

# AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held via teleconference at 4:00 on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members that called in were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Phil Godfrey, Michael Steskal, Lou Seiler, Terry Hammond, Ed Lindsay, John Horsch, and Arlin Massey.

**New Members/Guest:** None.

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

**Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief:** Not Present.

**Treasurers Report:** Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$2,776.83. Because of the Golf N' Go tournament cancellation, the transfer from savings of \$2,000 to the checking account is being postponed. When we hold the Golf N' Go, we pay green fees, etc. up front and make that up during the Golf N' Go.

**Membership Report:** Michael Steskal said membership remains just about where it has been. I have received the returned Florida mailings will attempt to update their contact information from Arlin..

**Post Monitor (PoMo):** Phil Godfrey said the last PoMo was the best he has ever seen. Judy Henderson thanked him for the praise but said she just organizes and formats the PoMo and really the people who submit all the articles for the PoMo deserve the praise. This led to a discussion concerning the cost of printing and mailing the 218 hard copies to members. This last expense amounted was \$606 for these hard copy's versus no cost for the remainder of the membership who receive them electronically. It is the same question that has come up before. Do these 218 members not have a computer or access to one or do they just want a hard copy.

This led to a lengthy discussion of how to rectify this financial problem. Ideas such as shorting the length of the PoMo, charging these members wanting a hard copy a fee (printing and postage) to receive them, etc. The reality is that with 3 PoMo mailings a year at over \$600 for each, and the only source of money coming in is from the 31 Year to Year members at \$10 each, our saving will be gone in a few years. This does not account for the ever-rising cost of printing and postage. This will be discussed further at our next meeting in June and some hard decisions must be made.

**Website Committee:** Terry Hammond said everything is proceeding with updates as received. There is an Alumni of The Year (AOY) update that needs to be added from this year's Snowball. **(OPEN)**

**SAGE Shop:** Not Present.

**AFTAC Historian:** Not Present.

**AFTAC Heritage Committee:** Not Present.

**Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers:** Lou Seiler again discussed the initial **340** mailings to the Florida alumni members. From this mailing we had **14** bricks ordered, with two of these including donations and another return was a straight donation, for a total **15** responses out of the mailings. We are really **falling quite short** in this effort for the memorial as witnessed by the poor response in this mailing. **(OPEN)**

**2021 Worldwide Reunion, 17 – 21 June:** Sean Ryan said he has been working with Sherry at “A Complete Reunion” in the initial planning for our upcoming event. They have been discussing the hotels between Cape Canaveral and Indialantic with convention capabilities, rates, activities, etc. Sean also will get up with Deborah Carson for her continuity folders from the last reunion and other materials to help in the planning for this upcoming reunion. More to follow. **(OPEN)**

**Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2020.** Phil Godfrey said that until the corona virus has subsided, and we have contact within the building, we will carry this over to a future meeting. **(OPEN)**

**20 Year Wall.** Phil Godfrey discussed an email from Tony DeMarco, who was unable to join us today, which provided an update of his progress since the April teleconference.

- Tony is currently working on several Career Revisions for the 20+ Year Wall. These Include SMSgt Dale Klug, MSgt Ken Breitwieser and CMSgt John Horsch. He intends to have all these submitted to Pete Gilbert over the next weeks..

- One new addition Tony is currently working is for MSgt Dave Good. He has been given the template to his family to get this started but no response so far.

- . I have submitted a donation for the 4 X 8 brick on behalf of the Awesome Alumni Bowling Team. I am also working on one for myself but still have not decided on what I want on it.

**Golf N' Go:** Ed Lindsay said the upcoming golfing event has been cancelled and will be combined into the fall event.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**AFTAC Alumni Picnic:** Ed Lindsay suggested that after the corona virus has passed and social distancing has been relaxed, we ought to do what the Colorado and California chapters have been doing, have something such as a picnic. Phil Godfrey said he will work this. **(OPEN)**

**Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting:** Our June meeting is traditionally an offsite, but with social distancing, the next meeting will again be via teleconference on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

**Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Phil Godfrey made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, Judy Henderson seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19.

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