AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held on May 14th, 2018. Members and guest present were Jim Whidden, Ed Lindsay, Bob Wiley, Dr. Mike Young, Frank Hall, Judy Henderson, Terry Hammond, Sean Ryan, Gene Melchior, TSgt Trent Adams, CMSgt Michael Joseph, and Arlin Massey,

New Members/Guest: None.

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

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Jim Whidden discussed the upcoming change of command on the 20th of June for Col Gorski and his farewell event in conjunction with the Spring picnic on June 8th. He also said that Col Sawyer, the AFTAC Vice Commander, will also be leaving in mid to late July.

AFTAC Command Chief: CMSgt Michael Joseph discussed the upcoming Spring picnic and said the event has been designated an alternate duty location so he expects a large turnout.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan presented the treasurers report with a checking account balance of $7043.77 and savings of $21,046.82. Judy Henderson made the motion that the treasurers report be approved. Arlin Massey seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Ed Lindsay reported, in Mike Steskal absence, that there were 2 new lifetime memberships bringing the total lifetime members to 566 and Florida members to 596.

Post Monitor: Judy Henderson said work is progressing smoothly for the next PoMo that she volunteered to complete. During a discussion of the PoMo’s future, Terry Hammond volunteered to take over the PoMo responsible for future issues. Discussions continue as to methods of reducing the number of mailings and size of the PoMo, which would ultimately reduce its production and distribution costs. (OPEN)

Website Committee: Ed Lindsay reported, in Frank Calenda absence, that past issues of the alumni minutes (Jan 2016 and newer issues) have been added to the web site and reiterated that since reducing the work load on the web site, some projects are on hold or delayed. (OPEN)

SAGE Shop: No report. (OPEN)

Historian: Dr. Mike Young said he has been busy with new organization standing up and associated activities. He also discussed a book he is writing that he hopes to complete shortly. He said he still needs historical stories from the alumni.

Heritage Committee: Dr Young said that there are no updates since his last report and they are awaiting the new vice-commander, who chairs the committee, to arrive to start the process.
Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC’ers: Dr. Mike Young discussed the ongoing effort of AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC). A checking account has been opened with donations and he is working the design effort consolidation for their next AFTACMC meeting. He also said Deborah Carson is compiling a list of possible corporate donors for her upcoming marketing efforts. (OPEN)

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget (Budget plan letter feedback): Ed Lindsay said because of his letter written to the alumni, 24 individuals/groups donated $2160. He also said he received many comments and suggestions ranging from increasing the dues/life time membership fee to changing the publication of the PoMo to twice a year. All will remain under consideration and will be discussed at future meetings as the zero-balance budget work continues. (OPEN)

Spring Golf N’ Get Together Recap. Ed Lindsay said we had a good turnout with 97 golfers enjoying the event and also noted that he had donations from 3 corporate sponsors for this event. (CLOSED)

Spring Picnic: TSgt Adams was on hand to discuss the upcoming spring picnic. As in past picnic’s the alumni will again provide the beer and then will be reimbursed by the booster club. He also discussed required training that all alumni servers must undergo prior to the event. Carol Snyder is the alumni’s POC in AFTAC for this event. (OPEN)

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be at 11:30 AM on June 11th, 2018, at Beef O” Brady’s, S Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach.

Adjournment: With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM by Ed Lindsay.

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