**AFTAC Command Chief, CMSgt Amy Long:** Not present.

**Treasurers Report:** Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$2,743.83. Sean discussed a concern of our lowering check book balance getting to the point of being charged a monthly fee. With several suggestions he will investigate the best way to maintain a minimum \$1,500 check book balance and discuss his findings at our next meeting.

**Membership Report:** Mike Steskal reported that we have 2 new members for a total 590 members. He also said that 2 more members switched to the ePoMo.

**Post Monitor (PoMo):** Judy Henderson said our next PoMo will be going out in April, so we need to provide her inputs by April 6<sup>th</sup> or sooner.

**Website Committee:** Terry Hammond said they are continuing to delete out-of-date articles and update as available. **(OPEN)**

**SAGE Shop:** SSgt Jordon Gershenson wasn't present but Sean Ryan said he is researching the Pin costs and who our original source was for ordering. **(OPEN)**

**AFTAC Historian:** Mike Young reported on the ongoing progress in the Heritage Room. He said the walls are gone and the new plumbing has been completed. Work is on ongoing. **(OPEN)**

**AFTAC Heritage Committee:** Mike Young said the ceremony for the latest 3 inductees to the Wall of Honor will be held on Mar 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. RSVP invitations are out for this event and the Alumni are encouraged to attend. **(OPEN)**

**Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers:** Lou Seiler discussed the slow response for donations/paver purchases to date saying that we have only had 11 responses. There was a discussion on donations and participating in this effort of our 1113 members. Terry Hammond made a motion that with the Alumni Association having over \$20,000 in the bank, that we ought to donate \$10,000 of it for

this effort. Mike Young seconded the motion. After additional discussing of our IRA maturity dates and penalties for early withdrawal, we agreed that the Alumni would obligate/commitment of \$10,000 for this effort. With that commitment to be fulfilled in the future, a vote was completed on Terry's motion, and it was passed.

Lou also discussed a mailing that will be mailed shortly to all Florida Alumni members soliciting their monetary support.

Lou again emphasized that if we don't see a lot more activity in responses, this effort will (could) lead to a significant reduction in appearance of the memorial and it not being completed by our next Worldwide Reunion in 2021.

**2021 Worldwide Reunion:** Phil Godfrey said we need to pick a date for the reunion so we can start the process. After a short discussion on dates, Rick Manley made a motion that we select the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June, specifically 17 through 20 June. The motion was seconded by Mike Steskal and voted on and passed. **(OPEN)**

**Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2020.** Phil Godfrey said that because of time constraints of today's meeting, this discussion will be carried over to our next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room, Patrick AFB.

#### **Comments:**

**Air Show:** Sean Ryan discussed the upcoming Lockheed Martin Space and Air Show, Oct 31 through Nov 1, 2020, featuring the USAF Thunderbirds. This year's show will be held at the Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB), Sanford, FL. and hosted by Lockheed Martin. If you are interested let Sean know.

**Toilet Bowl:** The upcoming Toilet Bowl is scheduled for 27 March. We'll pay for the beer up front with reimbursement as in the past

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Phil Godfrey made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:39.

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