

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held on May 8th 2017 in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room. Members present were Frank Hall, Bob Wiley, Mike Steskal, John Horsch, Gene Melchior, Dee Melchior, Sean Ryan, Judy Henderson, SMSgt Rob Christman, CMSgt John Howorth, Nick Kappel, CMSgt Michael Joseph, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None

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

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Not Present.

AFTAC Command Chief: CMSgt Joseph spoke a few minutes on the Spring Picnic, the upcoming golf tournament and it being designated an alternative duty location, the upcoming AFTAC anniversary later this year, and the telling of the AFTAC story.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported the current check book balance is \$4186.38. He mentioned conducting an audit and creating a budget. Mike Steskal made the motion that the report be accepted as reported. John Howorth seconded. Motion carried. **(OPEN)**

Membership Report. Michael Steskal discussed who should have access to edit the data base in the new WEB site. He noted that currently, it's only Michael Steskal and Pete Gilbert and we might consider adding Don Holland as Pete's backup. There is also the question of who on the board should have access. He also said he worked on sending post cards/letters to 45 members that we do not have phone numbers or email addresses and he worked with the California chapter to provide email addresses on those who signed up to attend the reunion but have not paid. He also said we have 3 new life time members. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor: John Horsch said the PoMo is to the printers and should be in the mail shortly. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee Report. Mike Steskal spoke for Frank Calenda and mentioned who currently can edit and change the data base. It's reported that the web site is doing well with good inputs and feedback. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Not Present.

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

Heritage Committee: Bob Wiley said he wants to get an eAll out in early June on how to make nominations for the Wall of Honor. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

AFTAC Cares Program: Sean Ryan said the next bi-monthly meeting is 1st Thursday in July. **(OPEN)**

Spring Picnic: Rob Christman thanked the alumni for their support of the Spring Picnic on May 6th and that it was enjoyed by all. He said next year's picnic will likely be held at a location like Wickham Park in Melbourne. **(CLOSED)**

Memorial for Line of Duty deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seilor met with Jim Whidden and among the items discussed was the most appropriate way to set up a 501(C) tax-exempt nonprofit organization. AFTAC is working with 45 SW Real Property people on acquiring land for the memorial. More to follow. **(OPEN)**

West Coast Chapter Worldwide reunion: John Howorth said that Dr. Deforrest, from AFTAC, as well as several Patrick chapter alumni members, will be attending the reunion this June 15-18 in Sacramento CA. The registration deadline is 15 May. If you signed up to go, your deadline is fast approaching and your money is due. Consult www.aftacaa.us for information. **(OPEN)**

Golf Tournament: A reminder of the 12 May golf tournament (Golf 'N Get Together) at the Manatee Golf Course and that it has been designated an Alternate Duty Location. Asked if all was ready, Frank Hall said we have it. Information is available at www.aftacaa.us . **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget proposal: Discussion concerning creating a budget and the items that should be in it. More discussion to follow. **(OPEN)**

Items from the floor:

Sean Ryan mentioned upcoming volunteer opportunities that are coming up with the Fire Cracker 400 and a concert. He also mentioned securing our location for the annual alumni meeting and the 2018 Snowball

Adjournment: With no further business, Bob Wiley made the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Judy Henderson seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting (Quarterly Offsite): The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on Monday, June 12th 2017 at Beef O' Brady's, Satellite Beach, at 11:30.

Arlin Massey

Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association

Please note: This document and the agenda for the next meeting can be viewed and printed from the Alumni website at www.aftacaa.us.