The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room at 4:00, on Apr 8th, 2019. Members present were Ed Lindsay, Lou Seiler, Mike Steskal, Frank Hall, Dr Mike Young, Tony De Marco, Donald “Cole” Moon, Douglas Colbary, Eileen Best, Frank Calenda, Bob Wiley, Terry Hammond, Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, John Horsch, Jim Whidden, George Mirda and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None.

Approval of Minutes: With no changes to the minutes as presented, Mike Steskal made the motion that they be approved as published. Frank Calenda seconded. Motion carried.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Not present.

AFTAC Command Chief: Not present.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of $4,526.22. John Horsch made the motion that the report be approved as presented. Judy Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported that 8 members didn’t pay their dues after the 3rd notice so they have been dropped from the active roles which leaves 588 FL members (561 lifetime and 25 year to year members), of which 253 live in Florida and 185 in Brevard County.

Post Monitor (PoMo): John Horsch said the PoMo has been completed and will be published in the next day or two. He thanked Judy Henderson for her great job in working the PoMo.

Website Committee: Frank Calenda discussed an aALL that he sent requesting a one-word response on the reading by alumni members of eALLs. Response was a disappointing approximate 30%. Obituary notices were discussed concerning the number of changes, their timeliness, where they’re released, etc. John Horsch remains the go to person for Obituaries. Frank also discussed again all the changes that are submitted to Pete Gilbert and said its over powering. All inputs/changes, etc. must go through him to provide to Pete to minimize changes. (OPEN)

SAGE Shop: SSgt Donald Moon provided an updated handout that includes the current inventory of the Sage Shop. This flyer will be added to the web site. (OPEN)

AFTAC Historian: Dr Young said that his book is finished and is in security for review. Once the review process has been completed, it will be sent for publication. He also discussed the biographical data base and encourages all members to submit bio data to him. See the latest PoMo for more info.

Heritage Committee: Ed Lindsay said the next Wall of Honor induction will be 30 April. More information to follow on time, etc. via eAll/web site. He also said Denver has made their selection for Alumni of the Year. Lou Seiler will work the coin and Cole Moon will work the shirt for the selectee.
Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC’ers:  Lou Seiler said a letter from the AFTAC Commander was sent to the Base Wing Commander for his blessing. After answering a few questions and running it through legal, it was approved by him. With this approval a contract was signed for the design of the memorial. Once the design is complete, the formal fund raising will start. (OPEN)

OLD BUSINESS:

Worldwide Reunion in 2019:  Ed Lindsay said that 90 people have signed up to attend the reunion in Denver from 13-15 June. Time is running short so if you haven’t submitted your registration and selected your accommodations, you should do so. All details are available on our web site. (OPEN)

The 20 Year Wall:  John Horsch and Tony De Marco discussed the 20-year wall qualifications and said Tony De Marco is the one who makes the final call on the 20-year wall qualifications. (CLOSED)

Toilet Bowl:  Ed Lindsay discussed the Toilet Bowl and said there was a good turnout with very little beer left over. He said the Cyber Squad won over all, but due to the lop-sided score, we won’t post it. (CLOSED)

Spring Golf N’Get Together:  The Spring Golf N’Get Together will be June 7th. Volunteers are needed for setup. See the latest PoMo for all information. (OPEN)

NEW BUSINESS:  None

Other Comments:  Jim Whidden discussed an invited interview and tour of specific areas with in AFTAC by Florida Today. Interviews were with the Commander, Command CMSGT Joseph, himself, Dr Young and others. The story will appear in the local newspaper this coming Sunday.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting:  The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th, 2019 at 4:00 in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room.

Adjournment:  With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:04.

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