

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held via teleconference at 4:00 on April 13th, 2020. Members that called in were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Phil Godfrey, Lou Seiler, Terry Hammond, Pete Gilbert, John Horsch, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: With no corrections to the minutes as published, Phil Godfrey made the motion that they be approved. Judy Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV Not Present.

AFTAC Command Chief, CMSgt Amy Long: Not present.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$2,681.83. As a follow-up to Sean's previous meeting discussion concerning the lowering check book balance getting to the point of being charged a monthly fee. A transfer from savings of \$2,000 to the checking account was agreed too.

Membership Report: Not Present.

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson said our next PoMo is out for review and is expected back momentarily and then will be published in the next few days. She also said that articles can be submitted as soon as you have them ready and you don't need to wait for an approaching deadline.

Website Committee: Phil Godfrey led a discussion, based on an email from Terry Hammond, concerning direct submissions of materials to Pete for addition to the web site. The one item of concern was the direct submission of the Calendar of Events (CoE) to Pete. It was agreed that the CoE will be sent to Terry with a CC to Phil for review before submission to Pete. The CoE remains the most time sensitive of all submissions. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Not Present. **(OPEN)**

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

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Not Present. **(OPEN)**

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler discussed the 340 mailings to the Florida alumni members. Of these, we received 46 mailers marked "Return to Sender". From this mailing we had 12 bricks ordered, one included a donation as well, with 4 of these orders coming via PayPal. These returned mailings will be passed to Mike Steskal in membership. Overall results for the mailing were not very encouraging.

There was additional discussion of the approved commitment, in the March meeting, of \$10,000 from the Alumni Association. It was again noted that these funds will not be used until such time as they are needed.

2021 Worldwide Reunion, 17 – 20 June: Sean Ryan said he has been talking with a representative at “A Complete Reunion” concerning starting the process of determining where the event will be held, and other parameters involved. More to follow. **(OPEN)**

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

20 Year Wall. Tony DeMarco was unable to join us today, but he did provide an email updating his progress since our last meeting in March.

SMSgt Clark Wells Career added to Wall. Clark passed last year, and I was waiting for an appropriate time to work with his family to put together a Career Summary.

CMSgt Jim Payne (RIP). Jim was one of our early SEAs, had over 20 with AFTAC, and should have been up on the Wall long ago. After the coronavirus and social distancing is over, I plan on getting with Jim's family and creating his Career Summary.

Currently working on a 20 Year Career Summary for MSgt Dave Good.

The other project I'm working on is updating the Career Summaries of some of the older AFTAC'ers already on the Wall. The original Career Summaries were very brief, non-descript, and were based on guidelines provided at the time when they were first put up in the old HQ Bldg. The new revised and expanded Career Summaries will give the individual's families and fellow AFTAC'ers a better picture on what they contributed during their Careers in AFTAC. So far, I have submitted revised Careers on CMSgt Tony Ballentine, SMSgt George Cronin, SMSgt Rick Manley, and have one in work for CMSgt Harm Aning.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next meeting will be held via teleconference on Monday, May 11th at 4:00.

Comments: None.

Adjournment: With no further business, Phil Godfrey made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, both Judy Henderson and Sean Ryan seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18.

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