

AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) Monthly General Membership Meeting was held via teleconference at 4:00 on 10 May 2021. Members that teleconferenced were Bob Fitzgerald, Sean Ryan, Phil Godfrey, Bob Wiley, Lou Seiler, Mike Steskal, Rob Christman, Bryce Dunn, Fred Budekman, Frank Hall, Ed Lindsay, Terry Hammond, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None

Approval of Minutes: With no corrections to the April minutes as published, Phil Godfrey made a motion that they are approved as published, and Rob Christman seconded. Minutes approved.

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

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$5,293.68.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported that there are 573 Florida members, 84 Colorado members, and 142 California Members. He also said we have 29 members who have paid and are receiving the hardcopy PoMo's.

Post Monitor (PoMo): The latest PoMo is out and available on the AFTAC Web site and 29 hard copies were mailed to those who paid for such service. Phil Godfrey said the hard copy has great color photos in them. This mailing accomplished quite a cost savings from the past mailings. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Ed Lindsay reported that being the "Gatekeeper" for Pete Gilbert, and ultimately the website, is working well. Please continue to send all materials for inclusion to the website to him. He also said Pete is continuing to update and improve the Web Site. **(OPEN)**

Pay Online Options for Website: Phil Godfrey said he remains interested in us providing pay service for sales from the website. An example would be items available in the Sage Shop. Ed Lindsey commented that this may not be economically feasible based on the number of items that are currently sold per year from the Sage Shop. More follow-up research would be investigation required. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Ed Lindsay said the majority of inventory sold is coins. **(OPEN)**

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

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Bob Wiley said he has nothing to report. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler reported, as discussed in our last meeting, that the AFTACMC came into possession of the remaining letters from the old AFTAC HQ building. These letters are currently available as part of the fundraising effort to construct the AFTAC Memorial. These letters are offered in an

auction format. Bids start at \$5.00. All bids will have \$5.00 added for shipping. Each of the available letters is available for immediate purchase for \$50 plus \$5 shipping. Also available are several paperweights made from the green floor marble of the old building lobby. These paperweights are available by auction, minimum bid of \$5.00. Shipping will add \$5.00 to each bid. Immediate purchase for the paperweights is offered at \$25.00 (includes shipping). Bidding began at 1200 (EDT) hours on Saturday, 8 May 2021, and will be closed at 2359 (EDT) hours on Sunday 30 May 2021. All information is available on our website.

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2022 Worldwide Reunion (2022 WWR): Sean Ryan said a survey letter was sent out for feedback of proposed dates for the 2022 WWR with the April PoMo and Frank Calenda sent out an eALLert for responses with the suspense of 31 May 2021 to determine who is, is not, or maybe coming, and what date they would prefer from those listed in the survey. Much more to come. **(OPEN)**

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

20 Year Wall: Tony De Marco reported via email that we now have 118 AFTAC'ers on the wall with the following updates since the April meeting:

- TSgt Harris Graeber Wall #118

Careers currently in work:

- MSgt Bill Ferguson Wall #TBD
- TSgt Butch Overby Wall #TBD
- MSgt Joe Ford Wall #TBD
- MSgt Stephen Rice Wall #TBD
- TSgt Don Holland Wall # TBD

Also, initial contact has been made with several others, and in some cases, with no response from them. If you have additional AFTAC'ers who are not on the 20 Year Wall and you believe they should be, let us know. **(OPEN)**

Old Business:

Golf Tournament: Ed Lindsey reported he is still working to find a place for a Golf Tournament that allows a "shotgun start", is reasonably priced, and allows for a get together afterward.

2021 Cocoa Beach Air Show: Sean Ryan relayed, the show held on 17/18 April on Cocoa Beach adjacent to Lori Wilson Park, was a huge success and event enjoyed by all in attendance. A number of AFTAC members volunteered once again. The next air show will be in October 2021

at Sandford International Airport. A call for volunteers should be going out in August or early September. **(CLOSED)**

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

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: Our next AFTAC Alumni Meeting will be held on Monday, June 14th, 2021 from 4:00 – 5:00 via teleconference.

Comments:

Phil Godfrey reminded everyone of the Wall of Honor Ceremony on 26 May at 2:00 at AFTAC and all Alumni are invited to attend. There may be an opportunity to see the Heritage Room after the ceremony.

Phil Godfrey said it is time to start a review of The AFTACAA Constitution and By-Laws to include additional documents to include a list of elected AFTACAA Officers and Insurance Waiver Request. For instance, a question has been raised as to who may become an Alumni Association Member.

Adjournment: With no further comments Rob Christman made a motion to adjourn. Phil Godfrey seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:02.

Arlin Massey
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association