

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held on April 10th 2017 in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room. Members present were Ed Lindsay, Bob Wiley, Mike Steskal, Terry Hammond, Frank Calenda, Dr. Mike Young, John Horsch, Lou Seiler, Gene Melchior, Dee Melchior, Sean Ryan, Judy Henderson, SMSgt Rob Christman, Col Gorski, CMSgt Joseph, Jim Whidden, TSgt Nicholas Kappel and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None

Approval of Minutes: With no changes to the minutes, John Horsch made the motion that they be approved as presented. Rob Christman seconded. Motion carried.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Col. Gorski spoke a few moments on the recent 25th Air Force Conference.

AFTAC Command Chief: CMSgt Joseph spoke a few words on the upcoming Spring Picnic and the AFTAC 70th anniversary. Mentioned that a Dining Out was being planned and he said that they would like to see many Alumni members attend. More info to follow.

Treasurers Report: Ed Lindsay reported the current check book balance is \$4989.29. He also addressed conducting an audit and creating a budget. Rob Christman made the motion that the report be accepted as reported. Sean Ryan seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report. Michael Steskal reported on his continuing efforts of syncing up addresses in the database, including those of the California and Colorado Chapters, to the eAll. He has approximately 1029 good email addresses in the database and with 84 e-mail addresses to complete. After a short discussion concerning the status of Lifetime Florida alumni members, a motion was made by Judy Henderson and seconded by Lou Seiler to send out postcards to Lifetime Florida members, of which we only have an address, asking for their email and phone numbers. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor: John Horsch said that Judy Henderson completed the review of the PoMo and it will be released very shortly. He also noted how smoothly the PoMo operation is now going compared to the past and thanked all those involved in the effort. There also was a discussion of cost saving by increased distributing through www.aftaca.us or email rather than the cost of sending through the mail. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee Report. Frank Calenda discussed the web site status including additions, changes, etc. and said that approved items should now be posted, within 24 hours of receipt, on the web site. He also said he has been receiving very positive feedback, as well as, suggestions for new items that could be added. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Not Present.

Historian: Dr. Young discussed several items including publication of a 70th AFTAC birthday pamphlet, the new visiting speaker program which will start in May, multimedia presentation(s), and unclassified historical documents/reports, etc., that could appear on the web site. **(OPEN)**

Heritage Committee: Bob Wiley said as the Heritage Committee selection process starts in the near future, he will be soliciting nominees from the alumni. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Spring Picnic: The Spring Picnic is scheduled for May 6th from 1000 to 1500. Also, note that the Alumni Association will procure, deliver/arrange for delivery and help dispense the beer. We agreed, in our last meeting, to provide \$500 upfront seed money to purchase the beer. Consult www.aftaca.us for all additional information. Sean Ryan volunteered to continue the beer buying process & develop a pouring schedule. **(OPEN)**

Memorial for Line of Duty deceased AFTAC'ers: Jim Whidden again spoke of establishing a memorial and thanked Lou Seiler for accepting the leadership of the effort, within the alumni association, to create a memorial. He requested a meeting be held immediately after today's alumni meeting to discuss further action with those individuals initially involved. More to follow. **(OPEN)**

West Coast Chapter Worldwide reunion: Ed Lindsay discussed the upcoming AFTAC Alumni Association, West Coast Chapter, Worldwide Reunion (their last one) this June 15-18 June in Sacramento CA. The registration deadline is 15 May. Consult www.aftaca.us for additional information. **(OPEN)**

Golf Tournament: Ed Lindsay discussed the upcoming 12 May golf tournament (Golf 'N Get Together) at the Manatee Golf Course. More information to follow as available via eAll and at www.aftaca.us. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Items from the floor:

TSgt Kappel discussed the Air Force Assistance fund drive that is in progress.

Adjournment: With no further business, Judy Henderson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mike Steskal seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on Monday, May 8th 2017 in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room.

Arlin Massey

Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association

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